

**Course Code:** HUMA 5660  
**Course Title:** City and Urban Life in Late-Imperial and Modern China [C]  
**Course Offered in:** Fall 2018  
**Course Instructor:** Professor Virgil K Y HO

**Course Description:** The complexity of urban realities in the Chinese city will be revealed through examining the general perceptions and attitudes toward it, and studying its certain features of everyday existence..

**Weekly Topics:**

	<b>Briefly outline</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Introduction and organizing the course</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Cultural Meanings of the City in Late-Imperial and Republican</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Symbolic Order in Imperial and Republican Cities</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Foreign Imperialism and Chinese Cities</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Cultural Continuity and Change</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Urban Chaos: Warlords in Chinese Cities</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>City Life as seen through Commercial Advertisement and <i>Guidebooks</i>? Initial reports on your mini-research project</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>“Social Evil”: Prostitution</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Urban “Disease”: Opium</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Urban Poverty</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Workers and Labour Protest</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Students’ Presentation of final draft of their research papers</b>

**Assessments:**

Term Paper: 60%

Presentation and participation: 30%

Attendance: 10%