

HIS290 (HIS280): Modern History of China

Fall Term, 2009 (Tuesday & Thursday, 12:30~13:45)

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Course Description

This is a survey course of Chinese history since c. 1800 to the present. It will examine all major aspects, including domestic politics, foreign relations, socio-economic and cultural development, of the Chinese history of the time period. It will especially focus on China's suffering of imperialism and strife for survival and modernization, power struggle between the Communists and the Nationalists, Sino-Japanese conflict and WW II in the 1930s and early 40s, China under and after Mao.

*Taiwan (as part of China, the other China, or a virtually independent state) will not be included. Interested in the country (or island), you would take Dr. Yamazaki's course.

****1st IMPORTANT NOTICE: This course is designed primary for those who have not finished their study abroad programs yet and as a preliminary step to take AIU300 and 400-level East Asian Studies courses.**

****2nd IMPORTANT NOTICE: The instructor suggests that students who have never studied either East Asian or Japanese history should talk to him on September 3 and 4. It would be crucially necessary to make this semester of yours successful and enjoyable.**

Course Objectives

1. To gain **BASIC** knowledge of the modern Chinese history necessary to pursue upper-level courses at AIU.
2. To deepen an understanding of the development (either continuity or discontinuity) of the country's politics, international relations, society, economy, and culture.
3. To think critically and analytically about the country's historical and on-going events and their causation and impact on itself and the outside world in a larger historical context.

Classroom Activities

1. Students are expected to attend every meeting on time.
2. Students are strongly discouraged to leave a classroom between 12:30 and 13:45.
3. Students are expected to finish reading the assigned readings for sure before coming to class.
4. Students must purchase and bring assigned textbook and readings below to every

meeting.

5. Students are expected to raise questions and participate in class discussion actively.
6. Students must fulfill all the requirements listed below in Evaluation to complete and pass this course. No passing without completion!

Prerequisites

None (Read the aforementioned notices very carefully!)

Evaluation

1. Examinations (30% + 30% = 60%): Midterm and final examinations based on lectures and the assigned readings. A study guide will be given approximately one week before each exam.
2. Multiple-choice Quizzes (10% x 2 = 20%): Two multiple-choice quizzes (20 multiple-choice questions each). A study guide will be given approximately one week before each quiz.
3. Attendance (10%): Attendance will be taken at the beginning of every meeting. Late Arrival would not be counted as attendance. Do not be absent more than five times; otherwise, you would automatically lose 10%.
4. Class Participation (10%): Students are expected to be active in raising questions and speak up in class (NOT after class). Silence would never contribute to your participation grade. Since the instructor will not call on you, you would have to
*It is quite likely that you will be given some chances to earn extra points.

Course Materials

To be announced.

Course Schedule (Subject to Change)

Week 1(Sep. 3)

I. Course Introduction

Week 2(Sep. 8 & 10)

No Class (The instructor will be out of Japan.)

Week 3 (Sep. 15 & 17)

II. Brief Overview of China before 1800

III. The Beginning of “Century of Humiliation”: The Opium Wars

Week 4 (Sep. 24)

IV. The Domestic Disturbances in the 19th Century

Week 5 (Sep. 29 & Oct. 1)

V. China’s Response to Foreign Invasion 1: Reform Movement

VI. China’s Response to Foreign Invasion 2: Popular Resistance

***1st Multiple-Choice Quiz Study Guide (Oct. 1)**

Week 6 (Oct. 6 & 8)

VII. China's Response to Crisis 3: Revolutionary Movement

***1st Multiple-Choice Quiz (Oct. 8)**

***Midterm Examination Study Guide (Oct. 8)**

Week 7 (Oct. 15)

VIII. Revolutionary China 1: China in Disunity and Transition

Week 8 (Oct. 20 & 22)

***Midterm Examination (Oct. 20)**

IX. Revolutionary China 2: Nationalists & Communists

Week 9 (Oct. 27 & 29)

X. The Anti-Japanese Struggle in the 1930 & early 1940s

XI. The Chinese Civil War

Week 10 (Nov. 6)

XII. The Birth of PRC

Week 11 (Nov. 10 & 12)

XIII. Socialist Construction under Mao

***Documentary Film on the Great Cultural Revolution (Nov. 12)**

Week 12 (Nov. 17 & 19)

XIV. The Great Cultural Revolution

Week 13 (Nov. 24 & 26)

XV. The End of Mao's Era

XVI. "Reform & Opening" under Deng

***2nd Multiple-Choice Quiz Study Guide (Nov. 26)**

Week 14 (Dec. 1 & 3)

***Documentary Film on the Tiananmen Square Incident (Dec. 1)**

***2nd Multiple-Choice Quiz (Dec. 3)**

XVII. The Tiananmen Square Incident and Its Aftermath

Week 15 (Dec. 8 & 10)

XVIII. The Rise of China in the 1990s

XIX. China in the First Decade of the 21st Century

Final Study Guide (Dec. 8)

Final Examination (Dec. 15, 12:30-13:45)