This course surveys the emergence of modern China from the nineteenth century to the present, covering the Qing dynasty, the Republic (1912-49), and the People's Republic (since 1949). Beginning with a review of the intellectual, economic, and sociopolitical traditions in imperial China, it examines the rise of nationalism and the challenge of modernization in the midst of dynastic decline and foreign threats in the nineteenth century. Its coverage of the twentieth century emphasizes the struggles between the Nationalists and Communists for making a modern state and their experiments of contrasting political schemes. Finally, the course examines recent changes in the post-Mao era, focusing on economic and political reforms as well as China's ongoing integration into the global system.

Required Readings


Grading

Mid-term: 30%, on Friday, July 22, 2:30-4:00 pm.
Final exam: 40%, on Monday, August 15, 7:00–10:00 pm.
Class participation: 10%
Term paper: 20%, due Friday 8/12.

Note: 1) Class participation is based primarily on your attendance. You are allowed three unexcused absences. Each additional unexcused absence will lower your final grade by one percent (up to 10 percent).

2) Plus/minus grades will be assigned for the final grade.

3) Any student with a documented disability who requires academic accommodations should contact Services for Students with Disabilities at 471-6259 (voice) or 1-866-329-3986 (Video Phone) as soon as possible to request an official letter outlining authorized accommodations.

Schedule

**WEEK 1. TRADITIONAL ORDER**

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Readings for the week:
Modernization and Revolution in China, Ch. 1-2;
Dragon Lady, Prologue and Ch. 1-12.

WEEK 2. THE RISE OF NATIONALISM

Mon  July 18  The making of a “treaty system”
Tue  July 19  Reactions to the West
Wed  July 20  Late Qing Reform
Thu  July 21  The Revolution of 1911
Fri  July 22  Midterm Exam

Readings for the week:
Modernization and Revolution in China, Ch. 3-4;
Dragon Lady, Ch. 13-26 and Epilogue.

WEEK 3. THE MAKING OF A MODERN STATE

Mon  July 25  The Republican state
Tue  July 26  Mao and Chinese Communism
Wed  July 27  Video: “China in Revolution” (I)
Thu  July 28  The Communist Revolution
Fri  July 29  Video: “China in Revolution” (II)

Readings for the week:
Modernization and Revolution in China, Ch. 5-6;
Red Star Over China, whole text.

WEEK 4. CHINA UNDER SOCIALISM

Mon  Aug 1  Transition to socialism
Tue  Aug 2  Great Leap Forward
Wed  Aug 3  Cultural Revolution (I)
Thu  Aug 4  Cultural Revolution (II)
Fri  Aug 5  Video: “The Mao Years”

Readings: Modernization and Revolution in China, Ch. 7-9;
Village China under Socialism and Reform, Ch. 1-10.

WEEK 5. THE REFORM ERA

Mon  Aug 8  Deng Xiaoping and his reforms
Tue  Aug 9  Limited political reforms
Thu  Aug 11  The economic miracle
Fri  Aug 12  Post-Deng China

Readings for the week:
Modernization and Revolution in China, Ch. 10-12;
Village China under Socialism and Reform, Ch. 11-14;
China Road, whole text.

Mon  Aug 15  Final exam (7:00–10:00 pm)