

## HUMA 1440 Modern China

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This general history course surveys selected topics of major political, social, and cultural events and characters in China from the late-Qing period to the eve of the People's Republic of China. It examines some of the important political, economic, social, and cultural change in China between the 1830s and the 1940s, and to review how these changes helped shape the course of historical development in Chinese society, economy, politics, and culture.

ILOs: Identify major forces of historical development in this period; general knowledge of major historical events and figures in the late-Qing and Republican period; deconstruct and understand the motives behind the official Chinese narratives of various historical episodes in modern period; glimpses of the complexity of historical issues, such as the role of opium in the first Sino-British War, the nature and impact of imperialists' invasion of China, and so on; learning the basic skills of writing a decent history paper.

### **Reading Materials**

All the required reading materials (including some optional readings) can be found on the course's LMES site; hard copies of most of these readings are also put on Reserve for your consultation. Optional reading materials could help broaden your knowledge on different subject matters, and some of them show how a specific historical event or figure is described in official Chinese history textbooks, but are not to be examined.

### **Assessment**

Tutorial + one tutorial essay\*: 15+25%

Examination: 60%

\*Further details will be explained and finalized in class, after the add-drop period.

Attendance to tutorial sessions is mandatory. Unauthorized absence will result in marks reduction. Leave must be applied for well in advance.

## **Class Schedule and Reading Assignments**

Lectures are held once or twice a week, depending on the tutorial schedule in a particular week. Tutorial schedule will be finalized and confirmed by Week 3, after the add-drop period.

You are strongly advised to read all the required reading before going to classes and, in particular, tutorials. Your active participation in tutorial discussion is expected and will be graded.

### **Classroom Etiquettes (some of the)**

1. Please refrain from using electronic devices such as laptop, phone, tablet computer, camera, voice recorder, in lecture.
2. Please do not leave the lecture room early; if it is something important and you need to leave early, please alert me before the class starts.
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The class schedule below is for reference only. Actual flow of the course may vary, depending on the class composition, circumstances and other pedagogical factors and needs.

**Week 1:** Introduction and organization of the course + China before the Opium War

Reading: Immanuel Hsu, *The Rise of Modern China*, chapter 6

Optional: Susan Naquin, *China in the Eighteenth Century*; Chen Yuli, *Zhongguo jindai shi*, chapter 1.1

**Weeks 2 & 3:** The Opium War (Official narratives and their problems)

Reading: Immanuel Hsu, *The Rise of Modern China*, chapters 7-9

Optional: Huang Dashou, *Zhongguo jindai shi gangyao*, chapter 4; Chen Yuli, *Zhongguo jindai shi*, chapter 1.2 and 1.3

**Weeks 4-6:** Foreign Invasion of China (Bible, guns and money)

Reading: Immanuel Hsu, *The Rise of Modern China*, chapters 13, 14, 16

Optional: Paul Cohen's *Discovering History in China*, chapter 3; Huang Dashou, *Zhongguo jindai shi gangyao*, chapters 3, 6, 8, 10, 13; Chen Yuli, *Zhongguo jindai shi*, chapters 3, 5, 6; Jonathan Spence's *To Change China*.

**Weeks 6-7:** Reforms (Weaknesses exaggerated, success understated)

Reading: Immanuel Hsu, *The Rise of Modern China*, chapters chapters 11, 17, 18, 19

Optional: Paul Cohen, *Discovering History in China*, chapter 1; Huang Dashou, *Zhongguo jindai shi gangyao*, chapters 7, 9, 11; Chen Yuli, *Zhongguo jindai shi*, chapter 7; Frank Dikotter, *Discourse of Race in Modern China*.

**Weeks 7-8:** Revolution, Republic, and Warlords (Doom and boom)

Reading: Immanuel Hsu, *The Rise of Modern China*, chapter 20

Optional: Jonathan Spence, chapter 12; Huang Dashou, *Zhongguo jindai shi gangyao*, chapter 12; Chen Yuli, *Zhongguo jindai shi*, chapters 9.1-9.2

**Weeks 9-10:** Rise of Nationalism (Double-edge sword)

Reading: Immanuel Hsu, *The Rise of Modern China*, chapter 21

Optional: Jonathan Spence, *The Search for Modern China*, chapter 13; Chow Tse-tsung, *The May Fourth Movement*

