

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Cultural Foundations of Modern China

Course Number and Section:

CHINESE

2602B 550

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Course Description:

China has a long history. Even in the 21st century, the lifestyle, behavior and mentality of the Chinese people are guided, explicitly or implicitly, by a cultural heritage. It is impossible to understand China without knowledge of this heritage. This course offers an overview of key elements that have shaped and reshaped the cultural landscape of today's China. We will examine history, philosophy, literature, and art, with special attention to ideological implications of these cultural activities. Readings in this course include selections from classics representing the most influential ideas and values in Chinese society, as well as literary texts that reflect the most popular ideas. We will also view important Chinese paintings, sculpture and architecture, and listen to important works of Chinese music. Taught in English.

Learning Outcomes:

1. gain an overview of China's cultural landscape;
2. develop a basic understanding of issues and themes that have shaped modern Chinese culture;
3. acquire skills of analysis and interpretation in Chinese studies through textual as well as visual sources.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Available on the course website.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Zoom attendance		10%
Discussion and participation		10%
In-class Exercises		10%
Online quizzes		10%

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Midterm exam (online, open book)	06/13/24	20%
Final exam (online, open book)		40%

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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