



The Chinese University of Hong Kong
University Core Courses on China
“Understanding China” (UGCP1001)
“Hong Kong in Wider Constitutional Order” (UGCP1002)

Introduction

All undergraduate students are required to take two one-unit online courses on China as part of the University’s Core Curriculum: UGCP1001 “Understanding China” and UGCP1002 “Hong Kong in the Wider Constitutional Order”.

UGCP1001 “Understanding China”

The history of China is both rich and complex, as is its development in the modern era. The growing influence of China on the world stage, as one of the largest economies, a prominent player in international relations, and a major centre for knowledge creation, highlights the need for an integrated and multi-disciplinary understanding of its past and present. This course brings together several perspectives on China in addressing the following topics: cultural and intellectual roots, epochal events in history, modernisation and social change, economic development, and science and technology.

UGCP1002 “Hong Kong in the Wider Constitutional Order”

This course views the overall development of Hong Kong from the perspectives of the nation and the wider constitutional order in China. It highlights the interlocking relations between law, national security and national development in the context of state capacity building in modern Chinese history, and introduces the fundamental constitutional principles underlying the One-Country-Two-Systems framework, the Basic Law of Hong Kong, and the Hong Kong National Security Law.

Recommended Study Pattern

Students can take the two courses in any year of study, but are encouraged to complete them in their first two years of study. It is recommended that students complete UGCP1001 before taking UGCP1002, to better understand different perspectives of China.

The two courses are offered every term in each academic year. As limited class quotas are available in the University Summer Session, students are advised to plan early for enrollment.

Course Arrangement

The video lectures and online assignments will be uploaded to Blackboard, the learning platform of CUHK, in sequence. While students enrolled in the two courses can view the uploaded video lectures at any time, the online assignments must be completed within the specified period. An in-person examination based on the video lectures and required readings will be conducted during the centralized examination period for each course. To fulfill one of the prerequisites for a distinction grade, students are required to participate in at least one talk of the “In Dialogue with China” Talk Series or an “In Dialogue with China” study trip. Please refer to the two course outlines posted on Blackboard for more information.

Enquiry

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