

mainly with the period from the early 19th century to the 1980s. It emphasizes the historical, geopolitical, ideological, socio-cultural, ethnic and economic factors which have shaped both the evolution of the two complex states themselves, and their interactions at the state-to-state, regional and global levels.

#### **HIST 3790 Sino-American Relations (3,2,1)**

Prerequisite: HIST 1121-2 History of Chinese Culture and Society, HIST 2210 Introduction to Modern Chinese History or HIST 2220 Foreign Relations of Modern China

This course studies selected major issues in the political, economic and cultural interactions between China and the United States since the late 18th century. Special emphasis will be placed on the unique origin, nature and importance of China's relations with United States in contrast with those of 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 3810 History of Modern China (3,2,1)**

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

This course is designed to study the major changes in the political, economic, social and cultural aspect of China in the period 1840-1949. Special emphasis is placed on issues such as problems of modernization, the Western impact, and the Chinese response.

#### **HIST 3820 Contemporary China (3,2,1)**

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

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.

#### **HIST 3830 Oral History and Its Local Applications (3,3,0)**

Prerequisites: 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.

#### **HIST 3840 Modern Japan and the West (3,2,1)**

A study of diplomatic, economic and cultural relations between Japan and the West since the Meiji Period (1868-1912). Special attention is given to such crucial issues as the significance of the Iwakura Mission to the West, the influence of Western political ideologies and institutions on the making of the Meiji Constitution, the revision of unequal treaties, and the confrontation between Western and Japanese cultural traditions. This course is open to History majors only.

#### **HIST 3860 Origins of Western Imperialism (3,2,1)**

Prerequisite: HIST 1131-2 History of Western Civilization or, with consent of the Head of Department, Year II standing in China Studies or History majors

The beginnings of Western imperialism will be examined from the first voyages of the Vikings, through the explosion of the Crusades and the domination of the world's trade and exploration by the northern Italian city-states. The course continues to analyse the "Age of Exploration", especially the early overseas empires of Spain and Portugal and concludes with the early British, French and Dutch expansion down to the American Revolution and the "readjustments" of the Napoleonic wars.

#### **HIST 3870 Overseas Chinese in Southeast Asia (3,2,1)**

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

Chinese who go abroad, settle down and make a living there are called the overseas Chinese. The overseas development of Chinese goes back to ancient times as far as the Yin and Zhou Dynasties, and they mainly emigrated to the Nanyang countries (today's Southeast Asia). This course analyses the historical backgrounds of Chinese emigration to Nanyang countries in different dynasties, their situations, and their history of development there. This course also covers the state of development of overseas Chinese in the circles of economy, culture and education, and politics in those countries.

#### **HIST 3880 Japan in the Twentieth Century (3,2,1)**

This course aims to study the political, social, and economic development of modern and contemporary Japan with an emphasis on the following topics: the process of modernization in the late Meiji period; the problems of party rivalry and political change in the Taisho period; the rise of militarism between the two world wars and the Japanese invasion of Asia; the post-war constitutional reform, economic recovery, and cultural change; and the role of Japan in the current international scene. This course is open to History majors only, or to be taken as Supporting Course.

#### **HIST 3890 Nineteenth Century European History (3,2,1)**

Prerequisite: HIST 1131-2 History of Western Civilization (for BA History) or Year II standing in European Studies

The 19th century was a crucial age of evolution and change for Europe and, largely because of European developments and actions, the world; moreover, it was fundamental to the creation of the world's present state of affairs. The emphasis of this course is on the revolutionary transformation of Europe—political, social, strategic and economic—from the period from the French Revolution to the outbreak of the First World War. This emphasis leads to a close study of developing nationalism and nation building, liberalism (plus the evolution of other significant political ideologies), industrialism and the distinct and world-shaping 19th century version of European imperialism.

#### **HIST 3900 Twentieth Century European History (3,2,1)**

Prerequisite: HIST 1131-2 History of Western Civilization (for BA History) or Year II standing in European Studies

For Europe the 20th century has been a tumultuous era of power, change, crisis, extremism, suffering and decline. In 1914 Europe was at the zenith of its power, but the two world wars, the Great Depression, the Holocaust, de-colonization and the Cold War all combined to reduce Europe to a status it had not experienced since the early Middle Ages. Since the 1960s there has been a modest recovery and recently Europe has haltingly moved towards a more united structure. This course addresses these themes, brings European developments to a contemporary historical focus and closely considers the impact of European developments on the world. This world view is necessary because while 20th century Europe no longer directs world events, it remains a major focus.

#### **HIST 3910 Topic Studies in Social History (3,2,1)**

Prerequisite: HIST 1121-2 History of Chinese Culture and Society, HIST 1620 Perspectives on Chinese History, HIST 2210 Introduction to Modern Chinese History, 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.