

HUMN 3046 HISTORY OF MODERN CHINA TO 1949

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 100507

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Description This Asian history subject is concerned with the transformation of China in a social, political and intellectual context since the late eighteenth century. The subject focuses on China's modern transformation in the first half of the twentieth century and its relevance for contemporary China. The scope is broad, encompassing changes from the last phases of the Qing Dynasty to the Republican era and the rise to power of the Communists in 1949. The approach is issue-oriented, thematic and, where appropriate, chronological.

School Humanities & Comm Arts

Discipline History

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Equivalent Subjects LGYB 0142 - History of Modern China 1850-1949 Reform and Revolution

Restrictions

Successful completion of 60 credit points of study in currently enrolled program.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Explain the relevance of major social, political, and intellectual developments in pre-1949 China to contemporary China;
2. Analyse the relationship between change and continuity, reform and revolution, liberalism and illiberalism, tradition and modernity in the process of change in modern China;
3. Critique the different views of Chinese modernity expressed by statesmen and intellectuals.

Subject Content

The Topics will be based on all or part of the following

1. The 'Century of Humiliation' and its relevance to contemporary China
2. The Qing Empire in Decline: Insularity and Grandeur
3. The Opium Wars
4. Rebellions
5. Wars with France and Japan
6. The 100 Days of Reform
7. The last decade of imperial rule
8. The Xinhai Revolution of 1911
9. The May 4th Movement
10. The Rise of the KMT and CCP
11. The Nanjing Decade
12. The Second Sino-Japanese War and the Xi'an Incident
13. World War II in China and the Civil War

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Presentation	5 mins and 500 words	30	N	Individual	N
Discourse Analysis	The essay will be divided into two equal parts (750 words each). Each part will consist of a "mini-essay" which will analyse one primary source.	30	N	Individual	N
Essay	2,000-2,500 words	40	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

- Subject Reader

Teaching Periods

Spring (2025)

Bankstown City

On-site

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