

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 different aspects of Chinese culture ranging from aspects in everyday life such as food, drink, clothing, to philosophy, literature, and art. 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:

- Upon successful completion of this course, students are expected to
1. gain an overview of China's cultural landscape;
 2. develop a basic understanding of issues that have shaped Chinese culture;
 3. acquire skills of Chinese studies through textual as well as visual analyses.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Textbooks and required resources: available on the course website.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Attendance		10%
Participation		10%
Group discussion		5%
In-class Exercises		20%
Study report	2/12/25	15%

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Final exam		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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