

# **POL211 Government and Politics in China**

**Level:** 2

**Credit Units:** 5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY JULY

## **Synopsis:**

POL211 Government and Politics in China reviews the political and economic development of China from 1949 to the present from the dual perspective of the state and the society. We shall look at how power is structured in the party-state, and how the political and economic system has evolved under various leaders before delving into central-local relations and policy implementation at the subnational levels. Governance challenges in the minority regions of Tibet and Xinjiang are also discussed. Moving from state to society, we shall then survey the forms of political participation and contention through which the Chinese people seek to influence government policy. The course concludes with a reflection on the Chinese political model in view of China's domestic challenges and its global ascendance.

## **Topics:**

- Studying Chinese Politics
- Power and Struggles in the Mao Era
- Reform, Crisis and Leadership Succession
- From Communism to Nationalism
- Political Economy from the Reform Era
- China's Party-State Structure and Policymaking
- Institutional Innovations and 'Intra-Party Democracy'
- Central-Local Relations: Fragmented Authoritarianism
- Challenges to Chinese Rule in Tibet and Xinjiang
- Political Participation: Voting and Contacting the State
- Contentious Politics: Protests and Cyberactivism
- The China Model?

## **Textbooks:**

POL211 Study Guide (UDC - SUSS) SUSS

ISBN-13: SG-1990

Politics in China: An Introduction 3rd William A. Joseph Oxford University Press

ISBN-13: 9780190870713

**Learning Outcome:**

- Apply concepts in political science to Chinese politics
- Explain Chinese political phenomena using political science theories
- Identify the main actors and institutions in shaping Chinese politics
- Discuss how public policies are formulated and implemented in China
- Analyse current news events on China and interpret the events appropriately
- Comment on China's challenges and prospects

**Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):**

<b>Components</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Weightage Allocation (%)</b>
Overall Continuous Assessment	PARTICIPATION 1	10
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	15
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2	25
Overall Examinable Components	ECA	50
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

\*The information listed is subject to review and change.