

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **China: Current Issues in Historical Context**

Course Number and Section:

HISTORY

1606F 550

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Course Description:

This course examines the historical context of several thorny issues facing China at both international and domestic fronts: the strategic competition with the US, the South China Sea disputes, and the territorial disputes with Japan and India, as well as the Cross-Strait relations between Mainland China and Taiwan, and the separatist or autonomous movements in Hong Kong, Tibet, and Xinjiang.

Learning Outcomes:

Understand critical issues facing China and their historical roots

Evaluate historiographical debates among historians on these issues

Analyze sources in ways that recognize their value and limitations

Sharpen analytical skills

Articulate critical views

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Weekly course readings available at the course website

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
In-class exam	11/12/2025	40%
Research paper	11/24/2025	35%
Class participation	Every class	25%

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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