**100270003 Introduction to Basic Principles of Marxism**

**Lecture Hours: 48**

**Laboratory Hours: 0**

**Credits: 3**

**Term(If necessary): Sophomore, First Semester**

**Prerequisite(s): None**

**Course Description:**

Introduction to Basic Principles of Marxism is a common course colligated Marxism philosophy, Marxism Political Economics and Scientific Socialism, according to the program issued by the Publicity Department of the Communist Party of China and the Ministry of education in 2005. It is the purpose of this course that student can set up the scientific world outlook, the outlook on life, values, and master the basic stand, viewpoint and method of Marxism, in order to grasp the Marxism as a whole, and gradually form an ability to analyze and solve problems with Marxism world outlook and methodology.

The course holds fast to the following topics: “What’s Marxism”,“Why have faith in Marxism” and “How to have faith in and develop Marxism”. The course follows the development law of human society, comprehensively expounding the principles of Marxism, based on the world outlook and methodology of Marxism. It helps student to fully understand the basic principles of Marxism and grasp the basic law of social development. Student can set up the scientific world outlook and methodology, to understand the essence of capital and the change of contemporary capitalism. Besides, students can understand correctly the development of socialism, from theory to reality. What’s more, the course helps students to grasp the essence of socialism and its theoretical features, and to deeply understand the historical role of capitalism and the necessity of being replaced by socialism. Finally, students can know the arduousness in the construction of socialism and enhance the faith in socialism.

**Course Outcomes**:

After completing this course, a student should be able to:

1. Understand the establishment, development of knowledge, the distinct characteristics of Marxism, the universal connections and materiality of the world, dialectical materialism methodology, theory of knowledge and practice, truth and value, knowledge and the theory of the world.
2. Use the basis of a Marxism methodology to analyze and solve the basic problem in the development of human society, such as social basic contradiction and movement rules, the power of the development of society, people's role in the historical development and other issues.
3. Use Marxism basic theory to analyze “the nature of capitalism and its law”, “the development and trend of capitalism” ability, form a behavior/consciousness using Marxist basic theory analyzing the western social problem consciously.
4. Grasp the Marxism about “socialism” and “communism” related to the basic principle, to be able to understand deeply the historical inevitability of communist society to

realize and long-term, set up a lofty ideal of communism, and take an active part in the construction of Chinese characteristic socialism.

**Course Content:**

1. Introduction

2. The material and the law of world development

3. The nature of understanding and the law of development

4. Human society and the law of development

5. The capitalism nature and its law of development

6. The development of capitalism and its development trend

7. The nature of socialism and its law of development

8. The lofty ideal of communism and the final implementation

**Lectures and Lecture Hours:**

1. Introduction 6

- Marxism and the basic principles of Marxism

- The establishment and development of Marxism

- A distinct characteristic of Marxism

- Conscientiously study and application of Marxism

1. Chapter I: The material and the law of development of the world 6

- The materialism of world

- Material and its existence form

-The dialectical relationship between material and consciousness

- World unification in substance

- The universal connections and eternal development of things

- The universality of the connection and development

- The law of the unity of opposites is the fundamental law of things development

- Materialist dialectics is the basic method to know the world and transform the world

- Materialist dialectics is the understanding of the scientific method

- Dialectical thinking method and modern scientific thinking methods

- Guided by the dialectical materialism, and constantly enhance the thinking ability

3. Chapter II: The nature of understanding and the law of development 6

- Understanding and practice

- Practice is the foundation of understanding

- Knowledge is the active reflection of subject to object

- Understanding the basic laws of movement

- Truth and value

- The objectivity of truth, absoluteness and relativity

- The testing standard of truth

- The dialectical unification of truth and value

- To know the world and change the world

- The dialectical unification of knowing and changing the world

- From the inevitable to freedom

- Be realistic and seek truth from facts

4. Chapter III: Human society and the law of development 6

- Social basic contradiction and movement rules

- Social existence and social consciousness

- The contradiction between productive forces, production relations movement and its regularity

- The contradiction between economic basis and superstructure movement and its regularity

- Switch the general law and special form of social form

- The power of the development of society and history

- Social basic contradiction is the fundamental driving force of the development of the society

- The class struggle and role in the development of social revolution in class society

- The role of reform in social development

- The role of science and technology in social development

- The role of the people in the historical development

-The masses are the creator of history

- The role of individuals in the society and history

5. Chapter IV: The nature of capitalism and law 6

- Commodity economy and law of value

- The formation and development of commodity economy

- The law of value and function

- Based on the private ownership of the basic contradiction of commodity economy

- Scientific understanding Marx's labor theory of value

- The nature of the capitalist economic system

- The generation of the capitalist economic system

- Labor become commodity and currency converted into capital

- The ownership of capitalism

- Production of surplus value is the absolute rule of capitalist mode of production

- The basic contradiction of capitalism and the economic crisis

- The capitalist political system and ideology

- Capitalist political system and its essence

- Capitalist ideology and its nature

6. Chapter V: The development of capitalism and its trend 6

- The formation and development of monopoly capitalism

- From free competition to monopoly capitalism

- The development of monopoly capitalism

- Economic globalization and its consequences

- The correct understanding of contemporary capitalist new change

- Performance and features of contemporary capitalist new change

- The reason and essence of the contemporary capitalist new change

- History status and development trend of capitalism

- The historical status of the capitalism

- The historical inevitability of replacement from capitalism to socialism

7. Chapter VI: The nature of socialism and law 6

- The emergence and development of socialism

- The socialism from utopia to science

- Socialism from theory to reality

- From one country to the multinational socialism

- The basic principles of scientific socialism

- The main content of the basic principles of scientific socialism

- Correctly grasp the basic principles of scientific socialism

- Explore the realistic socialism law of development in reality

- China and Russian, moderate economic and cultural relatively backward countries to socialism, the necessity and difficulty of construction of socialism

- The diversity of the socialist development path

- The socialism curves in the practice exploration

8. Chapter VII: The lofty ideal of communism and the final implementation 6

- Marxist classical writers of the communist society

- Looking to the future social scientific standpoint and method

- The basic characteristics of communist society

- The communist society is the inevitable trend of historical development

- The realization of communism is the necessity of historical development

- The realization of communism is a long-term historical process

- Upholding and developing socialism with Chinese characteristics and strive for the realization of communism

**Grading:**

regular grade 40%, including homework, paper writing, classroom questions & attendance

Final 60%

**Text & Reference Book**:

Introduction to Basic Principles of Marxism, 2015, ISBN 9787040431971.

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