

ECON5552: Economic Analysis of Public Policy in China

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Course Description

This is a comprehensive course designed to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the various public policies in modern China. The course covers a wide range of topics, including both economic and social public policies that are pivotal to China's current socio-economic landscape. Throughout the course, students are encouraged to use economic concepts and theories as analytical tools to critically evaluate and analyze these policies. The course aims to equip students with the ability to understand the complexities of public policy formulation and implementation in China and to assess their effectiveness and impact from an economic perspective.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- understand major public policies in China
- apply economic concepts and theories to the analysis of real-world public policy issues

Assessment

Class attendance and discussion	10%
Individual essay	30%
Mid-term exam	20%
<u>Final exam</u>	<u>40%</u>
Total	100%

Required Readings

There is no required textbook for this course. Reading materials can be downloaded and printed from the *Blackboard*.

Supplementary Readings

- Arthur R. Kroeber (2020) *China's Economy: What Everyone Needs to Know*, 2nd edition, Oxford University Press.
- Barry Naughton (2018) *The Chinese Economy: Adaptation and Growth*, 2nd edition, The MIT Press.
- Tao Wang (2023) *Making Sense of China's Economy*, 1st edition, Routledge.

Schedule and Topics

Week	Date	Topic
1	Jan 10	Introduction
2	Jan 17	Rural Economy
3	Jan 24	Industrial Economy
4	Jan 31	<i>Chinese New Year Holiday</i>
5	Feb 7	Regional Economic Policy
6	Feb 14	Financial Reform
7	Feb 21	Fiscal and Tax Reform
8	Feb 28	Midterm Exam and International Trade Policy
9	Mar 7	Foreign Direct Investment Policy
10	Mar 14	Population Policy
11	Mar 21	Labor Market and Education Policy
12	Mar 28	Income, Inequality, and Anti-Poverty Policy
13	April 4	<i>Ching Ming Festival</i>
14	April 11	Housing, Healthcare, and Social Security Policy
	April 25	Final Exam: 10:00-12:00, ELB LT2

Individual Essay

You are required to write an essay on a topic related to China's public policy. For example, what is the background of the policy? How did the policy evolve over time? Why is the policy important? What are the advantages and disadvantages of the policy? Do you have any suggestions for improving the policy?

The essay should be around 10 - 25 pages long (including tables, figures, and references). To ensure consistency, the main text of the essay should comply with the following format:

- Font: Times New Roman
- Font size: 12 point
- Margin: 1 inch all around
- Spacing: 0pt before, 0pt after, double line spacing

You are required to submit a softcopy of the essay via VeriGuide. The deadline for submission is **April 30, 2025**.