

**GERM 1111-2 European Language I (German) (8,4,8)**

All basic language skills are developed in an integrated fashion, although oral/aural skills take preference at this stage. Aspects of German area studies are integrated right from the start. By the end of Year I students are expected (1) to understand simple German conversations and participate in them with some facility, (2) to express themselves readily on topics of general interest and answer questions about themselves, (3) to be able to request information in the foreign language and negotiate meaning in everyday situations, (4) to use standard German grammatical constructions as taught, (5) to possess a clear pronunciation, (6) to understand written texts adapted for classroom purposes, and (7) to summarize these texts orally and present their own point of view in the foreign language.

Classes are of a semi-intensive format with at least twelve contact hours per week. Supplementary guided self-access studies (video, audiolingual, PC software and WWW-based exercises) are obligatory with an additional minimum of three hours per week and are monitored by the language teaching staff. This course is open to European Studies majors only.

**GERM 1610 German I (3,3,0)**

This course aims to introduce the German language and culture to beginners. It combines linguistic and communicative skills with a balanced emphasis on reading, writing, speaking and listening. Special stress is placed on mastering the sound system and the basic grammatical forms, as well as building basic receptive and productive skills in German for effective daily communication. The course also helps students develop their critical thinking through in-class discussions about the cultural dimensions of the language and acquire strategies to learn "how to learn German". The aim is for them to reach EU level A1.1.

**GERM 1620 German II (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: GERM 1610 German I or equivalent

This is a continuation of German I. The course will introduce the German language and culture relating to travelling and work. Students will learn to communicate effectively in everyday situations such as travelling and shopping, finding jobs, and consulting doctors. An integrated approach to language skills will be adopted, and materials and activities that are relevant to travelling or studying in Germany will be presented in context. They will encounter relatively more difficult texts and be able to express themselves in more complex structures. The course also helps students develop their critical thinking through in-class discussions about cultural issues such as jobs, leisure time and environmental protection. By the end of the course, they should be able to reach EU level A1.2.

**GERM 2111-2 European Language II (German) (8,4,8)**

Prerequisite: GERM 1111-2 European Language I (German)

This is a continuation of the Year I courses (GERM 1111-2). The objective is to prepare students for the study and internship year in Europe. The following overseas year (academic study and, possibly, internships) requires a continued intensive, skills-oriented language course with at least twelve contact hours per week. The aspect of area background studies will be intensified in line with EURO 2110/EURO 2120. In the second semester particular attention will be paid to the socio-cultural environment students can expect to find during the year in Europe. Supplementary guided self-access studies continue to be obligatory with an additional minimum of three hours per week and are monitored by the language teaching staff. This course is open to European Studies majors only.

**GERM 2620 German III (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: GERM 1620 German II or GERM 3630 Business German or equivalent

This is a continuation of German II. The course will present the German language and culture in greater depth to advanced beginners. It offers a balanced range of language skills through further syntax acquisition: reading and text analysis, oral expression and communicative skills. Giving directions, good

customer service, going shopping and to parties are general situations for using simple German. The course also helps students develop their critical thinking through in-class discussions about cultural issues such as lifestyles. They should be able to reach EU level A1.2 by the end of the course.

**GERM 2630 German IV (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: GERM 2620 German III or equivalent

This course further develops the students' basic knowledge of German grammar and vocabulary beyond the intermediate stage. They will learn to use their German more independently in writing, listening and speaking. They will also learn to engage successfully in small talk at home, in class, at work, in sports and parties. The course also helps students develop their critical thinking through in-class discussions about cultural issues such as German manners and dealing with problems and complaints. They will expand their vocabulary to more than 1,200 words and master all the grammatical structures for communicating in everyday life of the EU level A2.1.

**GERM 3111-2 European Language III (German) (2,2,0)**

Prerequisite: Internship year in Europe or equivalent

Depending on the acquisitional level reached during their internship year abroad, students will further develop their oral/aural and reading/writing skills within an integrated communicative approach. The course will systematically focus on topics related to the social sciences (German area studies) and students' own research for the honours projects. Remedial work on selected grammatical aspects on the upper-intermediate level will be included. The class is held entirely in German. Up-to-date reading lists and structured assignments will be presented each semester on the course homepage. This course is open to European Studies majors only.

**GERM 3630 Business German (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: GERM 1610 German I or equivalent

In this course, students with intermediate-level German will further develop all four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing, and continue to review and learn additional grammar points. Emphasis will be given to writing and speaking fluently for business purposes. Students will also learn more about German businesses and their cultures, as well as the German code of business and ethics. The aim is for them to reach EU level A1.2.

**GERM 3640 Creative Writing in German (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: GERM 1620 German II or GERM 3630 Business German or equivalent

The course explores creative writing in three primary genres: short stories, poetry and drama. Students will examine exemplary works in the context of writing, and they will write, discuss and revise their own works in each genre. As they study the works of famous exemplary writers and develop their own style, they learn more about the elements in each genre and get a deeper understanding of German culture. Students will finally organize their own exposition in a library foyer in Hong Kong at the end of the course. Classes will be conducted in German and English.

**HIST 1121-2 History of Chinese Culture and Society (3,2,1)**

A study of the development and characteristics of Chinese culture and society, helping students to develop a clear understanding of their tradition and preparing them for further study in the same area.

