

Lingnan University
Social Science Faculty
Department of Political Science

Course Title	: Taiwan: Society and Politics
Course Code	: POL215
Instructor	:
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Recommended Study Year	: 2 nd and 3 rd Years
No. of Credits/Term	: 3 credits/1 st term (2009/2010)
Mode of Tuition	: Lecture plus tutorial
Class Contact Hours	: 2 hour lecture, 1 hour tutorial
Category in Major Prog.	: Stream elective

Brief Course Description : The course intends to acquaint students with social and political development of Taiwan after 1949. The history of Japanese colonial legacy will be briefly introduced. It then goes on to analyze the ideology and party structure of the KMT. The dynamics of economic development, societal development and political change. Finally the problem of cross-straits relationships will be explored.

Aims : It is hoped that students will acquire a basic understanding of the dynamics of the socio-political processes in Taiwan and the interaction with Mainland China.

Learning Outcomes : Students will be able to develop their expertise in analyzing Taiwanese societal and political development (and its relationships with Mainland China) in future.

Indicative Content:

- I. Modern Taiwan: Japanese Colonial Legacy and the KMT (GMD) Occupation
- II. The Changing Ideology: From Authoritarian Paternalism to Populism
- III. Political Structure: Separation of Five Powers and Constitutional Amendments
- IV. The KMT: Origins, Development, and Prospect
- V. The KMT, Democratic Progressive Party and Multi-Party Politics
- VI. Economic Development, Social Change, and Political Democratization
- VII. Electoral Politics and Foreign Policies
- VIII. Cross Straits Relationships: Independence or (Re)-unification ?

Teaching Method : The course consists of lectures, tutorials and guest lecturer(s) may be invited. VCD and Video tapes may be shown to arouse the interest of students.

Measurement of Learning Outcomes: Tutorial presentation, discussion, papers and final examination

Assessment : 70% final examination, 30% continuous assessment (paper 15%, presentation 10%, attendance & discussion 5%)

Essential Readings

Bush, Richard, *Untying the Knot-Making Peace in the Taiwan Strait*. Washington: The Brookings Institution, 2005.

Pang Wei-yan, *Political System of the Republic of China*(Chinese), Taipei: Fung Lui Forum Publishing House, 2003.

Roy, Denny, *Taiwan: A Political History*, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2003.

Supplementary Readings

Chao, Linda and Ramon Myers, *The First Chinese Democracy*. Baltimore, The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1998.

Chiou, C.L., *Democratizing Oriental Despotism.*, New York: St Martin Press, 1995.

Deyo, Frederic C., ed., *The Political Economy of the New Asian Industrialism*, Ithaca, Cornell University Press, 1987.

Liu, Guozhen, *Political Analysis of Contemporary Taiwan* (Chinese), Taipei: BoyYoung Cultural Enterprise Publisher, 2002.

Pang, Wei Yan, *Political Development in Taiwan* (Chinese), Taipei: Fung Lui Forum Publishing House, 2003.

Rigger, Shelley, *Politics in Taiwan*, New York: Routledge, 1999

Suisheng Zhao,(ed.), *Across the Taiwan Strait*, New York: Routledge, 1999.

Year Book, Republic of China, 2008

Websites: Taiwan or Republic of China.

Tutorial Arrangements

Tutorial Class Format

The class will be divided into a number of groups, consisting of two or more students, depending on the size of the class. Each group will choose a topic for presentation from contemporary Taiwan in one of the following dimensions: political, social economic, and cultural arenas. The presentation will last for about 30-40 minutes and followed by comments and discussion. The written report should be submitted two weeks after the presentation. The paper is about 15 pages (A4-double spacing) excluding references or bibliography.

The penalty for the late submission of term papers

- A) Late submission within five working days of the due date. One grade will be deducted, e.g. B grade will become B-, etc.
- B) Late submission beyond five working days will receive “F” grade for the work.

The Issue of Plagiarism

Students shall be aware of the University regulations about dishonest practice in course work and the possible consequences as stipulated in the Regulations Governing University Examinations.

Continuous Assessment

Paper (15%); Presentation (10%); Attendance & Discussion (5%)

The Last Period Examination

The examination will be held at the last class of the course on 1 December 2009 (Tuesday).