

The History of China
MWF 1:00 – 1:50 pm
EEEL 161
Winter Semester 2019
University of Calgary

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Office hours: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. MWF; other hours *on MWF only* by appointment. **Please respect these office hours.**

Course description

This course covers some major intellectual currents in Chinese history from ancient times until a few years ago. It is not a comprehensive treatment of Chinese intellectual history, much less a full survey of Chinese history. A textbook and three short works on Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism will cover varieties of Chinese thought that have influenced Chinese history.

Marking

Marks are assigned according to performance on the midterm, final, and term essay.

Midterm examination	45
Term essay	35
Final examination	20
	100

Final marks are assigned according to the following (admittedly oddball) scale:

A+	90-100
A	85-89
A-	80-84
B+	77-79
B	73-76
B-	70-72
C+	67-69
C	63-66
C-	60-62
D+	56-59
D	50-55
F	1-49

The examinations will assess your knowledge of the material covered in class lectures

and in assigned readings. Examination review sheets will be distributed about one week prior to each examination. Before each examination you should review your lecture notes *and* the assigned readings. Not everything in the examinations will come from the lectures; a good portion of the examination will be drawn directly from assigned readings.

The term essay is to be six to eight pages in length (double spaced, twelve-point print, around 1500 to 2000 words) and should be written with an introduction (including an obvious thesis statement), a body, and a conclusion. You should use at least *three* sources in your essay, and your essay should have a bibliography of these sources at the end. Any of the three required readings may be used as sources in your term essay, but *please note that all encyclopaedia articles and textbooks, including the one for this course, are unacceptable. The term essay is due on 3 April 2019.*

Plagiarism on term papers and cheating on tests are serious academic offences. On this be certain to read “Statement on Principles of Conduct” in the 2018-2019 University of Calgary Calendar: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>

Textbook

David Curtis Wright, *The History of China*, Second Edition (main textbook)

Required reading

Confucius, *The Analects*

Laozi (Lao-tzu), *Tao Te Ching (Daode Jing)*

The Essential Lotus: Selections from the Lotus Sutra

Lecture topics and assigned readings

N.B. These assigned topics, readings, and dates are *tentative* and subject to change as class needs and requirements dictate. Outlines for the lectures will be available at Bound and Copied; please bring them to class.

January

- 11 Course introduction
- 14 Xia and Shang dynasties; Wright 1-15
- 16 Zhou dynasty; Wright 17-43
- 18 Confucianism; Confucius (complete)
- 21 Confucianism (cont'd.)
- 23 Taoism; Laozi (complete)
- 25 Taoism, religious and popular
- 28 Legalism, Mohism
- 30 Minor schools of thought

February

- 1 Pre-imperial medical thought
- 4 Qin and Han dynasties; Wright 45-66
- 6 Han medical thought
- 8 Period of Division; Wright 60-66
- 11 Buddhism
- 13 Buddhism in China; Lotus Sutra (complete)
- 15 Tang dynasty
- 18 *Winter break; no class meeting*
- 20 *Winter break; no class meeting*
- 22 *Winter break; no class meeting*

- 25 Song dynasty
- 27 The Tang-Song transition; Wright 73-87

March

- 1 **Midterm examination**
- 4 How to write a term paper
- 6 The Mongol world empire
- 8 The Yuan dynasty
- 11 Neo-Confucianism
- 13 Ming dynasty; Wright 87-91
- 15 Qing dynasty; Wright, 91-98
- 18 Qing evidential scholarship
- 20 China's encounter with Christianity: The Jesuits
- 22 China's encounter with Christianity (doctrinal)
- 25 The "Century of Humiliation," 1839-1949; Wright, 99-128
- 27 The May Fourth era and China's encounter with Marxism; Wright, 129-144
- 29 The May Fourth Era (cont'd.)

April

- 1 The first decade of the People's Republic of China; Wright, 145-162
- 3 ***Term essay due***
The Cultural Revolution; Wright 162-179
- 5 Post-Mao China and Deng's reforms; Wright 181-279
- 8 The Tiananmen Square Massacre
- 10 ***Term essay handed back***

Jiang Zemin and Hu Jintao

- 12 The Great Leap Backward: Xi Jinping, strongman rule, and resurgent party-state totalitarianism

Final examination time and place to be announced.

Important Departmental, Faculty, and University Information

Attention history majors: History 300 is a required course for all history majors. You should normally take it in your second year.

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Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources:

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Arts Students Centre (ASC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at Social Sciences 102, call 403-220-3580, or email artsads@ucalgary.ca. For detailed information on common academic concerns, you can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate>.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Arts Students Centre (ASC) in SS 102, call 403-220-3580, email artsads@ucalgary.ca, or visit <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/advising>.
- For registration issues, paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK (7625), visit the office in the MacKimmie Library Block (MLB) or their website at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/>.

