

### **Chinese Political, Economic and Legal Structures**

This course is offered to international students at the School of International Education, the University of International Business and Economics for three credits. The aim is to acquaint them with present-day China, especially its political, economic and legal structures. It consists of 14 two-and-a-half-hour lecture/seminar sessions concerning the changes since China implemented its reform and open-up policy, especially after its accession the World Trade Organization.

The fourteen topics for discussion are as follows:

- Lecture 1. China's accession to the WTO
- Lecture 2. China's political system
- Lecture 3. China's social strata
- Lecture 4. The tenth five-year plan
- Lecture 5. Development of China's western regions
- Lecture 6. WTO and China's agriculture
- Lecture 7. WTO and China's industry
- Lecture 8. WTO and China's service industries
- Lecture 9. Reform of China's state-owned enterprises
- Lecture 10. China's social security system
- Lecture 11. WTO and China's legal system
- Lecture 12. WTO and China's foreign trade laws
- Lecture 13. WTO and China's FDI laws
- Lecture 14. WTO and China's intellectual property rights

#### **REQUIREMENT:**

(1) Attendance, participation in classroom discussions (20%).

You are required to complete all readings on time, and actively participate in classroom discussions.

(2) Class presentation: 35%

You will also be part of small groups that will present ideas from the readings to the class, as well as leading the class in discussion. The presentation must focus on issues raised in the reading assignments. The group will prepare a brief summary of the article/s--what is the main thesis and what are main supports for this idea (about 3-4 pages) --- and prepare 1-2 questions for each article to stimulate class discussion. These should be typed up and handed in at the same class period. The group will deliberate together on the presentation, and one or two people from the group will present before the class. Grading will be determined for the whole group:

(3) 8-10 pages final paper: 45%

You are required to complete one 8-10 pages paper on a pre-assigned question due the day of final exams