

**Division of Humanities
Final Course Syllabus**

Course Code: HUMA 1420
Course Title: IMPERIAL CHINA FROM YUAN TO QING
Course Offered in: Fall 2019
Course Instructor: DR. VENUS VIANA

Course Description: This course offers a history of imperial China in Yuan, Ming and Qing dynasties with particular emphasis on the Qing Dynasty. Our emphasis lay on the socio-economic and political history of the dynasties with less discussion on military and war history. While looking at the differences of various aspects between the dynasties, the course takes the similarities and continuity into account. As the agricultural economy including the international trade of agricultural goods and the mobilization of people changed along with the climate, and factors outside China, new social and economic arrangements were made to the lives of the people and “the world became global, and with it, China.” (William Rowe, 2010, 2)

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs):

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	This course helps students build various skills including:
1.	The understanding of China’s process to globalization from a historical perspective.
2.	The ability of read and understand historical accounts and relate them to current political and social affairs.
3.	The ability of explain with clarity about the past.

Planned Assessment Tasks:

Midterm examination:	20 %
Final examination:	50 %
Assignment:	10 %
Tutorial Presentation:	10 %
Tutorial Participation:	10 %

Course Outline:

Week	
1	Introduction to the course; What is history?

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2	The Dragon; The Scale Required reading: T Brook, chapters 1, 2
3	The Nine Sloughs; Kan and Emperor Required reading: T Brook, chapters 3, 4
4	Economy and Ecology; Families Required reading: T Brook, chapters 5, 6
5	The Business of Things; The South China Sea Required reading: T Brook, chapters 8, 9
6	The collapse of a dynasty and the rise of another Required reading: T Brook, chapter 10
7	Special topic: Smuggling in the 1500s and the Rise and Fall of Macau
8	The rise and splendor of the Qing Dynasty; The Decline of the Qing Dynasty Required reading: W. Rowe, chapters 1, 2, 3
9	Mid-term exam (Covers readings in weeks 2-6)
10	The Canton System and the Opium War Required reading: W. Rowe, chapters 4, 5
11	The Taiping Rebellion and the Foreigners Required reading: chapters 6, 7
12	Reform and Revolution Required reading: W. Rowe: chapters 8, 9, 10
13	Buffer: Completing unfinished lecture(s) or special issues or revision The Final Exam covers all the required readings

Required Readings:

Timothy Brook, *The Troubled Empire: China in The Yuan and Ming Dynasties* (Cambridge, Mass.: The Balknap Press, 2010)

Immanuel Hsu, *The Rise of Modern China*, 6th edition (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000)

William Rowe, *China's Last Empire: The Great Qing* (Cambridge, Mass.: Balknap Press, 2009)

*The list of supplementary readings will be provided in class