

**HIST 2760 Topic Studies in Cultural History (3,2,1) (E)**

Prerequisite: HIST 1121-2 History of Chinese Culture and Society, HIST 1620 Perspectives on Chinese History, HIST 2150 Modern Asia (1800-1945) or any others which the lecturer may designate as appropriate for the particular topic being offered (*for 3-year curriculum only*)

This course provides an opportunity for students to study and discuss selected topics of an advanced nature, with a view to introducing them to the development at the frontiers of the study of cultural history.

**HIST 3105 Contemporary China (3,2,1)**

This course begins with an analysis of the rise of Communism in China before 1949 and examines the development of the personal cult within the Chinese Communist Party's leadership. It then follows with a survey of the social, economic and political transformation in China under Communism with emphasis on the interplay between ideology and policy in contemporary Chinese historical development. The course also examines the major developments which affected China's foreign policy since 1949.

**HIST 3106 Current Issues in Hong Kong and China (3,2,1)**

This course is designed to be highly flexible in order to allow discussion and analysis of current issues which are affecting Hong Kong and China. Such an approach will emphasize not only a review of the events themselves, but also will require the student to evaluate the events in light of the historical background, the world situation, and their impact on Hong Kong society. It is also hoped that it will equip students with necessary skills in developing their critical and penetrating views of the current issues. Attention will also be given to develop students' abilities to effectively communicate their comments in a precise fashion.

**HIST 3107 Early Imperial China (3,2,1)**

This course is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the early imperial period in Chinese history, starting from the establishment of the Qin Empire in 221 BC to the fall of the Han Dynasty in AD 220. Topics to be covered include major events in the political, social, economic, cultural and intellectual history of this period.

**HIST 3110 Western Diplomacy in Modern Asia (3,2,1) (E)**

The course adopts a comparative approach to the study of the origins, nature and effects of East-West encounters. It provides a historical analysis and an account of Western diplomacy in Asia from the mid-eighteenth to the mid-twentieth century with emphasis on the following issues: (a) the origins of Western expansion in Asia; (b) the use of Western military power as a mean to achieve diplomatic victory in Asian countries; (c) rivalries among the major Western powers in Asia; (d) Western powers in Asia during the two world wars; (e) the conflicts between Western diplomacy and Asian nationalism during the twentieth century; and (f) the appearance of economic block in global politics.

**HIST 3115 Engendering Imperial Chinese History (3,2,1)**

As pointed out by many famous gender historians, gender is an important and useful category of historical analysis. When gender is used as an analytical tool, as emphasized by leading scholars in the field, Chinese history looks vastly different than when such an element is excluded. This course, which will re-examine Chinese history through the lens of gender, will be divided into two parts. The first part is on how our understanding of individual periods/dynasties of Chinese history will differ after applying gender perspectives. The second part is on how our understanding of various aspects of history will change different when viewed through a gender lens. Examples for illustration include political history, social history, economic history, medical history, military history, ethnohistory, legal history, cultural history, literary history, intellectual history, religious history, and so on.

**HIST 3116 Foreign Relations of Modern China (3,2,1)**

This is a survey of China's foreign relations since the late Qing period with emphasis on the more recent times. The course aims at a balanced rather than specialized coverage of China's foreign relations in order to provide a comprehensive understanding of its position both among the major powers and developing countries. It highlights the historical, geopolitical, ideological, socio-cultural and economic factors which have shaped the development of China's foreign relations.

**HIST 3117 History of Hong Kong to 1900 (3,2,1) (C)**

The course aims at providing students with introductory knowledge of Hong Kong history from the ancient period to the nineteenth century, and enabling students to acquire the basic historical methodologies in approaching Hong Kong history.

**HIST 3125 Late Imperial China (3,2,1) (C)**

This course aims to familiarize students with the history of late imperial China, from the end of the Yuan dynasty to the collapse of the Qing dynasty in 1912 and the foundation of the Republic of China. Topics covered include sociopolitical changes, cultural transformations during this period, China's interaction with the outside world, and shifts in intellectual currents and the rise of ethno-nationalism.

**HIST 3126 Mid Imperial China (3,2,1)**

This course is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the mid imperial period in Chinese history, roughly from the Wei-Jin period of the third century to the fall of the Yuan dynasty in the fourteenth century, a significant component of the Song-Yuan-Ming transition which marks the change and continuity among three dynasties. Topics to be covered include major events in the political, social, economic, cultural and intellectual history of this period.

**HIST 3127 The Historical Role of China in the World (3,2,1)**

China has been a prominent region of political, economic, social, and cultural activity, influencing neighboring states as well as polities in Europe, the Americas, Africa, and the Middle East. Students in this course will analyse how non-Chinese individuals and groups have perceived "China", as understood in various ways, as well as the impact of China's domestic history on larger phenomena affecting the Asian region and the world. In the true spirit of international history, the borders between China and other parts of the globe will be blurred to show the interconnectivity of human action and belief.

**HIST 3135 The Socialist and Communist Traditions (3,2,1) (C)**

This course provides an introduction to the history of Socialism, Marxism, Leninism, and Maoism so that China Studies students may better understand the meaning of the phrase used to describe the official PRC doctrine: "Socialism with Chinese characteristics". The course examines the historical development of Socialism and Communism in a world context, and then focuses on the Socialist and Communist development in China. It also reflects on the recent and current trends of Socialism in the world.

