

Information list of a subject

Vysoká škola: Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts (BISLA)	
Fakulta:	
Kód predmetu: P/IR-450	Názov predmetu: Introduction to Modern China
Druh, rozsah a metóda vzdelávacích činností: One weekly meeting of 120 minutes.	
Počet kreditov: 4 ECT	
Odporúčaný semester/trimester štúdia: 5. semester	
Stupeň štúdia: 1	
Podmieňujúce predmety: no prerequisites	
Podmienky na absolvovanie predmetu: 40% Active participation in classroom discussion, based on preparatory reading; 30% Writing work – essays and tests during the semester; 15% Verbal commentary on audio-visual materials presented in class; 15% Leading a class discussion on a specific subject. Course evaluation (%): A – excellent: 100-93%, B – very good: 92-84%, C – good: 83-74%, D – satisfactory: 73-63%, E – sufficient: 62-51%, Fx – fail: 50-0%. Passing the course assumes that student was not absent at more than 4 class sessions. Late arrival is marked as a “tardie”. Three tardies equal one absence. Missing more than 15 minutes of the class is considered an absence.	
Výsledky vzdelávania: Students should obtain a nuanced understanding of modern China, as well as some historical context for the contemporary political and philosophical writings that they may be asked to study in other courses at BISLA. Students should be able to explain and discuss the subjects covered in a balanced, well-informed manner.	
Stručná osnova predmetu: 1. Overview of Chinese history; 2. Identity / ethnic diversity in China; 3. Political philosophy in modern China; 4. Nationalism as a social and political force; 5. Legal philosophy: the strange case of the Nazi juror; 6. Politics in practice: Tiananmen and its aftermath; 7. Collective leadership: the CCP; 8. Personal leadership: Xi Jinping; 9. Repression: the example of Hong Kong; 10. Life in China; 11. [Further China-related subject by agreement with students].	
Odporúčaná literatúra: Keay, John. <i>China A History</i> (HarperCollins, 2009) Jaivin, Linda. <i>The Shortest History of China</i> (Black Inc., 2021) Hayton, Bill. <i>The Invention of China</i> (Yale University Press, 2020) Clifford, Mark. <i>Today Hong Kong, Tomorrow the World: What China's Plans Reveal About Its Plans to End Freedom Everywhere</i> (St. Martin's Press, 2022) <i>ChinaFile</i> , an online magazine published by the Center on U.S.-China Relations at the Asia Society: https://www.chinafile.com Osnos, Evan. <i>Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth and Faith in the New China</i> (Farrah, Strauss and Giroux, 2014) Buruma, Ian. <i>Bad Elements: Chinese Rebels from Los Angeles to Beijing</i> (Random House, 2001) Rachman Gideon. <i>The Age of the Strongman: How the Cult of the Leader Threatens Democracy Around the World</i> (Bodley Head, 2022) Schoppa, R. Keith. <i>Twentieth century China: A History in Documents</i> (Oxford, 2004) Wasserstrom, Jeffrey. <i>China in the 21st Century: What Everyone Needs to Know</i> (Oxford, 2010) Short, Philip. <i>Mao: The Man Who Made China</i> (2nd edition, I.B. Tauris, 2017)	

Chen, Te-Ping. <i>Land of Big Numbers</i> (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2021)					
Liu, Cixin. <i>The Three-Body Problem</i> (2008; English translation (by Ken Liu), Tor, 2014)					
Jazyk, ktorého znalosť je potrebná na absolvovanie predmetu: English					
Poznámky:					
Hodnotenie predmetov					
Total number of evaluated students: 16					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
68,75%	25%	6,25%	0%	0%	0%
Vyučujúci: James Thomson, MA					
Dátum poslednej zmeny: 31.01.2023					
Schválil: Prof. PhDr. František Novosád, CSc.					