**Weeks 11-12:** "Fascist" KMT versus "Righteous" CCP (Rhetoric and reality)

Reading: Immanuel Hsu, *The Rise of Modern China*, chapters 22, 23 (pp.552-573)

Optional: Mao Zedong, "The Peasant Movement in Hunan"; Lloyd E Eastman, *The Abortive Revolution*; Edgar Snow, *Red Star Over China*;

**Week 13:** The Second Sino-Japanese War (Issues and controversies) (and a little bit of Civil War if time allows)

Reading: *The Rise of Modern China*, chapter 24 (and chapter 25 if time allows)

Optional: He Ganzhi, *Zhongguo xiandai geming shi*, chapters 8-9; Jonathan Spence, *The Search for Modern China*, chapter 17

### **Reading**

Immanuel C. Y. Hsu. *The Rise of Modern China* (any edition). New York: Oxford University Press.

Chinese edition: 徐中約著 ; 計秋楓, 朱慶葆 譯, 中國近代史. 香港 : 中文大學出版社, 2001.

### **Optional Reading**

1. 公孫儀, 簡明中國近代史, 香港: 上海書局, 1969。  
Gongsun Yi, *Jianming Zhongguo jindai shi*, Hong Kong: Shanghai Shuju, 1969.
2. 黃大受, 中國近代史綱要, 台北: 世界書局, 1963。  
Huang Dashou, *Zhongguo jindai shi gangyao*, Taipei: Shijie Shuju, 1963.
3. The Compilation Group for the “History of Modern China” Series, *The Opium War*, Peking: Foreign language Press, 1976.
4. 《中国近代史丛书》编写组, 鴉片战争, 上海: 上海人民出版社, 1972。  
*Zhongguo jindai shi congshu bianxiezu, Yopian zhanzheng*, Shanghai: Shanghai renmin Chubanshe, 1972.
5. 本社編, 中国人民反帝斗争的故事, 上海: 上海人民出版社, 1974。  
Benshe bian, *Zhongguo renmin fandi douzheng de gushi*, Shanghai: Shanghai renmin Chubanshe, 1974.
6. 張以禮, 中國近代史: 國際關係之部, 1946。  
Zhang Yili, *Zhongguo jindai shi: guoji guanxi zhi bu*, 1946.
7. 梁义群, 鲁振祥, 百年国耻, 北京: 农村读物出版社, 1992。  
Liang Yiqun, Lu Zhenxiang, *Bainian guochi*, Beijing: Nongcun duwu Chubanshe, 1992.

8. 中國近代史教學研討會, 中國近代史, 台北: 幼獅書店, 1972。  
*Zhongguo Jindai shi jiaoxue yantaohui, Zhongguo jindai shi*, Taipei: Youshi Shudian, 1972.
9. 陈理, 彭武麟, 中国近代史纲要, 北京: 中央民族学院出版社, 1991。  
Chen Li, Peng Wulin, *Zhongguo jindai shi gangyao*, Beijing: Zhongyang minzu Chubanshe, 1991.
10. 《中国近代史丛书》编写组, 洋务运动, 上海: 上海人民出版社, 1973。  
*Zhongguo jindai shi congshu bianxiezu, Yangwu yundong*, Shanghai: Shanghai renmin Chubanshe, 1973.
11. The Compilation Group for the “History of Modern China” Series, *The Yi Ho Tuan Movement of 1990*, Peking: Foreign language Press, 1976.
12. 《中国近代史丛书》编写组, 义和团运动, 上海: 上海人民出版社, 1972。  
*Zhongguo jindai shi congshu bianxiezu, Yihetuan yundong*, Shanghai: Shanghai renmin Chubanshe, 1972.
13. 《中国近代史丛书》编写组, 甲午中日战争, 上海: 上海人民出版社, 1973。  
*Zhongguo jindai shi congshu bianxiezu, Jiawu Zhong Ri zhanzheng*, Shanghai: Shanghai renmin Chubanshe, 1973.
14. The Compilation Group for the “History of Modern China” Series, *The Taiping Revolution*, Peking: Foreign language Press, 1976.
15. Jonathan D. Spence. *The Search for Modern China*. New York: W. W. Norton Co., 1990.
16. Paul Cohen. *Discovering History in China*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1984.
17. Frank Dikotter. *Discourse of Race in Modern China*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1992.
18. Chow Tse-tsung, *The May Fourth Movement*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1960.
19. Lloyd E Eastman. *The Abortive Revolution*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1990.
20. And more... Please contact me if you are really interested in.

