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JIANGXI UNIVERSITY OF FINANCE & ECONOMICS

Course Title:

Social Welfare Policy and Culture in China

Course Code: FS310

Credits:3

Teaching hours: 48

Prerequisites:

Semester: Fall and Spring semester

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Course Description:

This course is provided for exchange students and all undergraduate students who are interested. In the past decades, the welfare policies in China have been experiencing rapid change and heading for a more improved system. The reconstruction of welfare policy in China makes life different in each area. This course introduces the welfare policies of China at present and its possible development in the future, as well as the culture that shapes the way of the reform.

Aims and Objectives:

This course provides students with a broad understanding of various schemes of social insurance and other welfare programs in China, and relationship between culture and welfare policies. In addition, this course helps students learn to analyze the similarities and differences of welfare policies between China and their own countries from the angle of history and culture.

Learning Outcomes:

On completion of the course a student should be able to

A. Knowledge and Understanding

- Contents of social welfare policies in China
 - Properties of Chinese welfare culture
- B. Intellectual Skills:
- Critically appraise the role of culture in the development of welfare policies in China.
 - Demonstrate analytical and written communication skills by presenting their arguments clearly and concisely in written form in accordance with appropriate scholarly conventions in assessed work and in response to examination questions.
- C. Discipline Specific Skills:
- Analyze the important factors that impact the development of social welfare policies in China.
 - Critically appraise the reform of social welfare policy in China.
- D Transferable Skills:
- Develop analytical, communication and learning skills through workshops and seminars.

Teaching Methods:

Teaching methods will involve a combination of formal lectures, group work, case study, presentation, workshops, and multimedia.

Students will be encouraged to explore the application of concepts learned through the use of contemporary case.

Assessment:

Final Examination	60%
Homework assignments	20%
Class participation and performance:	20%
Total	100%

To achieve a pass grade in this course, students must obtain 60% or more as an aggregate mark on the assessment.

Examination content:

A two-hour examination at the end of the semester. The examination is designed to cover the learning outcomes for the module and to test skill development. Questions are set not only to test students' basic comprehension of the syllabus but also their ability to apply such knowledge in particular contexts.

Assignment:

A written assignment of 4000 words should be submitted in week 15 of the semester.

This will assess the students' ability to explain problems relating to social welfare policy systematically.

Class participation and performance:

This assessment is provided through the class and tutorials in which students are required to present through case studies and to formally feedback view.

Your Input:

Including time spent in lectures and classes, you should expect to spend an average of approximately 8 hours per week on this course. You will be expected:

- to review your lecture notes and follow up references on each lecture topic;
- to prepare for each class discussion in advance by reading and preparing outline answers to questions and notes to form the basis of discussion;
- to work through lecture notes and other material regularly to check your understanding of the concepts and models discussed, and to raise any difficulties with your class tutor or lecturer;
- to work towards a Team Project which should draw on lecture notes and the references provided but also on a range of sources. An important aspect of the Team Project is the Team's ability to search the relevant literature and find relevant material. You should be gathering material for the Project from the outset of the course.

Course outline:

1. Introduction to Social Welfare

1.1 The basic concepts, content and styles of social welfare

1.2 Social welfare reform in China

2. Social Insurance

2.1 Old age insurance

2.2 Health insurance

2.3 Unemployment insurance

2.4 Work injury insurance

2.5 Maternity insurance

3. Social Relief

3.1 Subsistence allowance for urban residents

3.2 Social relief in rural areas

4. Other Social Welfare Programs

4.1 Special care to the old

4.2 Special care to the disabled

4.3 Special care to women and kids

5. Comparison of Welfare Culture Between China and Western Countries

5.1 Chinese welfare culture

5.2 Western welfare culture

5.3 Role of culture in the development of social welfare policies

6. Future of social welfare policies in China

6.1 Welfare reform tendency of the world

6.2 New steps in the future welfare reform of China

Text Books and Indicative Reading List:

Tian Chengping.2008.China's Social Security System (English Version).Foreign Language Press

Lin Yutang.1935. My Country and My People. Reynal & Hitchcock

Gosta Esping-Andersen. 1990.The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism, Princeton University Press

Team Project:

The Team Project is a piece of collaborative work culminating in a project report to be handed in and assessed as 20% of the total course assessment. Ideally, teams should consist of 4 individuals, although teams of 5 or 6 members may be allowed with the Course Lecturer's explicit permission. Team members will work together to produce a joint report, and each member of a team will receive the same mark for the report. It is up to each team to allocate responsibilities between team members and organize its own work.

Calendar of Teaching Activities:

	Activities	Chapters	Things to remember
Week 1	Lecture	1	Library Sessions
Week 2	Lecture	2	Submit Names for Group Project
Week 3	Lecture	2	Coursework Deadline

Week 4	Lecture	2	
Week 5	Seminar	2	
Week 6	Lecture	3	
Week 7	Lecture	3	
Week 8	Lecture	3	
Week 9	Lecture	4	
Week 10	Lecture	4	
Week 11	Seminar	4	
Week 12	Lecture	5	
Week 13	Lecture	5	
Week 14	Seminar	5	
Week 15	Lecture	5	Paper Submission Deadline
Week 16	Lecture	6	
Week 17	Final exam(time to be confirmed)		