

HIS 277 China's Rise (SP2020)
MWF 10-10:50am, HSSC 2112
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China's Rise

This course addresses and evaluates China's rise

**This is the main collection of primary sources that will be used for class discussions and to help you acquire the analytical skills of a historian.*

b. Supplemental readings will be available as PDFs (marked by @)

c. Recommended readings:

Melvyn C. Goldstein. *The Snow Lion and the Dragon: China, Tibet, and the Dalai Lama*

Kang Zhengguo (Author) and Susan Wilf (Translator). *Confessions: An Innocent Life in Communist China*

d. Films and documentaries (excerpts will be shown before and during classes)

Requirements:

Attendance and Participation (25%): You are expected to attend class and participate actively throughout the semester. Lectures and discussions are essential to learning in this class. All readings are to be completed prior to the class period for which they have been assigned. You should come to class prepared to discuss them in detail, with questions and points for discussion prepared. Attendance (5%) will be taken at every meeting (after drop/add period). Participation (20%) includes taking part in discussions, completing assignments, and other learning activities associated with the class. Attendance will also affect participation grade.

Discussion Board (5%): On assigned dates you are responsible for posting reading and discussion questions for the class. ***For more information, see Assignment Sheet (under Assignment on PWeb).***

Guided Response Papers (30%): you will write a total of 3 (1-1.5 page, single-spaced) short response paper that critically engages with the argument of the lectures and the collective arguments of class discussions. A detailed prompt will be given on how to complete these before each assignment date. ***For more information, see Assignment Sheet (under Adise 5e26.27 0 Td(-)Tj-0.004 Tc***

during the semester. If you have 3 or more absences (regardless of reasons,) you will incur deduction of attendance grade. You are encouraged to come to talk to me about ways to make up for absences if you have legitimate reasons to miss more than 2 classes. Everyone is allowed 1 extensions of 24 hours on 1 writing assignments without penalty. If you have 2 or more late submissions (regardless of reasons) you will incur grade deduction on the assignment depending on the amount of time lapsed. You are encouraged to come to talk to me about ways to make up for the grade.

Laptop and tablet use:

I believe that great discussions are facted by everyone’s full attention inding eye contac For this reason, laptops and other electronic devices are discouraged. However, there are many good reasons to use laptops to facilitate learning. If you intend to use a laptop regularly or occasionally, please be mindful of the potential disruptive effect. If I find that you are using your devise in ways that are distracting for you or the class I may ask you to put it away.

Schedule

Online readings marked by @

**The reading assignments are subject to change*

Date	Topic and Activity	Assignments
1/22 W	Introduction	Syllabus @
	<i>Section I</i>	
1/24 F	The meaning of “China’s Rise”: A Historical View	Pu, “Controversial Identity of a Rising China” @
1/27 M	Key Issues in the Long View	“Approaches to Chinese History” @
1/29 W	The Last Empire	Crossly 21-38; 44-51; 66-9
1/31 F	The Manchu Conquest	Chen, 19-32
2/3 M	Society and Governance	Chen 42-63

Date	Topic and Activity	Assignments
2/5 W	China's Clash with the West	Chen, 77-93 SKIM: Crossley, 70-97
2/7 F	The War on Drugs	Chen, 94-110 *First Primary Source Analysis due on Sunday evening 2/9
	<i>Section II.</i>	
2/10 M	The Last Restoration	Crossley, 100-28 Chen 114-8, 153-4
2/12 W	Self-Strengthening Movement	Chen 134-52
2/14 F	Fall of the Empire	Crossley, 133-54
2/17 M	Revolutions	Chen 179-200, 155-8, 164-7
2/19 W	The New Culture Movement	Crossley, 155-76
2/21 F	May Fourth Discussion	Chen, 203-8, 219-30, 239-43 231 (intro section of 13.4-5)
	<i>Section III.</i>	*First response paper due Monday evening 2/25
2/24 M	Republic of China and Western Liberalism	Manela, <i>The Wilsonian Moment</i> (Intro)@
2/26 W	KMT and CCP	Crossly, 180-97
2/28 F	The Nanjing Decade	Chen, 269-296

Date	Topic and Activity	Assignments
3/2 M	China in World War II	Crossley, 198-206 Chen, 318-39
3/4 W	Resistance and Civil War	Chen, 342-4, 347-62
	<i>Section IV.</i>	
3/6 F	The World of Mao Zedong	Karl, <i>Mao Zedong and Twentieth Century China</i> @
3/9 M	Mao and the Founding of the PRC	Chen, 364-72 Mao 1927@
3/11 W	Early Years of the PRC	Crossley, 207-28
3/13 F	Reforming Society	Chen, 373-80, 398-411 *Second Primary Source Analysis due on Saturday evening, 3/30
3/16-27	<i>Spring Break</i>	
3/30 M	The Great Leap Forward	Shapiro, <i>Mao's War Against Nature</i> @ Chen, 422-36

