

CHSH 3820 Contemporary China (3,2,1) (tbc)

Prerequisite: CHSH 2210 or HIST 2210 Introduction to Modern Chinese History or HIST 1121-2 History of Chinese Culture and Society

The 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.

CHSH 3830 Oral History and Its Local Applications (3,3,0) (C)

Prerequisite: HIST 2120 Historical Theory and Practice and HIST 2160 Twentieth Century Hong Kong History

Following the guidelines and standards adopted by the Oral History Association, the first part of the course tackles the basic concepts related to oral history. The second half focuses more on applications in the context of studying Hong Kong's past. In addition to lectures, fieldwork is required.

CHSH 3910 Topic Studies in Social History (3,2,1) (C)

Prerequisite: CHSH 1620 or HIST 1620 Perspectives on Chinese History, CHSH 2210 or HIST 2210 Introduction to Modern Chinese History, HIST 1121-2 History of Chinese Culture and Society, or any others which the lecturer may designate as appropriate for the particular topic being offered

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

CHSH 4105 Chinese Women and Politics in Twentieth Century China (3,2,1) (tbc)

The lives of the Chinese people in general, and that of Chinese women in particular, have undergone tremendous changes in the past century. With the breakdown of outworn traditions and conservative bondages, the status and role of Chinese women had been changed and redefined. A new and independent life had been brought to them since the forming of the Chinese Republic. This course analyses the lives of a selected prominent Chinese women in these years of turmoil and their responses to the challenges posed by historical setting in which they lived. This course, focusing on a study on the changing status and role of Chinese women, will offer an alternative perspective to approach China's political development.

CHSH 4116 Intellectual Trends in Modern China (3,2,1) (tbc)

Using a topical approach, this course aims to examine the major intellectual trends in China from the 19th century to the present through extensive reading of original texts. Major philosophical issues are reflected upon against the intellectual and historical background. Students are guided to investigate some fundamental and important topics such as the impacts of Western thought, nationalism, liberalism, conservatism, and socialism. This course also looks deep into the basic elements of modern Chinese intellectual history so as to reveal their values in China today.

CHSH 4117 Missionaries in Modern China (3,2,1) (tbc)

This course is for students who wish to achieve a more in-depth understanding of the role Christian missionaries played in leading China into the international community of the positive and negative impact of missionaries on modern China. It places the emphasis on how the missionaries have attempted to introduce Western religious ideas and sciences to their Confucian audience. An effort will also be made to analyse the contributions of the missionaries to modern China's transformation and the Chinese people attitudes and reactions to them.

CHSH 4125 Revolution and Nationalism in Republican China (1912–1949) (3,2,1) (tbc)

The course provides a comprehensive analysis of the cultural, socio-economic, political and ideological crises in Republican China, its search for solutions, and the development of the Chinese Nationalist and Communist Parties. Discussions cover selected theories on revolution and nationalism, warlord politics, unification versus separatism, party system and organizational control, and the people's contribution to political transformation, etc.

CHSH 4126 Selected Themes in the History of Chinese Women (3,2,1) (tbc)

This course is expected to be a relatively advanced venture for final year students, covering different themes in in-depth discussions. In the corpus of recent scholarship, there exists a large pool of themes available for classroom teaching and tutorial discussions, such as motherhood, widowhood, nunhood, writing women, prostitution, female enslavement, infanticide, gynotechnics, female material culture, women of different ethnic groups, and other subjects. Every time when this course is offered, the instructor can select different themes according to specific pedagogical agendas. Students are strongly encouraged to take HIST 3115 Engendering Imperial Chinese History prior to this course.

CHSH 4127 Social and Economic Development of Modern China (3,2,1) (tbc)

The course investigates the relations between economic growth and socio-political changes in China from the late eighteenth century to the mid-twentieth century. It examines the various social, economic, and political factors which stimulated, or retarded, China's economic growth, and studies the development of a new social basis which shaped the political form in modern China.

CHSH 4135 Topic Studies in Chinese History (3,2,1) (tbc)

This course aims to enhance students' knowledge of Chinese history by providing them with the opportunity for studying selected themes and issues in Chinese history in an in-depth manner.

CHSH 4305 Sino-American Relations (3,2,1) (tbc)

This course studies selected major issues in the political, economic and cultural interactions between China and the United States since the late eighteenth century. Special emphasis will be placed on the unique origin, nature and importance of China's relations with United States in contrast with those with other Western powers. Discussion will also focus on selected issues considered to have affected their interaction, including some which may still continue to do so.

CHSH 4306 Sino-Russian Relations (3,2,1) (tbc)

The course studies the changing relations between China and Russia/the Soviet Union. While touching on the historical issues relating to the early contacts between these two countries, it deals mainly with the period from the early nineteenth century to the present. It emphasizes the historical, geopolitical, ideological, socio-cultural, ethnic and economic factors which have shaped the evolution of the two complex states themselves, and their interactions at the state-to-state, regional and global levels.

CHSH 4898-9 Honours Project (6,*,*) (tbc)

Prerequisite: Level IV standing

The purpose of the project is to provide the practical experience and academic training necessary for independent historical study and research. Students will be encouraged to examine China from the perspective of a global/regional vantage point as well as that of their local environment, Hong Kong. Hence they will be expected to conduct an independent research on topics related to some issues of China and Hong Kong, modern China foreign relations and Taiwan since 1949.