

The University of Western Ontario Department of History
History 2601E (001) UWO
History of Modern China (2011-12)

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Class Time Monday 9:30-11:30am

Classroom TH-3102

Description

'History of Modern China' begins at the point of internal collapse at the end of the Ming dynasty and follows with the subsequent rise to power of the Qing dynasty in the 17th and 18th centuries. We then trace China's development through the 19th century when the country is faced with internal and external challenges from rebellion and imperialism. We follow China's efforts to cope with this changing environment through the late-Qing, Republican era, and finally the People's Republic of China ending, with the 'reform-era' under the government of Deng Xiaoping. In addition to the larger themes of politics, society, and economy, the course will look at cultural life, art, and at how life was lived day to day. Students are expected to read, and critically analyse assigned readings prior to corresponding lectures.

Texts

Spence, Jonathan *Search for Modern China*, Second Edition, W.W. Norton and Co, New York, 1999.

Atwill, David and Yurong Atwill *Sources in Chinese History: Diverse Perspectives from 1644 to the Present* Pearson Education, 2010.

Assignments and Grading

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| 1) essay I | 15% | (Due Nov.14) |
| 2) mid-term exam | 20% | (Nov. 28) |
| 3) essay II | 20% | (Due March 26) |
| 4) final exam | 25% | (TBA) |
| 5) primary source assignments | <u>20%</u> | (Weekly, except as noted) |
| Total 100% | | |

Note: all essays must be submitted in printed form and electronically to 'turnitin.com' (see WebCT). Plagiarism will be dealt with strictly in accordance to university guidelines (see below). Late papers will be penalized 2% per day after due date.

Academic accommodation on medical grounds can in most instances **only** be granted if supported by a **University of Western Ontario Student Medical Certificate (available at https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/medical_document.pdf or Academic Counseling Office).**

Weekly Assignments

Assignments based on weekly readings must be submitted to WebCT before each class, late assignments will not be accepted. Specific guidelines will be provided in class and on WebCT.

Schedule, Term I

Sept 12 Introduction

Sept 19 Ming Collapse; Qing Conquest
Spence 1-48
Primary Source: Atwill TBA

Sept 26 Kangxi
Spence 49-73
Pin Yin Quiz (see WebCT for guide)

Oct 03 Yongzheng and Qianlong
Spence 74-116
Primary Source : Atwill TBA

(Oct 10, Thanksgiving, no class)

Oct 17 China and the West in the 18th Century
Spence 117-138
Primary Source : Atwill TBA

Oct 24 Clash with the West
Spence 139-166
Primary Source : Atwill TBA

Oct. 31 Crisis Within
Spence 167-191
Primary Source : Atwill TBA

Nov 07 Restoration through Reform
Spence 192-214
Primary Source : Atwill TBA

Nov 14 New Tensions
Spence 215-242
No Weekly Assignment
Essay I Due

Nov 21 End of the Dynasty
Spence 243-264
Primary Source : Atwill TBA

Nov 28 Exam
No Weekly Assignment

Dec 05 Movie Day
Primary Source: Atwill TBA

Term II

Jan 09 New Republic/A Road is Made
Spence 265-313
Primary Source : Atwill TBA

Jan 16 Fractured Alliance/Guomindang in Power
Spence 314-374
Primary Source : Atwill TBA

Jan 23 Communist Survival
Spence 375-410
Primary Source : Atwill TBA

Jan 30 WWII in China
Spence 411-458
Primary Source : Atwill TBA

Feb 6 Fall of the GMD
Spence 459-489
Primary Source : Atwill TBA

Feb 13 Birth of PRC
Spence 489-513
Primary Source : Atwill 11.2 TBA

(Feb 20 –24 Break)

Feb 27 Planning the New Society Deepening the Revolution
Spence 514-564
Primary Source : Atwill TBA

Mar 05 Cultural Revolution
Spence 565-586
Primary Source : Atwill TBA

Mar 12 Reopening the Doors
Spence 587-617
Primary Source : Atwill TBA

Mar 19 Redefining Revolution
Spence 618-646
Primary Source : Atwill TBA

Mar 26 Levels of Power
Spence 647-676
No Weekly Assignment
Essay II Due

Apr. 02 Testing the Limits
Spence 677-704
Primary Source : Atwill TBA

Apr 09 Century's End
Spence 705-728
No Weekly Assignment

Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.

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PLAGIARISM

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offense (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

The following rules pertain to the acknowledgements necessary in academic papers.

A. In using another writer's words, you must both place the words in quotation marks and acknowledge that the words are those of another writer.

You are plagiarizing if you use a sequence of words, a sentence or a paragraph taken from other writers without acknowledging them to be theirs. Acknowledgement is indicated either by (1) mentioning the author and work from which the words are borrowed in the text of your paper; or by (2) placing a footnote number at the end of

the quotation in your text, and including a correspondingly numbered footnote at the bottom of the page (or in a separate reference section at the end of your essay). This footnote should indicate author, title of the work, place and date of Publication and page number. Method (2) given above is usually preferable for academic essays because it provides the reader with more information about your sources and leaves your text uncluttered with parenthetical and tangential references. In either case words taken from another author must be enclosed in quotation marks or set off from your text by single spacing and indentation in such a way that they cannot be mistaken for your own words. Note that you cannot avoid indicating quotation simply by changing a word or phrase in a sentence or paragraph which is not your own.

B. In adopting other writer's ideas, you must acknowledge that they are theirs.

You are plagiarizing if you adopt, summarize, or paraphrase other writers' trains of argument, ideas or sequences of ideas without acknowledging their authorship according to the method of acknowledgement given in 'A' above. Since the words are your own, they need not be enclosed in quotation marks. Be certain, however, that the words you use are entirely your own; where you must use words or phrases from your source; these should be enclosed in quotation marks, as in 'A' above.

Clearly, it is possible for you to formulate arguments or ideas independently of another writer who has expounded the same ideas, and whom you have not read. Where you got your ideas is the important consideration here. Do not be afraid to present an argument or idea without acknowledgement to another writer, if you have arrived at it entirely independently. Acknowledge it if you have derived it from a source outside your own thinking on the subject.

In short, use of acknowledgements and, when necessary, quotation marks is necessary to distinguish clearly between what is yours and what is not. Since the rules have been explained to you, if you fail to make this distinction, your instructor very likely will do so for you, and they will be forced to regard your omission as intentional literary theft. Plagiarism is a serious offence which may result in a student's receiving an 'F' in a course or, in extreme cases, in their suspension from the University.

MEDICAL ACCOMMODATION

The University recognizes that a student's ability to meet his/her academic responsibilities may, on occasion, be impaired by medical illness. Please go to https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/medical_accommodations_link_for_OOR.pdf to read about the University's policy on medical accommodation. Please go to <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/medicalform.pdf> to download the necessary form. In the event of illness, you should contact Academic Counselling as soon as possible. The Academic Counsellors will determine, in consultation with the student, whether or not accommodation is warranted. They will subsequently contact the instructors in the relevant courses about the accommodation. Once a decision has been made about accommodation, the student should contact his/her instructors to determine a new due date for term tests, assignments, and exams.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact, Rebecca Dashford,
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