

HISTORY 2601E
History of Modern China
Fall/Winter 2021-22
Monday, 12:30-2:30, SSC 3022
Course delivery, synchronous

Instructor: James A. Flath

Office Hours: TBA
Department of History, Office: Lawson Hall 2234
Email: jflath@uwo.ca

This is a draft syllabus. Please see your course OWL site for the final syllabus.

Course Description:

A study of China beginning with the decline of the Ming dynasty (ca 1600), continuing through the rise and fall of the Qing dynasty, and concluding with the rise of modern China in the late-20th century.

Course Syllabus:

'History of Modern China' begins at the point of internal collapse at the end of the Ming dynasty and follows 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 and his immediate successors.

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. By the end of this course the student will understand the fundamentals of Modern Chinese History. They will acquire information literacy. They will learn to critically evaluate historical texts and documents. They will learn to conduct research, construct an argument, and compose a research essay. They will acquire trans-cultural competency.

Course Materials:

Spence, Jonathan. *Search for Modern China*, Third Edition, W.W. Norton and Co, New York, 2012.

Chen, Janet, et al. *The Search for Modern China: A Documentary Collection*, Third Edition, W.W. Norton, 2013.

Rampolla, Mary Lynn. *A Pocket Guide to Writing in History*. Tenth Edition. Bedford/St. Martins, 2021.

Methods of Evaluation:

Late assignments will not be accepted.

1) short assignments	20%	Short assignments are due approximately every two weeks. See below for exact dates and descriptions. (best 10/14)
2) weekly quizzes	20%	(best 20/25)
3) mid-term exam	20%	
4) research essay	20%	(due March 28)
5) final exam	20%	

Accommodation for missed tests/midterms, including Self Reported Absences (SRA):

Students with an approved absence from an in-class test will be required to write a makeup test.

Students should be aware that the make-up test will not necessarily be in the same format, be of the same duration, or cover the same material as the original test.

Online courses will have online makeup tests.

In person classes have scheduled makeup tests scheduled at the following times:

Fall Term

- Tests scheduled before November 1 – the makeup will take place November 8 at 9:30am.
- Tests scheduled between November 2 and December 7 – the makeup will take place December 8 at 9:30pm.

Winter Term

- Tests scheduled before February 19 – the makeup will take place February 28 at 9:30am.
- Tests scheduled between February 20 and March 31 – the makeup will take place April 1 at 12:30pm

No other make-up opportunities will be provided. Students who fail to write a makeup test in the designated time slots will receive a grade of zero.

Course professors may not be available to respond to questions during the makeup test slots.

Students should be aware that when they have submitted an SRA for one test, they are not permitted to write a test or complete an assignment for another course during the period covered by the SRA. Failure to observe this regulation will result in the cancellation of the SRA and the possible application of late penalties.

Accommodation for missed assignment deadlines with a Self Reported Absence:

If a student reports a SRA for an assignment (i.e. an essay) the new due date will be 48 hours after the SRA was submitted.

Additional Statements:

Please review the Department of History Course Must-Knows document,

<https://www.history.uwo.ca/undergraduate/Docs/Department%20of%20History%20Course%20Must-Knows.pdf>,

for additional information regarding:

- Academic Offences
- Accessibility Options
- Medical Issues
- Plagiarism
- Scholastic Offences
- Copyright
- Health and Wellness

DRAFT