This course will provide essential knowledge for students seeking to understand the world’s most important bilateral relationship. It will bring new perspectives and insights into what is taken for granted and into what policy makers find elusive. *Part One, Cultural Typology* will address cultural differences, their basis in social psychology and how differences in perception influence judgement. Topics will include: Trust, intentionality, family values and indices: Key people that have had exposure to both sides and key events that have shaped those perceptions, and institutions established by the US in China: Leadership styles and differences in the public perception of leadership. How these differences in behavioral patterns affect the business operations of companies in China and Chinese companies operating overseas will be the focus of *Part Two, Market Economy*. It will consider the definition, institutions, measurement, intellectual property, branding, currency and mechanisms of market systems. *Part Three, Social Institutions,* will examine health, education, taxation and technology. *Part 4, China’s and the World,* is about how the rise of China is impacting global political economy. It will cover international institutions, alliances, development policy and security. Students will propose a research topic at the beginning of the semester and will provide research updates throughout the semester, to conclude with a final paper.