**HIST 1131-2 History of Western Civilization (3,2,1)**

This course is an introduction to the Western cultural heritage and its influence on the cultures of the East. It serves to provide students with a sound basis for study in the history of the West. The course surveys the time span of human development, from the ancient civilizations in the Near East to the Cold War. Among areas investigated in this course are the development of political

institutions, social customs, intellectual trends, religious beliefs and other cultural elements. Continuity and change in Western history will also be a theme of the course.

**HIST 1150 The Historical Tradition of the West (3,3,0)**

An introduction to the nature and function of history and the methods of historical research and writing. Approximately one-half of the course is devoted to an understanding of the meaning of history, the function of history, the various philosophies of history, and a brief survey of basic Western historiography. This provides the conceptual framework which is necessary for interpreting history. In addition, approximately one-half of the course is devoted to learning the practical skills of historical research and writing which are essential for any successful study of history. This course is open to History and China Studies majors only.

**HIST 1220 The Socialist and Communist Traditions (3,2,1)**

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 official PRC doctrine: "Socialism with Chinese characteristics". The course concerns itself with the historic development of socialism and communism in broad terms as worldwide phenomena, focusing in the last third of the course on their introduction and development in China proper.

**HIST 1620 Perspectives on Chinese History (3,2,1)**

Emphasis will be on the background of traditional Chinese political, social, economic and cultural history. It is expected that this course, apart from stimulating students to study history, will also be useful for students of other options in their study of China.

**HIST 2110 China and the West since 1500 (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: HIST 1121-2 History of Chinese Culture and Society

This course aims to study the cultural, diplomatic, political and economic relations between China and Western countries since the late Ming period. Special emphasis will be paid to the impact of Western ideas on Chinese society, and how varied the Chinese responses were. The main themes of modern Chinese history, such as modernization, imperialism, and nationalism, will be examined in the context of Western contributions down to the present era.

**HIST 2120 Historical Theory and Practice (3,2,1)**

Prerequisites: HIST 1150 The Historical Tradition of the West and HIST 2170 Introduction to Chinese Historiography

This course deals with contemporary historical theories and methods, with emphasis on the "new" history—quantohistory, psychohistory and history of society. Apart from introducing the methods, insights and weaknesses of the "new" history, this course encourages students to consider whether the methods of the "new" history can be employed in Chinese historical studies. It also offers practical guidance to students starting their own research, in order to better prepare them for the honours project. This course is open to History and China Studies majors only.

**HIST 2150 Modern Asia (1800–1945) (3,2,1)**

This course covers the political, social and economic developments of Asian countries, mainly concerning Japan, Korea, Vietnam and India as well as their foreign relations in the modern era. Special attention is given to Asia's response to the West, different types of modernization, nationalist and communist movements. This course is open to History and China Studies majors only, or to be taken as Supporting Course.

**HIST 2160 Twentieth Century Hong Kong History (3,2,1)**

The course aims at providing a macro-view of Hong Kong development in the 20th century, and enabling students through the interdisciplinary approach to perceive contemporary Hong Kong issues through a historical perspective.

**HIST 2170 Introduction to Chinese Historiography (3,2,1)**

A small portion of the course is devoted to an introduction to the techniques of using research tools to conduct Chinese historical studies and the styles of writing papers and book reviews in Chinese. A great portion of the course is devoted to a general account of the development of historical writings in China from ancient to modern times. This course is open to History and China Studies majors only.

**HIST 2210 Introduction to Modern Chinese History (3,2,1)**

A general account of the political, social, economic, and cultural history of modern China. It is expected that this course will also be helpful for students of other options in their study of China.

**HIST 2220 Foreign Relations of Modern China (3,2,1)**

Prerequisite: HIST 1121-2 History of Chinese Culture and Society, HIST 1620 Perspectives on Chinese History or approval from the instructor

This is a survey of China's foreign relations since late Qing with emphasis on the more recent times. The course aims at a balanced rather than specialized coverage on 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 2650 Great Trends in Modern European History (3,3,0)**

Instead of piecing together different national histories, 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 programme begins with the investigation of the environmental changes and material progress in this period, before discussing non-material changes—religious, political, 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 2660 History of the Ming Dynasty (1368–1644) (3,2,1)**

Prerequisite: HIST 1121-2 History of Chinese Culture and Society, HIST 1620 Perspectives on Chinese History or HIST 2170 Introduction to Chinese Historiography

A study of the Ming Dynasty with special emphasis on the events and policies of political, social, economic and cultural significance. Selected historical records, archaeological discoveries, public records of the Ming government, and works of contemporary historians will be studied.

**HIST 2670 History of the Qing Dynasty (1644–1840) (3,2,1)**

Prerequisite: HIST 1121-2 History of Chinese Culture and Society, HIST 1620 Perspectives on Chinese History or HIST 2170 Introduction to Chinese Historiography

A study of the Qing Dynasty with special emphasis on the events and policies of political, social, economic and cultural significance. Selected historical records, public records of the Qing government, and works of contemporary historians will be studied.

**HIST 2680 History of the Catholic Church in China (3,2,1)**

This course studies the Catholic Church in China from the earliest beginnings to the present. It examines the adaptation and work of foreign missionaries in China. It attempts to evaluate the response