**HIST 3205 Great Trends in Modern European History (3,3,0)**

This course surveys environmental, economic, intellectual, social and political changes in Europe since the 15th century, including secularization, urbanization, industrialization, democratization, globalization, etc., in order to show what Europeans of the last several centuries faced in common and what their descendants today inherit. Utilizing a rather socio-economic approach, the course begins with the investigation of the environmental changes and material progress in this period, before discussing non-material changes such as religions, politics, etc. in detail. Emphasis will also fall on the changing role of Europe in the global context,

where Europe and other continents were integrated into one single entity in the modern era.

**HIST 3206 History of Southeast Asia (3,2,1)**

This course is an introductory study of the origin and development of Southeast Asia from ancient times up to the present, with emphasis on the cultural, political and economics aspects.

**HIST 3207 History of the United States since 1877 (3,3,0)**

This course is a survey of the American people and their political and social institutions since the end of Reconstruction. The course begins with the “Golden Age” and concludes with a study of the contemporary American scene.

**HIST 3210 Contemporary Chinese Political Thought (3,2,1) (P)**

Prerequisite: HIST 1121-2 History of Chinese Culture and Society or HIST 2210 Introduction to Modern Chinese History (*for 3-year curriculum only*)

This course examines the historical origins and development of major schools of political thought in modern and contemporary China, paying special attention to the period since 1949. The Chinese response to the introduction of Marxism–Leninism, and the role played by Mao Zedong in “sinicizing” various aspects of Marxist–Leninist ideology will be dealt with thoroughly. Students will be required to read the original works of major political thinkers. If possible, other important political ideologies, such as liberalism, socialism and democratic thinking, will also be addressed.

**HIST 3215 History of the United States to 1877 (3,3,0)**

This course is a survey of the American people and their political and social institutions prior to 1877. The course begins with pre-European history and concludes with the period of reconstruction after the Civil War.

**HIST 3216 Japan in the Twentieth Century (3,2,1) (C)**

The course aims to study the political, social, and economic development of modern and contemporary Japan with an emphasis on the following topics: modernization in late Meiji period; the problems of party rivalries and political changes in the Taisho period; the rise of militarism between the two world wars and the Japanese invasion of Asia; post war constitutional reform, economic recovery, and cultural changes; and the role of Japan in the current international scene.

**HIST 3217 Nineteenth Century European History (3,2,1)**

The nineteenth century was a crucial age of evolution and change for Europe and, largely because of European developments and actions, the world; moreover, it was fundamental to the creation of the world's present state of affairs. The emphasis of this course is on the revolutionary transformation of Europe—political, social, strategic and economic—from the period from the French Revolution to the outbreak of the First World War. This emphasis leads to a close study of developing nationalism and nation building, liberalism (plus the evolution of other significant political ideologies), industrialism and the distinct and world-shaping nineteenth century version of European imperialism.

**HIST 3220 History of Taiwan (3,2,1) (P)**

Prerequisite: HIST 1121-2 History of Chinese Culture and Society or HIST 2210 Introduction to Modern Chinese History (*for 3-year curriculum only*)

This course examines the political, diplomatic, economic, social and cultural development of Taiwan. Discussions will include historical factors which have played crucial roles in Taiwan's transformation, as well as issues related to its current changes.

**HIST 3225 Twentieth Century European History (3,2,1) (E)**

For Europe the twentieth century has been a tumultuous era of power, change, crisis, extremism, suffering and decline. In 1914 Europe was at the zenith of its power, but two world wars, the Great Depression, the Holocaust, de-colonization and the Cold War all combined to reduce Europe to a status it had not experienced since the early Middle Ages. Since the 1960s there has been a modest recovery and recently Europe has haltingly moved towards a more united structure. This course addresses these themes, brings European developments to a contemporary historical focus and closely considers the impact of European developments on the world. This world view is necessary because while twentieth century Europe no longer directs world events, it remains a major world focus.

**HIST 3305 China and Asia in the Twentieth Century (3,2,1) (C)**

The course will provide an in-depth study of the relations between China and other Asian countries, with an emphasis on Japan, Korea, Vietnam and India in the twentieth century. Special attention is given to China's influence on Asian nationalist and communist movements, Sino-Japanese and Sino-Korea relations, and China's role in East Asia, South Asia and Southeast Asia.

**HIST 3306 International Relations after 1945 (3,2,1)**

This course analyses the current international scene in terms of recent historical events and contemporary political theories concerning the conduct of international politics. The origins of international organizations (such as the United States, NATO and OPEC) and changing international structures are examined. Finally, current events are analysed and related to their historical, theoretical and structural origins.

**HIST 3307 International Relations to 1945 (3,2,1)**

This course examines the development of the current international scene in terms of recent historical events and theories concerning the conduct of international politics. The historical origins of diplomacy, international theories, the development of 20th century diplomacy and the origins of international organizations are all examined. Finally, current events are analysed and related to their historical, theoretical and structural origins.

**HIST 3315 Modern Japan and the West (3,2,1)**

This course focuses on the diplomatic, economic and cultural relations between Japan and the West since the Meiji Period (1868–1912). Special attention is given to such crucial issues as the significance of the Iwakura Mission to the West, the influence of Western political ideologies and institutions on the making of the Meiji Constitution, the revision of unequal treaties, and the confrontation between Western and Japanese cultural traditions.

**HIST 3316 Western Diplomacy in Modern Asia (3,2,1)**

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**HIST 3405 Historical Theory and Practice (3,2,1)**

This course provides an introduction to theories and methods of historical research. The first part of the course explains the Western historical and social concepts and theories which are instrumental to historical inquiry, while the second part deals with essential skills and knowledge for historians. The course offers practical guidance to students, to enable them to conduct