

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.