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AB 212, Daily 9:00-12:00  
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**ECON 461/661 Chinese Economy** (3+0) 3 credits

Historical examination of China's economic development, with a special emphasis on its varying development strategies, and its future prospects. Prerequisites: ECON 102.

The full syllabus for this course is at <<http://www.coba.unr.edu/faculty/parker/econ461>>.

**INTRODUCTION:**

This course will cover the Chinese economy, both historical and current. It will focus on the historical development of its economic institutions, on its varying economic policies and strategies, and in particular how economic reform affected different sectors of the Chinese economy. Because this class has been approved as a *general capstone* in the university core curriculum, students are expected to have completed all other core curriculum requirements, including the western traditions sequence.

**BOOKS** (all paperback):

1. Fairbank, John King, & Merle Goldman (2006), *China: A New History*.
2. Lardy, Nicholas R. (1998), *China's Unfinished Economic Revolution*.
3. Lardy, Nicholas R. (2002), *Integrating China into the Global Economy*.

Graduate students are also expected to read:

4. Chow, Gregory C. (2007), *China's Economic Transformation*.

Other readings may be assigned in class, and will be on reserve in the library.

**FILMS:**

There are also eight films that will be shown, some in class and some more in the library. These are listed in the online syllabus.

**GRADING:**

There will be an initial pass/fail quiz over some of the material in the introduction, one midterm exam (25%), a short research paper on an assigned topic (15%), a class presentation (10%), and a final exam (30%). Attendance in class and at the films will count for another 10% of the grade. Finally, you are expected to keep up with the readings and participate in discussion, and this participation will count for the remaining 10%. Exams will generally be in-class, closed-book essay questions. To receive graduate credit for this course as ECON 661, significant additional work is required. You should discuss this with me by the second day of class.

**COURSE OUTLINE AND SCHEDULE** (Details are in the course website):

- I. Introduction
- II. Economic History of China "Before Liberation"
- III. Economic Development in the Maoist Era
- IV. The Dengist Era of Economic Reform
- V. The Socialist Market Economy
- VI. Current Issues