International Politics and U.S.-China Relations

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Class Time
Mondays, 5:00-8:00 PM

Course Description
This course aims to introduce students to the basic dynamics of strategic thinking and policy-making of both China and the U.S., to give an overview of the history of U.S.-China relations, and to discuss a number of key contemporary issues in the relationship in some detail.

Course Objectives
● Acquire and create knowledge about the various traditions which define the field of international relations.
● Understand the current bilateral relations between China and the U.S. and assess their future.

Grading Components
Presentation 15%
Participation 15%
Midterm paper 30%
Final Exam 40%

Presentation. Students will be responsible for participating in a group presentation on a controversial or policy-relevant issue. Each group will consist of 3-4 students. Presentation will be graded for its content, and the quality of preparation. Each group member is expected to contribute to the presentation.

Class participation. Participation is awarded based on student’s contribution to class discussion. Students are expected to take an active role in class activities and discussion, including asking questions, giving comments and answering questions.

Instructor Bio
Dr. Song Guoyou is Associate Professor at the Center for American Studies, Fudan University, Shanghai. He got his Ph.D and MA in international relations in 2006 and 2003 respectively from Fudan University. His study focuses on China-U.S. relations, International Political Economy and American foreign economic policy. Dr. Song is the author of Balancing Social Interest and State Security (Beijing: Shishi Publishing House, 2007) and also published articles on journals such as World Economy and Politics, Contemporary International Relations, and Journal of Chinese Political Science and so on. He was a Fox Fellow at Yale University from 2005-2006 and did his postdoctoral research at Georgetown University from 2009-2010.

Grading Expectations
A: Excellent performance showing a thorough knowledge and understanding of the topics of the course; all work includes clear, logical explanations, insight, and original thought and reasoning.
B: Good performance with general knowledge and understanding of the topics; all work includes general analysis and coherent explanations showing some independent reasoning, reading and research.
C: Satisfactory performance with some broad explanation and reasoning; the work will typically demonstrate an understanding of the course on a basic level.
D: Passable performance showing a general and superficial understanding of the course’s topics; work lacks satisfactory insight, analysis or reasoned explanations.
F: Unsatisfactory performance in all assessed criteria.
| Attendance Policy | NYU Shanghai has a strict policy about course attendance that allows no unexcused absences. Each unexcused absence will result in the deduction of three percentage points from the final grade. More than two unexcused absences will result in failure of the course.  

Students should contact their instructors to catch up on missed work but should not approach them for excused absences. All absence requests and excuses must follow the application procedure directions here: https://wikis.nyu.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=30017155  

Students are expected to arrive to class promptly both at the start of class and after breaks. Arriving more than 10 minutes late or leaving more than 10 minutes early can be considered an unexcused absence. Unexcused absences from exams are not permitted and will result in failure of the exam. If you are granted an excused absence from an exam by NYU Shanghai administration, your instructor will decide how you will make up the exam.  

This attendance policy also applies for classes involving a field trip or other off-campus visit. It is the student’s responsibility to arrive at the agreed meeting point on time.  

There will be no adjustment of attendance records after the end of the semester. If you wish to contest a marked absence, you must do so before you leave Shanghai; if you think that there may be a discrepancy about your attendance in class on a given day, ask the NYU Shanghai academic staff to let you look at the attendance record. |
| Late Work Policy | Written work due in class must be submitted during class time.  

Late work should be submitted in person to the Academic Assistant during regular office hours (9:30-6:00, Monday-Friday). The Academic Assistant will mark down the date and time of submission in the presence of the student. In the absence of the Academic Assistant, another member of the administrative staff can accept the work in person, following the same protocol.  

Work submitted within five weekdays will be penalized one portion of a grade for every day that it is late (so if it is late by one day, an assignment marked an “A” will be changed to an “A-,” and so on). Work submitted more than five days after the due date without an agreed extension will be given a zero.  

Please note that final essays must be submitted on time. |
| Plagiarism Policy | The presentation of another person’s words, ideas, judgment, images or data as though they were one’s own, whether intentionally or unintentionally, constitutes an act of plagiarism.  

Students must retain an electronic copy of their work until final grades are posted on Albert. They must be prepared to supply an electronic copy if requested to do so by NYU Shanghai. Not submitting a copy of their work upon request will result in automatic failure in the assignment and possible failure in the class. Penalties for confirmed cases of plagiarism are set out in the Student Handbook. |
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**America’s Foreign Policy**  

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Zbigniew Brzezinski, “Balancing the East, Upgrading the West”, *Foreign Affairs*, January/February 2012

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### Class 5  Monday, Sep 24

**Brief History of Sino-U.S. Relations**  
“U.S. - China Joint Statement”

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**Domestic Factors in Sino-U.S. Relations**  
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| Class 10 | Monday, Nov 5 | China-U.S. Trade Relations  
  Li Ruogu, “Real issues in China-US trade imbalance”, *China Daily*,  
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Zhou Xiaochuan: Reform the International Monetary System,  
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**Two Elections and Sino-U.S. Relations** |
| 13    | Monday, Nov 26 | **The Future of China-U.S. Relations**  
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| 14    | Monday, Dec 3 | **Group Presentations** |
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