

# Course Code Introduction to Chinese Economy 2<sup>nd</sup> Module, 2017-2018

## **Course Information**

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Lectures: Monday and Thursday, 13:30-15:20

Venue: PHBS Building, Room 231

#### Course Website:

All course related announcements, reading materials, and assignments will be posted at CMS. <a href="http://cms.phbs.pku.edu.cn/claroline/course/index.php?cid=17GR\_001">http://cms.phbs.pku.edu.cn/claroline/course/index.php?cid=17GR\_001</a> (Login to CMS and search for "Introduction to Chinese Economy")

# 1. Course Description

### 1.1 Context

#### Course overview:

Chinese economy has achieved a continuously high growth since 1978. It attracts global attention from both the academia and the industry. This course aims to provide a comprehensive picture of Chinese economy. Five general topic groups will be covered, including history of the Chinese economy, a general discussion of economic transition, macroeconomic issues, financial system, and China in the world economy. Students will also have the opportunities to visit a few representative companies to deepen their understandings of Chinese economy. Finally, a group project allows students to research on topics related to Chinese economy and develop teamwork spirits, communication skills, and leadership.

After this course, students shall obtain a thorough understanding of Chinese economy, as well as gain the skills to find relevant data and form opinions. Preferably, students may find their interested topics for the future research.

#### Prerequisites:

N.A.

# 1.2 Textbooks and Reading Materials

Textbook: Naughton, Barry. The Chinese Economy: Transitions and Growth. MIT Press, 2007.

Lecture notes and other reading materials, if any, will be available at the course website before each class.

# 2. Learning Outcomes

# 2.1 Intended Learning Outcomes

| Learning Goals   | Objectives  | Assessment (YES with details or NO)                                    |
|--|---|--|
| Our graduates will be effective  | 1.1. Our students will produce quality business and research-oriented documents.  | YES. Group<br>projects   |
| communicators.   | 1.2. Students are able to professionally present their ideas and also logically explain and defend their argument.  | YES. Group<br>projects, final<br>exam                                  |
| <ol><li>Our graduates will be<br/>skilled in team work and<br/>leadership.</li></ol> | 2.1. Students will be able to lead and participate in group for projects, discussion, and presentation.   | YES. Group<br>projects   |
|  | 2.2. Students will be able to apply leadership theories and related skills.   | YES. Group<br>projects, company<br>visit, in-class<br>discussion       |
| 3. Our graduates will be trained in ethics.  | 3.1. In a case setting, students will use appropriate techniques to analyze business problems and identify the ethical aspects, provide a solution and defend it. | YES. In-class discussion   |
|  | 3.2. Our students will practice ethics in the duration of the program.  | YES. Group<br>projects, company<br>visit, in-class<br>discussion       |
| 4. Our graduates will have a global perspective.                                     | 4.1. Students will have an international exposure.  | YES. Lecture<br>notes, company<br>visits                               |
| 5. Our graduates will be skilled in problem-solving and critical                     | 5.1. Our students will have a good understanding of fundamental theories in their fields.   | YES. Lecture<br>notes, quizzes   |
| thinking.  | 5.2. Our students will be prepared to face problems in various business settings and find solutions.  | YES. Lecture notes, company visit, in-class discussion, group projects |
|  | 5.3. Our students will demonstrate competency in critical thinking.   | YES. Group<br>projects, final<br>exam                                  |

# 2.2 Course specific objectives

After this course, students shall obtain a thorough understanding of Chinese economy, as well as gain the skills to find relevant data and form opinions. Preferably, students may find their interested topics for the future research.

## 2.3 Assessment/Grading Details

| Assessment task   | Weight               | Length                | Due date                 |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Class attendance  | 15%                  | In class              | Class time               |
| and participation |                      |                       |                          |
| Quiz 1            | 5%                   | 10 min.               | In class                 |
| Quiz 2            | 5%                   | 10 min.               | In class                 |
| Quiz 3            | 5%                   | 10 min.               | In class                 |
| Group project     | 40%                  | Written report: 2000  | Written report:          |
|                   | (written report 20%, | words                 | 03/01/2018 (submit a     |
|                   | presentation 20%)    | Presentation: 20 min. | soft copy via CMS)       |
|                   |                      |                       | Presentation: 04, 08 and |
|                   |                      |                       | 11/01/2018               |
| Final exam        | 30%                  | 2 hours               | 18/01/2018               |
|                   |                      |                       | 1.00pm-3.00pm            |

## 2.4 Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

It is important for a student's effort and credit to be recognized through class assessment. Credits earned for a student work due to efforts done by others are clearly unfair. Deliberate dishonesty is considered academic misconducts, which include plagiarism; cheating on assignments or examinations; engaging in unauthorized collaboration on academic work; taking, acquiring, or using test materials without faculty permission; submitting false or incomplete records of academic achievement; acting alone or in cooperation with another to falsify records or to obtain dishonestly grades, honors, awards, or professional endorsement; or altering, forging, or misusing a University academic record; or fabricating or falsifying of data, research procedures, or data analysis.

All assessments are subject to academic misconduct check. Misconduct check may include reproducing the assessment, providing a copy to another member of faculty, and/or communicate a copy of this assignment to the PHBS Discipline Committee. A suspected plagiarized document/assignment submitted to a plagiarism checking service may be kept in its database for future reference purpose.

Where violation is suspected, penalties will be implemented. The penalties for academic misconduct may include: deduction of honour points, a mark of zero on the assessment, a fail grade for the whole course, and reference of the matter to the Peking University Registrar.

For more information of plagiarism, please refer to PHBS Student Handbook.

# 3. Topics, Teaching and Assessment Schedule (tentative)

| Date       | Topic  | Readings   |
|------------|--|--|
| 16/11/2017 | Course overview; Geography and History                   | Chapters 1 & 2   |
| 20/11/2017 | The Socialist Era, 1949-1978                             | Chapter 3  |
| 23/11/2017 | Economic Transition: strategy, process, and achievements | Chapters 4-6   |
| 27/11/2017 | Population, Labor Markets, and Human<br>Capital          | Chapters 7 & 8   |
| 30/11/2017 | The Rural Economy  | Chapters 10-12   |
| 04/12/2017 | Reform and Restructuring in the Corporate Sector         | Chapters 13 & 14   |
| 07/12/2017 | Fiscal, Monetary, and Exchange Rate Policies             | Chapter 18;<br>Corden, W. M. (2009). China's<br>exchange rate policy, its current<br>account surplus and the global<br>imbalances. <i>Economic Journal</i> ,<br>119(541), F430-F441. |
| 11/12/2017 | Financial System   | Chapter 19   |
| 14/12/2017 | International Trade and Foreign<br>Investment            | Chapters 16 & 17   |
| 20/12/2017 | Technology Policy and the Knowledge-<br>based Economy    | Chapter 15;<br>Reading materials on Fintech and<br>shared economy in China will be<br>available at CMS   |
| 21/12/2017 | Company visit (tentative)                                |  |
| 25/12/2017 | Company visit (tentative)                                |  |
| 28/12/2017 | Company visit (tentative)                                |  |
| 03/01/2018 | Company visit (tentative)                                |  |
| 04/01/2018 | Presentations  |  |
| 08/01/2018 | Presentations  |  |
| 11/01/2018 | Presentations  |  |
| 15/01/2018 | Course Review and Exam Preparation                       |  |

### 4. Miscellaneous

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Show courtesy to your classmates and instructor by coming to class on time and switching your cell phones into silence mode during class.