

**Division of Humanities
Tentative Course Syllabus**

Course Code: HUMA 1430
Course Title: History of P. R. China's Diplomacy, 1949-1976 [C][PU]
Course Offered in: Spring 2025
Course Instructor: Prof David Chang

Course Description: This course will introduce to students the diplomatic history of the People's Republic of China from 1949 to 1976, with focuses on Sino-Russia and Sino-USA relations in the context of the Cold War. Important events and leading figures will be covered, information and evidence dug out from archives by the instructor will be presented, and critical examination and rethinking of PRC history will be introduced for discussion.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs):

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1	Better understanding of PRC politics, its relationships with major international powers and its place in global context
2	Basic understanding of methods adopted in analysis and inter-textual criticism of archives
3	Essential methodology in diplomatic history studies

Course Outline:

	Briefly outline
1	The Beginning of China's Civil War and the Cold War between USA and USSR
2	The International Surroundings and Sino-USA/Sino-USSR Relations during the Founding of PRC
3	China in Korean War
4	Zhou Enlai and the Geneva Conference in 1954
5	The 20 th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union; Mao Zedong and Nikita Khrushchev
6	China in the Poland and Hungary Crises, 1956
7	The 1957 Moscow Conference and the Sino-USSR Relation
8	Interactions among China, USA, and USSR in the 2 nd Taiwan Strait Crisis of Taiwan

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9	Causes and Origin of Sino-USSR Split
10	Sino-USa Rapprochement after the Sino-Soviet Border Clashes

Planned Assessment Tasks:

Final exam: 80%

Tutorial participation: 20%

Three samples of readings:

- 《中華人民共和國史》(十卷本，已出版六卷)，香港：香港中文大學當代中國文化研究中心，2008年。
- 沈志華主編：《中蘇關係史綱(1917-1991)》，北京：新華出版社，2007年。
- Chen Jian, *Mao's China and the Cold War*, Chapel Hill & London: The University of North Carolina Press, 2001.