Modern China

HTS 3061
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MWF 12-1 pm
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

From the mid-nineteenth century on China has undergone tremendous political and socioeconomic changes, at the same time traditionalism still persists in many aspects of Chinese life. This course examines the decline of Confucian order, the impact of the West, the Communist revolution, the role of nationalism, Maoism, current economic and political reforms, and the resurgence of China as a world power. Of particular concern will be the changes and continuities of traditional Chinese society in the modern world.

REQUIRED READINGS:


COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Quizzes 30%
2. Midterm 20%
3. Take-home Final Exam 40%
4. Attendance 10%

In evaluating a student's performance, consideration will also be given to informed participation in discussions.

SCHEDULE OF CLASS MEETINGS AND READINGS
Week 1  January 10-14
Chinese Civilization: An Overview
Fairbank, 1-25

Week 2  January 17 (Official holiday) -21
China’s World Order and the Western Intrusion
Fairbank, 128-203;
Film: The Two Coasts of China

Week 3  January 24-28
Reform, Rebellion, and Revolution
Fairbank, 206-234

Week 4  January 31-February 4
The End of Chinese Monarchy
Fairbank, 255-265; Lu (2010), Parts 1-2

Week 5  February 7-11
The May 4th Movement
Fairbank, 266-278

Week 6  February 14-18
The Rise of the Chinese Communist Party
Fairbank, 279-311
Film: China, A Revolution Revisited

Week 7  February 21-25
The Republican China
Fairbank, 312-341

Week 8  February 28-March 4
Rural-Urban Relations in China
Lu (2004), Chapters 1-3

Week 9  March 7-11
Review and Midterm
Lu (2010), Parts 3-4

Midterm: Friday, March 11

Week 10  March 14-18
Mao, Maoism and the PRC's New Order
Fairbank, 343-367; Lu (2004), Chapters 4-6
Spring Break: March 21-25

Week 11  March 28-April 1
Political Campaigns in the PRC
Fairbank, 368-405
Film: The Mao Years, 1949-1976

Week 12  April 4-8
The Communist Control-and-Concern Dualism
Fairbank, 406-445

Week 13  April 11-15
China’s “Quiet Revolution”
Fairbank, 451-455

Week 14  April 18-22
China after Deng
Fairbank, 429-451

Week 15  April 25-29
China in the 21st Century
Review for Final Examination
Fairbank, 457-469

Students will have the topics and guidelines for the take-home final essays in Week 14. The essays are due on Monday, May 2, at 2:00 pm in Room 122, Old CE Building.