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**CHSS 3860 Women in China (3,3,0) (C)**

Prerequisite: CHSS 2240 or SOC 2240 Modern Chinese Society  
This course aims to examine the political, economic, and cultural forces that are shaping the experience and status of women in the People's Republic of China. Specifically, it will investigate the cultural and structural imperatives of patriarchy in pre-socialist China and discuss how the patriarchal order is redefined, manipulated, and transformed under the socialist rule. It will also review the state policies related to women and evaluate the associated impacts on various aspects of women's status, such as employment, reproduction, family relations, and health. Further, it will examine the implications of market reforms for Chinese women.

**CHSS 3980 Selected Topics in the Sociology of China I (3,3,0)**

**CHSS 3990 Selected Topics in the Sociology of China II (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: CHSS 2240 or SOC 2240 Modern Chinese Society or SOC 2150 Sociological Theory I: Classical Theory

These courses are intentionally designed to be flexible to allow the discussion of a range of contemporary issues in the Sociology of China. They will involve a range of optional courses complementary to those ordinarily offered as an integral part of the Option. In one semester, normally no more than one such topic will be offered. These courses are open to Sociology majors and China Studies Options students only.

**CHSS 4006 Chinese Family and Kinship (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: SOCI 2015 Sociological Theory I: Classical Theory or SOCI 2036 Sociology of Marriage and the Family

This course focuses on the family and wider kinship in traditional and contemporary China, emphasizing their characteristics and how these have changed. Topics include: the nature of the kinship system and the structure of the family in China, changes in the family institution from the pre-communist period to the present, and the consequences and attendant problems of changes in the family and kinship systems.

**CHSS 4007 Chinese Social Thought (3,3,0)**

China has a rich tradition of theoretical thinking on the origins, functions, and problems of politics, government, and society. From the *Book of Change* to Confucian, Taoist, Legalist, Buddhist, neo-Confucian classics to writings of the modern Reformers and Revolutionaries, we find detailed discussions of Chinese social problems, social change and ideas of the ideal society, discussions of which are not any less insightful than prominent theorists in the Western sociological tradition. In today's globalized context, examination of this tradition is valuable to the development of the sociological discipline, as well as to the understanding of continuities and changes in contemporary Chinese societies. This course introduces students to this Chinese intellectual tradition.

**CHSS 4025 Population of China (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: CHSS 2016 or SOCI 2016 Modern Chinese Society or SOCI 2025 Population Studies

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the population of China. Major concerns include basic demographic characteristics of China and the processes producing their changes. The former include size, distribution and composition, and the latter involve mortality, fertility and migration. Finally, major issues related to China's population policies are examined.

**CHSS 4035 Selected Topics in the Sociology of China I (3,3,0)**

**CHSS 4036 Selected Topics in the Sociology of China II (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: CHSS 2016 or SOCI 2016 Modern Chinese Society or SOCI 2015 Sociological Theory I: Classical Theory

These courses are designed to focus on a selected topic on contemporary issues in the Sociology of China. Different instructors will select different topics as the focus of this course. It works as a range of optional courses complementary to those ordinarily offered as an integral part of the Concentration. Normally, no more than a Selected Topic course will be offered each semester.

**CHSS 4046 Social Networks and Chinese Society (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: CHSS 2016 or SOCI 2016 Modern Chinese Society or SOCI 2015 Sociological Theory I: Classical Theory

This course introduces students to the approach and methodology of social network analysis, the most prominent form of structural sociology. Furthermore, it aims to provide students with a critical understanding of contemporary Chinese society through the angle of social network analysis. Specifically, it will identify the key social network concepts and examine major areas of empirical research in social network analysis, particularly those related to Chinese societies.

**CHSS 4047 Sociological Issues in Urban and Rural Development (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: CHSS 2016 or SOCI 2016 Modern Chinese Society or SOCI 3015 Modernization and Social Change

This course combines an analysis of theoretical issues relative to urbanization and rural development with a comparative study of these processes in different countries including China. It explores aspects of city size and type. It also examines patterns of urban growth in the capitalist societies of Europe and USA, the Third World and China, and patterns of rural-urban migration. Issues related to the environment and urban planning are considered and special attention is given to the study of patterns of urbanization and rural development in China.

**CHSS 4055 Women in China (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: CHSS 2016 or SOCI 2016 Modern Chinese Society  
This course aims to examine the political, economic, and cultural forces that are shaping the experience and status of women in the People's Republic of China. Specifically, it will investigate the cultural and structural imperatives of patriarchy in pre-socialist China and discuss how the patriarchal order is redefined, manipulated, and transformed under the socialist rule. It will also review the state policies related to women and evaluate the associated impacts on various aspects of women's status, such as employment, reproduction, family relations, and health. Further, it will examine the implications of market reforms for Chinese women.

**CHSS 4898-9 Honours Project (3,\*,\*)**

Prerequisite: Year IV BSocSc (Hons) in China Studies (Sociology Concentration) students

A required project for all Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in China Studies (Sociology Concentration). Students will pursue in-depth sociological research on a specific topic of interest related to China to the student under the guidance of appointed lecturers from the Department of Sociology. Students are to consult with their advisors regarding the necessary field study, experimentation, library or archival research required, and how best to integrate this into their Honours Project.