

Modern Chinese: China in the Media (A005123)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 6.0

Study time 180 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2025-2026

A (semester 2)

Chinese

Gent

practical

Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026

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Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026

Master of Science in Teaching in Languages(main subject Oriental Languages and Cultures)

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offering

A

Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject China)

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A

Exchange Programme Oriental Languages and Cultures

6

A

Teaching languages

Chinese

Keywords

Contemporary China, economics, politics, society

Position of the course

Being able to, basing oneself on an analysis of the information given in Chinese written, spoken, and digital media and in such media in the Chinese language, independently evaluate economic, political and social problems that occur in contemporary China. Being able to report on one's analysis both orally and in written form.

Exchange students may take up this course unit, for which no prior knowledge of Dutch is required.

Contents

This course builds on the Chinese information and information in the Chinese language given in written, spoken, and digital media on contemporary problems in China. The students have to choose two themes themselves, and have to gather information on these themes in the written, spoken, and digital media. Based on these sources, they have to report in Chinese in oral and in written (4000 Chinese characters) form on their research and findings. The topics chosen by the students are also discussed in class.

Initial competences

'Modern Chinese: China in the Media' requires a profound knowledge of Modern Chinese (level BA3) and a basic level of Classical Chinese (BA2). Also knowledge of 'Methods and Research: South and East Asia 2', 'East-Asian Philosophies' and 'Society and Contemporary Issues: China' is required.

Final competences

- 1 Being able to derive the relevant information from reports in written, spoken, and digital Chinese and Chinese-language media;
- 2 Being able to link Chinese and Chinese-language media reports to scientific findings as they are known through scientific literature;
- 3 Being able to explain problems in contemporary China in their historical perspective;

- 4 Being able to give an oral report on one's findings in Chinese;
- 5 Being able to report in written Chinese on one's findings.
- 6 Being able to interpret and contextualize digital media.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Practical

Extra information on the teaching methods

During the seminars, students have to report on two chosen topics (politics, economics, society) to their fellow students. These topics are also discussed in class. In seminars, a relevant research question on the topic is formulated. This research question has to be further elaborated, using further reports in the media. In the course of the semester, a written report on each of the two topics has to be handed in.

Study material

Type: Other

Name: handouts

Indicative price: € 5

Optional: no

Language : Other

Available on Ufora : Yes

Online Available : Yes

Available in the Library : No

Available through Student Association : No

Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : regularly

Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : one-time

References

not applicable

Course content-related study coaching

Group discussions guarantee a direct feedback. The individual composition exercises are, after correction, discussed individually.

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Oral assessment, Written assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Oral assessment, Written assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Presentation, Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods

Continuous (50 %) and End-of-the term (50 %) assessment.

Continus assessment:

- During the semester, the students need to develop two case studies. They have to give two oral presentations and write one paper on each of the case studies. The quality of their research work and of the oral and written report determine the result.

End-of-the-term assessment:

- The examination consists of an extensive written (6000 Chinese characters) and oral report on one of the two topics chosen during the semester.

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Calculation of the examination mark

50 % continuous assessment (50 % evaluation of the oral reports; 50 % on the written papers).

50 % end-of-term assessment (50 % evaluation on oral presentation; 50 % on the written report)

Students have to pass for both the part evaluation of the oral reports (50 %) and for the written papers (50 %), as well as for the whole of the continuous and end-of-term assessment. If a student does not pass for one of both or for both parts, a retake of the oral and the written presentations in the second examination period is required.

Students who do not take part in the assessment of one or more parts of the course evaluation or obtain a mark of less than 10/20 for one of its parts cannot pass the course evaluation. Should the average mark be higher than 10/20, the final mark will be reduced to the highest non-pass mark (=9).

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

- 1 Student attendance during educational activities is required
- 2 Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year
- 3 Feedback can be given during an appointment during office hours

Extra information:

For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and philosophy