

ChinaX

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Course Overview

Modern China presents a dual image: a society transforming itself through economic development and infrastructure investment that aspires to global leadership; and the world's largest and oldest bureaucratic state, with multiple traditions in its cultural, economic, and political life. The modern society and state that is emerging in China bears the indelible imprint of China's historical experience, of its patterns of philosophy and religion, and of its social and political thought. These themes are discussed in order to understand China in the twenty-first century and as a great world civilization that developed along lines different from those of the Mediterranean.

The modern period of ChinaX explores China's transformation from empire to nation; its dramatic encounter with the era of imperialism; the rise of alternative models for a modern China; and the prospects for Chinese leadership in the 21st century.

ChinaX makes the riches of Harvard's collections and the expertise of its faculty accessible to learners worldwide. We will engage intellectual and religious trends, material and political culture, the local diversity and the national unity, art and literature, and China's economic and political transformation— past, present and future.

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Time and Location

Every Thursday (EDT), a module can be viewed online worldwide.

Course Organization and Content

ChinaX is organized into ten "Mini-Courses" that span over 6,000 years of history. Each mini-course consists of 4 to 8 weekly "modules," each with videos, readings, interactive engagements, assessments, and discussion forums. The course offers you the opportunity to gain a more comprehensive understanding of China's past, present and future. You will have access to reading materials, including primary sources, journal articles, images, interactive maps, as well as Harvard Business School cases. The course will also take you on virtual "Field Trips," where you will have the opportunity to meet Chinese entrepreneurs, artists, administrators, among others, as they give you on-the-ground perspectives on such topics as infrastructure, higher education, agriculture and the environment.

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ChinaX consists of ten “Mini-Courses”:

- *SW12.1x: China (Part 1): The Political and Intellectual Foundations of China*
(Start date: Anytime, Self-Paced; End date: March, 2015)
- *SW12.2x: China (Part 2): The Creation and End of a Centralized Empire*
(Start date: Anytime, Self-Paced; End date: March, 2015)
- *SW12.3x: China (Part 3): Cosmopolitan Tang: Aristocratic Culture*
(Start date: Anytime, Self-Paced; End date: March, 2015)
- *SW12.4x: China (Part 4): A New National Culture*
(Start date: Anytime, Self-Paced; End date: March, 2015)
- *SW12.5x: China (Part 5): From Global Empire to Global Economy*
(Start date: Anytime, Self-Paced; End date: March, 2015)
- *SW12.6x: China (Part 6): The Manchus and the Qing*
(Start date: Anytime, Self-Paced; End date: March, 2015)
- *SW12.7x: China (Part 7): Invasions, Rebellions, and the End of Imperial China*
(Start date: Anytime, Self-Paced; End date: March, 2015)
- *SW12.8x: China (Part 8): Creating Modern China: The Birth of a Nation*
(Anytime, Self-Paced; End date: March, 2015)
- *SW12.9x: China (Part 9): Communist Liberations*
(Start date: Anytime, Self-Paced; End date: March, 2015)
- *SW12.10x: China (Part 10): Greater China Today: The People's Republic, Taiwan, and Hong Kong*
(Start date: Jan 8, 2015; End date: March, 2015)

* Please note, dates are subject to change.

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Earning Certificates of Achievements

Learners that aim to earn an honor code certificate of achievement for each mini-course must receive an overall score of 75% or higher to qualify as a passing grade. All required activities must be completed by March 9, 2015. Each mini-course will remain open until the end of ChinaX. Certificates are issued shortly after each mini-course.

Learners that aim to earn a verified certificate of achievement for each mini-course must sign-up by the end of each mini-course and receive an overall score of 75% or higher to qualify as a passing grade by March 9, 2015. Please note, verified certificates are only issued for the Modern Part of ChinaX (Parts 7-10).

Learners may audit (no cost); try for an honor code certificate (no cost); or pursue a verified certificate (\$90 fee required). Please reference the registration page for more information on the different ways to participate.

ChinaX is also an xSeries. For more information, please reference the ChinaX xSeries page (<https://www.edx.org/xseries/chinax>).