

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

of the Chinese people to Catholicism. This course introduces to students what is happening at the frontiers of the study of Chinese Catholicism. It also addresses the general development of the Roman Catholic Church.

HIST 2690 History of Hong Kong to 1900 (3,2,1)

This course aims at providing students with the introductory knowledge of Hong Kong history from the ancient period to the 19th century, and enabling students to acquire the basic historical methodologies in approaching Hong Kong history.

HIST 2710 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 2740 History of the United States to 1877 (3,3,0)

This course is a survey of the history 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 2750 History of the United States since 1877 (3,3,0)

A survey of the history of the American people and their political and social institutions. The course begins with the "Gilded Age" and concludes with a study of the contemporary American scene.

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

Prerequisite: HIST 1121-2 History of Chinese Culture and Society or HIST 1620 Perspectives on Chinese History or HIST 2150 Modern Asia (1800-1945) 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 cultural history.

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

Prerequisite: HIST 1131-2 History of Western Civilization
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 account of Western diplomacy in Asia from the mid-18th to the mid-20th century with emphasis on the following issues: (1) the origins of Western expansion in Asia; (2) the use of Western military power as a means to achieve diplomatic victory in Asia; (3) rivalry among the major Western powers in Asia; (4) Western powers in Asia during the two world wars; (5) the conflict between Western diplomacy and Asian nationalism during the 20th century; and (6) the appearance of economic blocs in global politics.

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

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

This course examines the historical origins and development of major schools of political ideas 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 throughout. Students will be required to read the original works of major political thinkers. Whenever possible, other important political ideology, such as liberalism, socialism and democratic thought, will also be addressed.

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

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

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 3580 Honours Project (3,*,*)

The purpose of the Honours 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 perspectives of a global/regional vantage point as well as of their local environment, Hong Kong. Hence they will be expected to conduct independent research on topics related to some issues in China, Hong Kong, modern China foreign relation and Taiwan since 1949. This course is open to Year III majors in BSocSc (Hons) in China Studies only.

HIST 3590 Honours Project (3,*,*)

A required course for all BA (Hons) in History 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 their advisers regarding the necessary library and archival research, synthesis and writing. The purpose of the course is to integrate the professional skills which have been taught in the preceding two years with specific application to a topic to produce a written report of such a synthesis. This course is open to Year III majors in BA (Hons) in History only.

HIST 3610 History of Chinese Women to 1911 (3,2,1)

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

This course is principally a survey of women's lives and positions in traditional China. Apart from a general introduction to women's lives in different dynasties, special issues such as female infanticide, footbinding, education, arranged marriage and concubinage, chastity, *femme fatale*, and relationships among family members will be dealt with in detail. Moreover, theories of integrating women into the macro-history as well as factors leading to changes in women's lives and positions in traditional China will also be taught.

HIST 3620 Missionaries in Modern China (3,3,0)

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

This course is for students interested in a more in-depth understanding of the role Christian missionaries played in China's entrance into the family of nations in modern times. Both positive and negative aspects of missionary contributions will be examined, but the major emphasis will be on how the missionaries attempted to introduce Western religious ideas and Western sciences to their Confucian audience. An effort will be made to analyse the overall impact of the missionaries on modern China's transformation. Chinese attitudes and reactions will be examined.

HIST 3630 Chinese Women and Politics in Twentieth Century China (3,2,1)

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

In the past century, the lives of the Chinese people in general, and that of Chinese women in particular, have undergone tremendous changes. Outdated traditions and conservative bondages broke down to redefine the status of Chinese women and brought them a new, independent life after the establishment of the Chinese Republic. This course analyses the lives of selected prominent Chinese women in these years of turmoil and their changes and responses to the challenges posed by the historical setting and environment in which they lived. This course, focusing on a detailed study on the changing status and roles of women, will offer an alternative path toward understanding China's political development.