

History 5433
INTRODUCTION TO MODERN CHINA
Dr. Goldstein

Fall Semester 2009
August 19-Dec. 2, 2009
Wednesday 5:30-8 PM
Biology Bldg. Rm. 144

LEARNING OUTCOMES AND MAJOR TOPICS YOU WILL BECOME FAMILIAR WITH BY THE END OF THIS COURSE

The primary objective of this course is to provide students with an understanding of the principle forces and personalities which have shaped modern China. The approach will be both chronological and conceptual. That is, while the presentation of material will be within a chronological framework, emphasis will be on analysis and discussion of major conceptual problems of Chinese historical development, culture, modernization, imperialism, revolution, and peasant nationalism. By the end of the course you should be able to understand contemporary China through an awareness of those forces and circumstances which brought that country to this point. Lectures and discussions will focus on relevance: an understanding of concepts and events that will facilitate greater knowledge of China today.

Additionally, this course should help you understand many societies apart from modern China. You will be considering broad themes of historical development, such as the role of the individual in history and the functions of climate, geography, religion, agriculture, and economics. Most importantly, through take-home and in-class written assignments plus class discussion, you will be critically analyzing both primary and secondary source material. This analytical skill is vital for understanding the development of any society.

Graduate students taking History 5433 are receiving higher credit for taking this course, that is to say graduate rather than undergraduate credit, than are undergraduates. Therefore graduate students taking History 5433 will have a much harder and longer midterm exam and a much harder and longer final exam than undergraduate students taking History 4433. Graduate students will also have much stiffer requirements for their critical book review than will undergraduates. Those are the very significant differences between History 4433 and 5433.

COURSE ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE

The scheduled class meetings will be given over to exams, lectures, and discussion. Since we only meet once a week, it is most important that everyone attend each class session.

Topically, the course will be divided into three main parts:

- (1) Imperial China up to 1911 [including Macao and Hong Kong];
- (2) From Monarchy to Warlordism; Republican and Communist China, 1911-49; and

(3) Republican and Communist China, 1949-2009

Approximately equal time will be devoted to each part. A detailed assignment and schedule sheet will be distributed. Assignments should be read by the night for which they are assigned. Notes should be taken on all homework readings, and these notes, along with questions of them, should be brought to class.

GRADING POLICIES

There will be one hour examination during the course of the term and a final examination at the end of the semester. These examinations will cover all lecture material plus the assigned readings. The exact date, scope, and form of the exams will be announced at the appropriate time. Readings are due on the exact dates they are assigned.

Each student must do a critical book review, details to be provided. Grades will be determined as follows:

Midterm.....	25%
Reading Quizzes and other miscellaneous assignments.....	25%
Final Exam	25%
Critical book review.....	25%

Unannounced quizzes based on assigned readings are possible at any time. Consistent with college regulations, graduating seniors will not be obligated to take the final exam in this course. Please let the professor know at least one week before the last day of class if you do not wish to take the final exam. In that case, your grade will then be the average of all other grades calculated as: midterm 33%, critical book review 33%, and quiz average 33%. For all other students, grades will be calculated as midterm 25%, term paper 25%, quiz average 25%, and final exam 25%.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Fairbank, John K., and Goldman, Merle. China, A New History. (Second Enlarged Paperback edition)[hereinafter referred to as "F & G"]

Buck, Pearl. The Good Earth. (Paperback)

Pruitt, Ida. A Daughter of Han. The Autobiography of a Chinese Working Woman (Paperback)

There also will be a number of xeroxed handouts distributed during the course for which you are responsible. IF YOU ARE ABSENT IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THE PROFESSOR DURING HIS OFFICE HOURS TO GET THESE MATERIALS.

ATTENDANCE/DISRUPTION OF CLASS/PLAGIARISM POLICIES

1. Regular Class Meetings. Attendance will be taken. Since we have only once-a-week class meetings it is most important that everyone attend each class session. **Any more than two absences will be grounds for dismissal from class.** Two latenesses equals one absence. Leaving class at the break is also the equivalent to an entire cut. Disruption of the class and plagiarism are also grounds for dismissal from class. It should be made very clear that (a) students are responsible for all material presented in class, (b) examinations will be based substantially on this material, (c) a positive attitude shown by absence of cuts and lateness can work to raise a student's

letter grade in borderline grading situations.

2. Attendance at all announced examinations is required. Except under very exceptional circumstances, make-ups will not be allowed unless the student is excused before the regular exam time for legitimate reasons.

