

world arena, and how she has shifted her foreign policies from a pro-Soviet stance (1950s) to isolation (1960s) before opening up to the West (1970s). The efforts to construct a "Chinese Theory of International Relations" by Chinese policy analysts will also be studied. This course is open to GIS, China Studies majors and GIS minors (Year III standing) only.

**CHSS 1110 Invitation to Sociology (3,2,1)**

Sociology is a social science concerned with the study of social interactions in society. As a discipline it is concerned with how society is structured and how it works. Students are invited to recognize not one approach to studying society, but several alternative paradigms. This course focuses on (a) the basic concepts, approaches and methods in Sociology; (b) the relationships between individuals, groups and organizations; (c) analyses of major social institutions such as marriage and the family; power and politics; economy and work; education; belief and value systems; and health and health care; and (d) selected issues in contemporary society such as deviance and social control, social stratification, social mobility and inequalities, urbanization, modernization, modernity, social change, population and society, migration and ethnic relations, identity, and globalization.

**CHSS 2240 Modern Chinese Society (3,2,1)**

Prerequisite: Year II standing and CHSS 1110 or SOC 1110 Invitation to Sociology

This course enables students to critically evaluate various theoretical attempts to explain the nature and form of social change in China from the Republican era to the emergence of the Socialist Revolution and from the consolidation of the Socialist regime to the emergence of post-Socialist China. The course examines the interplay among ideology, state, economy and society. It explores the tension between social forces at the macro level and social action at the individual level, which constitutes the dynamics of social change in China.

**CHSS 3610 Social Networks and Chinese Society (3,2,1)**

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

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 3680 Chinese Social Thought (3,2,1)**

Prerequisite: Year II standing and CHSS 1110 or SOC 1110 Invitation to Sociology

This course is to guide the students in the readings of Chinese classics from the Book of Change to Confucian, Taoist, Legalist, Buddhist, neo-Confucian, and counter-elites' writings to that of the modern Reformers and Revolutionaries in order to interest them in the development of a Chinese sociology. The course will focus upon the previous thinkers' ideas about the origin of society, politics and government. Furthermore, it will study traditional Chinese social problems, social change and the search for an ideal society as reflected in the classics. The course will also deal with the spread of Chinese social thought to, and its impact on, China's neighbours, with special references to its impact upon Korea, Japan and Southeast Asia. Finally, the course will attempt to evaluate the relevance of traditional Chinese thought to current socio-cultural situations and the future development of Chinese communities in particular, and the Asia Pacific region in general.

**CHSS 3790 Population of China (3,2,1)**

Prerequisite: CHSS 2240 or SOC 2240 Modern Chinese Society or SOC 2220 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 3810 Sociological Issues in Urban and Rural Development (3,2,1)**

Prerequisite: CHSS 2240 or SOC 2240 Modern Chinese Society or SOC 2610 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 3850 Chinese Family and Kinship (3,2,1)**

Prerequisite: SOC 2150 Sociological Theory I: Classical Theory or SOC 2230 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 3860 Women in China (3,2,1)**

Prerequisite: CHSS 2240 or SOC 2240 Modern Chinese Society

This course aims to examine the political, economic and cultural forces that have shaped the experience and status of women in the People's Republic of China. 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. Specifically, it will review the state policies related to women and evaluate their impacts on various aspects of women's status, such as employment, reproduction, family relations and health. Further, it will also examine the consequences of market reforms for Chinese women and the roles of women in the economic development.

**CHSS 3980 Selected Topics in the Sociology of China I (3,2,1)**

**CHSS 3990 Selected Topics in the Sociology of China II (3,2,1)**

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 any semester normally no more than one such topic will be offered. These courses are open to Sociology and China Studies majors only.

**CHST 1150 Introduction to China Studies (1,0,0)**

This one-unit course is designed specially for Year I China Studies students. It introduces students to the origin and development of China studies by examining the state of research and substantive knowledge in the field. It also introduces works by noted China-watchers or sinologists as well as publications by the teaching staff of China studies at the Hong Kong Baptist University, with an emphasis on the multidisciplinary nature of the field.