

Course Change Request

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Viewing: **GGS 517 : Modern China: A geographical appraisal of its land, people, culture, and politics ~~Geography of China~~**

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Catalog Pages referencing this course

- [Department of Geography and Geoinformation Science](#)
- [Earth Systems and Geoinformation Sciences, PhD](#)
- [Foreign Languages, MA](#)
- [Geographic and Cartographic Sciences, MS](#)
- [Geography and Geoinformation Science \(GGS\)](#)

Select modification type:

~~Simple~~

Substantial

Are you completing this form on someone else's behalf?

No

Effective Term: Fall 2026

Subject Code: GGS - Geography & Geoinformation Science

Course Number: 517

Bundled Courses:

Is this course replacing another course? No

In Workflow

1. GGS Chair
2. SC Curriculum Committee
3. SC Assistant Dean
4. Assoc Provost-Graduate
5. Registrar-Courses
6. Banner

Approval Path

1. 09/10/25 6:52 pm
Nathan Burtch
(nburtch): Approved for GGS Chair

History

1. Feb 7, 2020 by
Nathan Burtch
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2. May 18, 2021 by
Tory Sarro (vsarro)

Equivalent Courses:

Catalog Title: Modern China: A geographical appraisal of its land, people, culture, and politics ~~Geography of China~~

Banner Title: Modern China ~~Geography of China~~

Will section titles vary by semester? No

Credits: 3

Schedule Type: Lecture

Hours of Lecture or Seminar per week: 3

Repeatable: May only be taken once for credit (NR)
GRADUATE ONLY

Default Grade Mode: Graduate Regular

Recommended Prerequisite(s):

Recommended Corequisite(s):

Required Prerequisite(s) / Corequisite(s) (Updates only):

Registrar's Office Use Only - Required Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):

And/Or	(Course/Test Code	Min Grade/Score	Academic Level)	Concurrency?

**Registration
Restrictions
(Updates only):**

Registrar's Office Use Only - Registration Restrictions:

Field(s) of Study:

Class(es):

Include

Limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy. (SCRRCLS_ONLY_DC)

Limited to students with a class of Graduate. (SCRRCLS_ONLY_GR)

Limited to students with a class of Non Degree (SCRRCLS_ONLY_ND)

Limited to students with a class of Senior Plus (SCRRCLS_ONLY_SP)

Limited to students with a class of Junior Plus (SCRRCLS_ONLY_JP)

Level(s):

Degree(s):

Exclude

Non-Degree Undergraduate Degree students may not enroll. (SCRRDEG_NO_NDU)

School(s):

**Catalog
Description:**

Today's China is of global significance in terms of its economic, environmental, political and social-cultural impacts. This course surveys the geographic interconnections among the physical environment, resources, population, economy, and transportation within China, and explores its global impacts. Class activities (lectures and discussions) offer a rich and deep understanding of China's world status and its global reach.
~~Survey the physical, resources, environmental and population characteristics of China, and its urban, economic, and transportation systems development from a geographical perspective.~~

Justification:

What: Updating the course title and description

Why: The professor for this course discussed with students enrolled in the course, and the students believed the description was unattractive, and turned off students. We believe the new name and description fit the course (the course is not changing in substance) and gives a deeper view of course expectations and outcomes.

Does this course cover material which crosses into another department?

No

Learning Outcomes:

- 1)Acquire the basic background knowledge about China, including history, culture, physical layout, environmental characteristics, population and political settings.
- 2)Expose to the recent development of China along major themes from a geographical perspective.
- 3)Critically analyze and interpret current phenomena and events in China, and identify the roles of geography/space in the processes.

Will this course be scheduled as a cross-level cross listed section?

Yes

Please use the Additional Attachments button to attach two syllabi for review, one undergraduate and one graduate, preferably as separate documents. These should be provided in order to demonstrate the difference in expectations and assessments for undergraduates and graduates taking the course.

Attach Syllabus

~~ChinaGradProp.pdf~~

[ggs-317wongsp25.pdf](#)

[ggs-517wongsp25.pdf](#)

Additional Attachments

Specialized Course Categories:

Have you reached out to the Libraries to determine whether there are adequate resources to support your course? If not, please email Meg Meiman, Associate University Librarian for Learning, Research, and Engagement at mmeiman2@gmu.edu.

No

Additional Comments:

Reviewer
Comments

Key: 16653