Writing:

This course will include written assignments. Faculty policy directs that all written assignments (including, although to a lesser extent, written exam responses) will be assessed at least partly on writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization. Research papers must be properly documented.

Writing Support:

Students are also encouraged to use Writing Support Services and other Student Success Centre Services, located on the 3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library (TFDL). Writing Support Services assist with a variety of assignments, from essays to lab reports. Students can book 30-minute one-on-one appointments online, sign up for 15-minute drop-in appointments, and register for a variety of writing workshops. For more information on this and other Student Success Centre services, please visit www.ucalgary.ca/ssc.

Copyright:

The University of Calgary has opted out of the Access Copyright Interim Tariff proposed by the Copyright Board. This means that instructors in all University of Calgary courses will strictly adhere to Copyright Act regulations and the educational exceptions permitted by the Act for both print and digital course material. What this simply means is that no copyrighted material may be placed on course D2L or web sites without the prior permission of the copyright holders. In some cases, this may mean that instructors will require you to purchase a print course pack from the University of Calgary bookstore or that you will have to consult books on reserve at the library. For more information on the University of Calgary's copyright policy, see <http://library.ucalgary.ca/copyright>.

Red Box Policy:

Essays and other assignments may be handed in to the red box located outside of the History Department office (Social Sciences, Room 656). Please include the following information on your assignment: 1) **course name and number**, 2) **instructor**, 3) **your name** and 4) **your student number**. Assignments received after 4:00 p.m. will be date stamped with the date of the next business day. We do not time stamp any papers. Please do not bring your paper into the office to be stamped. The box is emptied promptly at 8:30 a.m. and at 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Departmental Grading System:

The following percentage-to-letter grade conversion scheme has been adopted for use in all Canadian Studies, History, and Latin American Studies courses.

Percentage	Letter Grade	Grade Point Value	Description
90-100	A+	4.00	Outstanding
85-89	A	4.00	Excellent—superior performance showing comprehensive understanding of subject matter.
80-84	A-	3.70	
77-79	B+	3.30	
73-76	B	3.00	Good—clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete.
70-72	B-	2.70	
67-69	C+	2.30	

Percentage	Letter Grade	Grade Point Value	Description
63–66	C	2.00	Satisfactory—basic understanding of the subject matter.
60–62	C–	1.70	Receipt of a grade point average of 1.70 may not be sufficient for promotion or graduation.
56–59	D+	1.30	Minimal pass—marginal performance; generally insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject.
50–55	D	1.00	
0–49	F	0	Fail—unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet course requirements.

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism occurs when one submits or presents one's work in a course, or ideas and/or passages in a written piece of work, as if it were one's own work done expressly for that particular course, when, in fact, it is not. As noted in *The History Student's Handbook*

(http://hist.ucalgary.ca/sites/hist.ucalgary.ca/files/history_students_handbook_2015.pdf),

plagiarism may take several forms:

- Failure to cite sources properly may be considered plagiarism. This could include quotations, and wording used from another source but not acknowledged.
- Borrowed, purchased, and/or ghostwritten papers are considered plagiarism, as is submitting one's own work for more than one course without the permission of the instructor(s) involved.
- Extensive paraphrasing of one or a few sources is also considered plagiarism, even when notes are used, unless the essay is a critical analysis of those works.
- The use of notes does not justify the sustained presentation of another author's language and ideas as one's own.

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence and written work that appears to contain plagiarized passages will not be graded. All such work will be reported to the Faculty of Arts' associate deans of students who will apply the penalties specified in the *University of Calgary Calendar*.

Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI):

At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses (www.ucalgary.ca/usri). Your responses

make a difference. Please participate in USRI surveys.

Academic Accommodations (implemented July 1, 2015):

The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy.

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the course instructor.

Campus Resources for Mental Health:

The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the excellent mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the SU Wellness Centre (Room 370, MacEwan Student Centre, <https://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/services/mental-health-services>) and the Campus Mental Health Strategy website (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/>).

Other Useful Information:

- Faculty of Arts Representatives: 403-220-6551, arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca.
- Campus Security & Safewalk: 403-220-5333, <http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk>.
- Freedom of Information: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip/foip-hia>.
- Emergency Evacuation Assembly Points: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>.
- Student Union Information: <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/>.
- Graduate Student Association: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/gsa/>.
- Student Ombudsman Office: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>
- Registration Changes and Exemption Requests: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/appeals>.