

## **MODERN CHINA (POLS\*3920)**

University of Guelph  
Department of Political Science

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### **Course Description**

This course is a study of contemporary China through the lens of its political history. The Chinese Communist Party came to power in 1949 with the mandate to build a sovereign and united China as well as to develop the country within a socialist framework. We shall examine the historical background and the ideological factors behind the formulation of these goals and assess the extent to which they have been accomplished. Accordingly, the course covers the full range of major events that helped shape contemporary China. These events include the end of imperial China, the birth of Republican China, the Communist Revolution, the Mao era, and post-Mao China.

### **Course Requirements**

Two online quizzes (10% each)	– 20%
Participation	– 15%
Presentation	– 10%
Review Essay	– 20%
Final Examination	– 35%

### **Required Texts**

Joseph, William A. Ed. *Politics in China: An Introduction*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019

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