

Course: GCU 432: Geography of China
Spring Semester, 2011. Schedule Line No. [23572](#)
TTH 10:30-11:45 AM. Room: MUSIC-E 277

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Required Texts: Veeck, Gregory, Clifton W. Pannell, Christopher J. Smith, Youqin Huang.
2007. *China's Geography: Globalization and the Dynamics of Political,
Economic, and Social Change*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield. ISBN:
9780742554023.

Zhu, Zhiqun (ed.). 2009. *Global Studies: China*. (13th ed.). Guilford, CT:
Dushkin/McGraw Hill. ISBN: 9780073379876.

A few other readings available on the class Blackboard site.

Readings. All readings are required.

Class Attendance. Regular class attendance is highly recommended.

Exams. There will be a map quiz, a midterm exam, and a final exam. All exams will include map questions. The final exam will be cumulative. Make-up exams will be allowed only if the student has approved it with me in advance of the test. If you can't reach me by phone, you can e-mail me or call the Geography Department office (965-7533). Even so, I will require confirmation of your excuse via valid written proof (e.g., doctor's note or receipt, copy of traffic ticket, funeral announcement, etc.). **If you miss an exam but don't tell me until afterwards, you will get a score of Zero.**

Individual Exercises. There will be 2 hands-on mapping/data analysis projects.

Region Projects and Presentations. Students will be grouped into teams to prepare short papers and presentations on some regions of China. Different students in each group will have responsibility for the physical geography, culture and history, population and cities, agriculture, industry and energy, and environmental problems of their region. Individual students, however, will be responsible for (and graded on) their own short papers and presentations on their part, with a quarter of the grade based on how well the group presents the region as a whole. Groups will make their presentations during the last week of April.

Grades. Your final grade is based on a weighted average of the tests, projects, and presentation. I will use +/- grading, and class participation will be considered in determining the final letter grade.

Map Quiz	10%
Midterm	20%
Exercises	20%
Region Project – Individual Paper	10%
Region Project – Individual Presentation	5%
Region Project – Group Grade	5%
Final Exam	30%

Incompletes. Incompletes will only be given in the rarest of circumstances, and only for situations that are justified according to university policy. As per university policy, an incomplete automatically reverts to an E after one year if the agreed upon work has not been successfully completed.

Week	Dates	Theme	Tests & Home-work Due	Readings in Veeck Textbook	Readings in Global Studies Intro Section (+ others)	Articles in Global Studies
1	Jan. 18-20	Introduction Place Name Geography Physical Geography		Ch. 1	p. 19 what is Pinyin?	#1-2
2	Jan. 25-27	Physical Geography Three Gorges Dam	Jan. 27- Map Quiz	Ch. 2	Fu et al. (2010)	# 28
3	Feb. 1	Tibet				
	Feb. 3	Dynastic History & Traditional Culture	Feb. 3 - Monsoon Exercise Due	Ch. 3 p. 43-71	p. 5-6 p. 17-19 (Religion) Ebrey (Visual Sourcebook website)	#27
4	Feb. 8	Dynastic History & Traditional Culture				
	Feb 10	The Silk Road				
5	Feb. 15-17	19 th -20 th Century History (Opium Wars – Mao's Death)		Ch. 3 p. 71-74 Ch. 7 p. 177-184	p. 6-11 (Republican China and PRC through Cultural Revolution) p. 23 (command economy)	#23-24
6	Feb. 22	Post-Mao Reforms		Ch. 7 p. 185-202	p. 11-13 (starting at Reforms and Liberalization) p. 24-28, p. 40-42	
	Feb. 24	Political Geography and Nationalities		Ch. 4	p. 15-17 p. 32-33	#22, #30, #31
7	Mar. 1		Midterm Exam			

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7	Mar. 3	Taiwan		Ch. 13		#32-35
8	Mar. 8-10	Population Geography		Ch. 5	p. 13-15 Kaneda (2006) Thompson (2010)	#20
	Mar. 13-17	Spring Break				
9	Mar. 22-24	Agricultural Geography and Food Supply	Mar. 24- Pop Sim Exercise Due	Ch. 8	p. 23	
10	Mar. 29-31	Urban Geography Rural-Urban Migration		Ch. 9	Chen (2009)	#8, #17
11	Apr. 5	Transport Geography			World Bank (2007) Scales (2010) vs. Jiao (2010)	
	Apr. 7	Economic Geography		Ch. 10 to p. 279		
12	Apr. 12	Economic Geography				#10, #11, #29
	Apr. 14	Group Meetings on Regions				
13	Apr. 19-21	Energy and Environment		Ch. 10 p. 279-283	Kuby et al. (2011)	# 6, #9, #14, #21
14	Apr. 26-28	Group Presentations on Regions	Apr. 28- Papers Due			
	May 3	Future Prospects				#3-5 #7, #16, #18-19
	Fri. May 5 10:00- 11:50 AM	Final Exam				

Supplemental Readings

Chen, Siqing, 2009. Megalopolisation: an effect of large scale urbanization in post-reform China. In Ardil, C. (ed). *Proceedings of World Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology* 54: 471-478. Paris, France.

Ebrey, Patricia Buckley. *A Visual Sourcebook of Chinese Civilization: Timeline and Maps*: <http://depts.washington.edu/chinaciv/timeline.htm>.

Heilig, Gerhard K. 1999. Can China feed itself? A system for analysis of policy options. International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis: http://www.iiasa.ac.at/Research/SRD/ChinaFood/index_m.htm.

Kaneda, Toshiko. 2006. China's concern over population aging and health. Population Reference Bureau: <http://www.prb.org/Reports/2010/agingchina.aspx>.

Kuby, Michael, Canfei He, Barbara Trapido-Lurie, and Nicholas Moore. 2011. The Changing Structure of Energy Supply, Demand, and CO₂ Emissions in China. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* (accepted, December 2010).

Scales, John. 2010. Debate: High Speed Rail. Combination of supportive features. China Daily, April 19, 2010.

Thompson, Will. 2010. China's rapidly aging population. Population Reference Bureau: <http://www.prb.org/Reports/2010/agingchina.aspx>.

Zhao, Jian. 2010. Debate: High Speed Rail. Blind pursuit fails to meet needs. China Daily, April 19, 2010.