CELL PHONE ETIQUETTE AND OTHER COURTESIES

Out of courtesy to those students trying hard to concentrate please refrain from smoking, drinking, eating, chewing, and nail clipping and polishing in class. Please do not bring children to class. **Please do not bring cell phones, audible pagers, or alarm watches to class.** It is not sufficient to say “Oh, I’m sorry, I forgot to turn it off.” The student in front of you, behind you, or next to you may be on probation and must do well in this course. It is therefore essential that we have a positive learning environment in the classroom.

OFFICE HOURS

My office is Room 3207 of the TELC building. Office hours will be held immediately after class on Wednesday from 8:05 to 9 PM, on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:50 to 6 :00 p.m, and by appointment. Students who have questions, who are concerned about their performance in class or on tests, or would like to simply to confer over coffee should take it upon themselves to see the professor in his office. It is always wise to schedule an appointment in advance to avoid disappointment in case other students are line ahead of you. If you have any problems or questions please do not hesitate to come by or to telephone during regular office hours at 678-839-6034 or 678-839-6508 (leave message). **Please do not try to confer with the Professor immediately before class, when he is engaged in such tasks as putting material on the chalkboard, distributing hand-outs and quizzes, and setting up audio-visual equipment.**

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Modern Japan (Spring Semester 2010)

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE. Detailed instructions for the critical book review will be distributed on the first day of class. Assignments should be read for the day for which they are assigned. Unannounced reading quizzes are possible. The readings are :

Fairbank and Goldman, China. [F & G]

Buck, The Good Earth

Pruitt, Daughter of Han

IMPERIAL CHINA UP TO 1911

August 19 Mechanics of the Course
Geology, Geography, Archaeology, Ethnicity of China
Library Orientation

August 26 Take home geography quiz due before class, as you walk into class ;
F&G, pp. 1-45 ; Early Chinese Traditions and Culture

Sept. 2 Titles for book review due before class ; F&G, pp. 46-87 ;

Han, Tang, Sung[Song], Mongol[Yuan], Ming Empires

Sept. 9 Han, Tang, Sung [Song], Mongol [Yuan], Ming Empires
[continued] ; F&G, pp. 88-142..

Sept. 16 Traditional China at its Height under the Qing [Manchu] Dynasty, F&G,
pp. 143-86.

Sept. 23 Invasion and Rebellion in Nineteenth Century China, F&G pp. 187-
216 ; The Canton System ;The First Treaty Settlement

Sept. 30 China's Response to the West ; F&G pp.217-34

Oct. 7 **MIDTERM EXAM**

**FROM MONARCHY TO WARLORDISM; REPUBLICAN AND
COMMUNIST CHINA, 1911-1949**

Oct. 14 Imperialist Encroachment on China ; The Republican Revolution of October
10, 1911 ; F&G pp. 235-93 ; The Good Earth; Sino-Japanese War ; Boxer
Rebellion ; Russo-Japanese War

Oct. 21 NO CLASS—DR. GOLDSTEIN WILL BE AWAY ON OFFICIAL UWG
BUSINESS

Oct. 28 From Monarchy to Warlordism [con'd] F&G, pp. 294-311; Daughter of
Han

Nov. 4 From Monarchy to Warlordism [con'd] F&G, pp. 312-330 ; The Kuomintang
[Guomindang]'s Rise to Power 1917-28 World War One; The May Fourth
Movement; The Nanking (Nanjing) Government Period and the "Abortive
Revolution" of 1928-37 The Decline of Nationalist China; Rise of China Communist
Party ; Japan's Aggression in China ; Sino-American Relations in World War Two ;
End of World War Two in the Pacific..

REPUBLICAN AND COMMUNIST CHINA, 1949-2009

Nov. 11 **BOOK REVIEWS DUE BEFORE CLASS** ; The Civil War, the
Communist Takeover and Transformation of China, October 1,1949 ; The Great Leap
Forward and the Cultural Revolution ; The Republic of China on Taiwan, 1949-
2009 ; F&G, pp. 331-405.

Nov. 18 The Civil War, the Communist Takeover and Transformation of China,
October 1,1949 ; The Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution ; The
Republic of China on Taiwan, 1949-2009 [con'd] ; Review F&G, pp. 331-405.

Nov. 25 NO CLASS—THANKSGIVING RECESS

Dec. 2 ; Contemporary China : The Post-Mao Reform Era, F&G, pp, 406-69.
LAST DAY OF CLASS

PLEASE FILL IN IN CAPITAL LETTERS, TYPED OR IN INK:

YOURLASTNAME_____FIRSTNAME_____

BOOK TITLE [due before class Wednesday, September 2 typed or in ink]:

TITLE OF BOOK_____

FULL NAME OF AUTHOR [last, first]_____

FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER_____

PLACE OF PUBLICATION_____

COPYRIGHT DATE_____

ONLY BOOKS FROM THE APPROVED LIST DISTRIBUTED IN CLASS ARE ACCEPTABLE FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT.