

# HUMN 3111 HISTORY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 102842

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**Description** This subject is concerned with the historical complexities during the period between the establishment of the People's Republic in 1949 and up to the present day. It will equally focus on the Mao Zedong era (1949-1976) and on the post-1976 period, which saw the adoption and implementation of an "open-door" policy, and the launch of the "Four Modernisations". Due attention will also be paid to the Xi Jinping era (2012-present). We will explore a wide range of social and political issues that have a bearing on China's future as a potential world leader in the twenty-first century.

**School** Humanities & Comm Arts

**Discipline** History

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** HUMN 3074 - Social and Political Developments in Contemporary China

## 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. Analyse the major social, political, and intellectual developments since the establishment of People's Republic of China, especially those which have contemporary relevance.
2. Interpret the relationship between change and continuity, reform and revolution, tradition and modernity over the course of the People Republic of China's existence.
3. Describe the multi-faceted search for modernisation pursued by both statesmen and intellectuals in the People's Republic of China.

## Subject Content

Learning to One Side – Communist rule in the early phase of the People's Republic, 1949-1955  
 The "Hundred Flowers" and "Anti-Rightist" Campaigns, 1956-1957  
 The Great Leap Forward, 1958-1960  
 The Cultural Revolution, 1966-1976  
 The Gang of Four and Hua Guofeng, 1976-1981  
 Origins of the "Reform" and the "Four Modernizations"  
 Social change in the 1980s and the limits of political reform  
 The Tiananmen tragedy, 1989  
 The Jiang Zemin era, 1989-2002  
 The Hu-Wen era, 2002-2012

Taiwan, Macau and Hong Kong since 1997  
 The Xi Jinping era, 2012-present  
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## 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/ Mandatory Group Task
Presentation	5 minutes	20	N	Individual
Quiz	1,000 words	30	N	Individual
Essay	3,000 words	50	N	Individual