

HTST 209
The History of China
EDC 179
Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Winter Semester 2010
University of Calgary

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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. Three textbooks 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	30
Term essay	35
Final examination	35

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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, 12 point print B 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. *One* of the sources may

be from the course textbooks, and **one** source may be from the internet, but you should use at least one other book or scholarly article you have located yourself. *Please note that encyclopaedia articles and textbooks other than the ones assigned for this course are unacceptable.* You may use any note style you prefer as long as you are consistent. **The term essay is due 8 April 2010.** Be certain to read the section on AStudent Misconduct@ on pages 49-50 of the 2009-2010 *University of Calgary Calendar*. ***Blatant plagiarism on student papers will result in a failing mark for the entire course. This also applies for cheating on examinations.***

Textbooks

David C. Wright, *The History of China*
 Frederick W. Mote, *Intellectual Foundations of China*, Second Edition
 Arthur F. Wright, *Buddhism in Chinese History*

Books on reserve

Several basic books that may be useful to you in preparation of your essay are on one-hour reserve in the library. You may use books on reserve for this class or for HTST 315.

Wing-tsit Chan, *A Source Book in Chinese Philosophy*
 Klenneth Ch=en, *Buddhism in China*
 Sima Qian (Burton Watson, translator), *Records of the Grand Historian*
 Benjamin Schwarz, *The World of Thought in Ancient China*
 William Theodore deBary, *Sources of Chinese Tradition*
 Arthur Waley, *Three Ways of Thought in Ancient China*
 Arthur Wright, *Buddhism in Chinese History*
 Arthur Wright, ed., *The Confucian Persuasion*
 Arthur Wright and Denis Twitchett, eds., *Confucian Personalities*
 Arthur Wright and Denis Twitchett, eds., *Perspectives on the T=ang*
 John K. Fairbank, ed., *The Cambridge History of China*, volume 14
 Dr. Li Zhisui, *The Private Life of Chairman Mao*
 Mao Tse-tung, *Selected Works of Mao Tse-tung*
 Edgar Snow, *Red Star Over China*
 Lyman Van Slyke, ed., *The China White Paper**

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. “A. Wright” refers to Arthur Wright, *Buddhism in Chinese History*; “D. Wright” refers to David C. Wright, *The History of China*.

January

- 12 Course introduction
- 14 Xia, Shang, and Zhou dynasties; Mote, 1-25; D. Wright, 1-43
- 19 Films: “China: Beginnings,@ AMandate of Heaven”
- 21 Confucianism; Mote, 26-76
- 26 Taoism; Mote, 26-76
- 28 Legalism, Mohism, other schools; Mote, 77-114

February

- 2 Pre-imperial medical and military thought
- 4 Qin and Han dynasties; D. Wright, 45-66
- 9 Sima Qian; Han cosmology
- 11 Han medical and military thought
- 16 “Reading week”; no class meeting
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- 23 Division; Sui and Tang dynasties; D. Wright, 67-73

25 **Midterm examination**

March

- 2 Buddhism; A. Wright (complete)
- 4 Buddhism (continued)
- 9 Tang medical and military thought

- 11 Song and Yuan dynasties; D. Wright, 73-87
- 16 Neo-Confucianism
- 18 Song medical and military thought
- 23 Ming and Qing dynasties; D. Wright, 87-97
- 25 Qing evidential scholarship; China=s encounter with Christianity
- 30 The tumultuous nineteenth century; D. Wright, 99-113

April

- 6 Revolution, republic, and invasion; D. Wright, 115-128
- 8 **Term essay due**
The May Fourth era and China=s encounter with Marxism; D. Wright, 128-141
- 13 The People=s Republic of China; D. Wright, 143-204
- 15 The People=s Republic; where is the revolution now?

Final examination time (registrar scheduled) and place to be announced