

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Crime and Punishment in Imperial China**

Course Number and Section

HISTORY

3615F 550

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Course Description:

This course examines competing legal concepts and their proponents, the principles of the Chinese legal system, penal and civil laws, and forms of punishment in imperial China. It also explores the impact of imperial legal practice on traditional Chinese society and contemporary Chinese policies, laws, and legal praxes.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

to increase students' understanding of imperial Chinese legal system and laws as well as their impact on traditional and contemporary East Asian societies

to enhance students' analytical and critical thinking skills

to refine the students' ability to articulate their views both in class discussions and written works

to demonstrate the value of historical inquiry

Textbooks and Course Materials:

All the course readings are available online and free of charge

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Essay examination	11/17/2026	40
Major research paper	11/24/2026	35
Seminar participation	Whole term	25

Monday, August 17, 2026

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In-course Costs

\$000.00

For Textbooks and Course Materials (below), you are required to include the cost of each textbook or other learning material.

Note whether there are any restrictions that would prevent a student from using a second-hand copy. Here is some suggested text:

- Required textbook: [author, title, edition, publisher, date]. Cost: [insert amount].
 - Or include the weblink of the textbook's publisher site that includes the cost information.
- Students need to purchase this edition. Second-hand or older editions will not be sufficient.
- OR Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.
- This course has an optional field trip that costs [insert amount].
- This course has a required field component that costs [insert amount].

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