Course objectives:
This undergraduate-level course aims to provide an analysis on the foreign relations and security policy of China since 1949. This is mainly a lectured course, and lectures and discussion will focus on the historical and theoretical sources of China’s international behavior, its interactions with major powers, its involvement in international institutions, and its understanding of evolving international norms.
This lecture-based course is designed for those who are interested in international affairs and diplomacy, and the students are required to have a background on international relations (IR) theory (e.g. taking “Introduction to International Relations”).
The ultimate goal of this course is to help the students forge their own analytical framework to understand as well as explain international affairs.

Reasons for taking this course:
Students with a strong interest in China are encouraged to take this course, and will be equipped with deep background knowledge afterwards. In addition to providing an introduction to Chinese foreign policy, this theory-driven course can help students predict the future tendency of Chinese international behavior.

Course requirements/Evaluation:
Mid-term Examination: 20%
Final Examination: 20%
Group Presentation: 40% 【Details will follow on Session 2】
Attendance and Participation: 20%
Students are expected to attend and actively participate in the session.

Required readings:
We will use course pack instead of other heavy materials.
Friendly Reminders:
Cell phones shall be turned off or to silent mode during the class. Computers or tablets are not allowed except with prior permission from the instructor. Make-up exams will not be granted except in case of emergency and in all cases require a note from your doctor. Plagiarism will not be tolerated.

Weekly Course Schedule:

Week 1: Course Overview and Introduction

Week 2: The Study of Chinese Foreign Policy: A Retrospective

Week 3: The Evolution of China’s Security and Diplomatic Strategy

Week 4: The Sino-Soviet Alliance until the 1960s

Week 5: Reorientation of China’s Foreign Policy in the 1970s

Week 6: Normalization and Independent Foreign Policy in the 1980s

Week 7: Globalization and Its Impact on Chinese Foreign Policy (I)

Week 8: Globalization and Its Impact on Chinese Foreign Policy (II)

Week 9: Sino-US Relations

Week 10: [Mid-term Exam]
Week 11: China and Neighboring Countries

Week 12: China and Emerging International Issues and Norms (I)

Week 13: China and Emerging International Issues and Norms (II)

Week 14: China and Emerging International Issues and Norms (III)

Week 15: Group Presentation (I)

Week 16: Group Presentation (II)

Week 17: Group Presentation (III)

Week 18: Final Exam