

**HIST 4206 Overseas Chinese in Southeast Asia (3,2,1) (tbc)**

Chinese who go abroad, settle down and make a living in foreign countries are generally called the overseas Chinese. The history of overseas Chinese can be dated back as far as to the Yin and Zhou Dynasties in the ancient times, and they mainly emigrated to the Nanyang countries (today's Southeast Asia). This course, in addition to analysing their situations and their history there, examines their economic, cultural, and political roles in those countries.

**HIST 4207 Topic Studies in Asian History (3,2,1) (tbc)**

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

**HIST 4215 Topic Studies in Western History (3,2,1) (tbc)**

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**HIST 4216 Twentieth Century United States Diplomacy (3,2,1) (tbc)**

This course will focus on US diplomatic relations with the rest of the world in the 20th century. Beginning with the aftermath of the Spanish-American War and the Open Door Notes, students will delve into the events of American diplomacy to the present. Emphasis is on specific events and times and on the underlying base for that diplomacy as it changes over time. Enduring foundations of American diplomacy will be studied as well as the components which are more flexible and course to alternation.

**HIST 4217 Western Intellectual Thought (3,2,1) (tbc)**

This course traces Western intellectual development from classical Greece, through medieval scholasticism, the Renaissance, the Enlightenment, the Romantic Movement, and Marxism down to post-World War Two Existentialism, and what has been called "the exhaustion of ideals" of recent years. Attention will be paid to the Western intellectual tradition's tremendous and continuing impact on China, Asia and the world.

**HIST 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.

**HIST 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.

**HIST 4307 Topic Studies in Sino/Asian-Western Relations (3,2,1) (tbc)**

This course strives to enhance students' knowledge of Sino/Asian-Western Relations by providing them with the opportunity for studying selected themes and issues in this area in an in-depth manner. Senior students are very much welcome.

**HIST 4405/ CHSH 4405 Oral History and Its Local Applications (3,3,0) (tbc)**

Following the guideline 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.

**HIST 4406 Topic Studies in Cultural History (3,2,1) (tbc)**

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 4407 / CHSH 4407 Topic Studies in Social History (3,2,1) (tbc)**

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

**HIST 4898-9 Honours Project (6,\*,\*) (tbc)**

Prerequisite: Level-four standing

A required project for all History BA (Hons) students. Students will pursue in-depth historical research on a specific topic of interest to the student under the guidance of appointed lecturers from the Department of History. Students are to consult with their advisors regarding the necessary library and archival research, synthesis and writing. The purpose of the project is to integrate the professional skills which have been taught in the preceding three years with specific application to a topic to produce a written report of such a synthesis. This project will be open only to four-year degree route students.

**HIST 7010 Colloquium in History and Historical Research (3,\*,\*)**

Prerequisite: Postgraduate student standing

The content of the course, which is team taught, will vary from semester to semester, depending on students' areas of research and their academic needs. Postgraduate students will explore in this colloquium a wide range of historiographical topics related to their researches under close supervision of our faculty members.

**HIST 7020 Issues and Controversies in Modern History (3,\*,\*)**

Prerequisite: Postgraduate student standing

This course is designed to familiarize postgraduate students with major issues and controversies in modern history. Special attention will be given to the areas which suit our students' research interests. Major international refereed journals and recently published monographs in relevant field of studies will be taken as reference materials.

**HIST 7510 South China Studies (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: Postgraduate student standing

For more than two decades, South China (especially Hong Kong and the provinces of Guangdong and Fujian) has been described as the "promised land" of modern China. Its modern socio-economic growth can be traced back to the early eighteenth century when groups of Cantonese and Fujianese migrated to Southeast Asia. Starting from the 1840s, the Chinese Diaspora gained momentum again with the establishment of treaty ports in coastal Guangdong and Fujian, and the ceding of Hong Kong to British rule. In the late 1970s, South China has been selected by the central government as modern China's "special economic regions" to implement economic reforms. Its familial and ethnic network with the overseas Chinese has transformed into channels of capital investment. These investments, in turn, have placed South China as Asia's fastest growing area.

**HIST 7520 Chinese Culture in Transformation (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: Postgraduate student standing

This course will begin with an introduction of various changes that Chinese culture has undergone since the early 20th century. It will then deal with the political, economic and social aspects of Chinese culture in the previous century. The contents are designed in a thematic manner, and certain aspects deemed fit and useful will be emphasized accordingly.