School of Humanities and Languages

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1. Course Staff and Contact Details

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2. Course Details

Units of Credit (UoC) 6

Course Description
This course engages with key ideas and issues in Chinese Studies. It also re-visions areas that have been covered in lower level subjects. These include Chinese language studies, literature, film, media, translation, anthropology and gender studies. Students are encouraged to reflect upon, sometimes with a different perspective, review and use the knowledge and language competence acquired from these areas of study and consider how they can utilize them for their academic or career futures. They will gain a more theoretical and historical perspective on China and Chinese Studies. The learning will be facilitated by a range of activities including group research projects, oral presentations and essay writing. Through the course, students are: to reflect on the contexts, methods and histories in which Chinese Studies has been approached; to gain an informed understanding of the key issues and debates about contemporary and historical China; to review and update scholarship on Chinese Studies from an informed, critical and interdisciplinary perspective.

Learning Outcomes
1. upon completing the course, students will develop the ability to: engage in independent and reflective learning and research, utilising both primary and secondary materials
2. engage in critical enquiry and problem solving on issues of debates
3. successfully plan and complete a research project
4. develop an ability to understand and explain China and Chinese Studies in learned and reflective perspectives
5. develop a specialised knowledge of China and aspects of Chinese Studies
6. develop a capacity to engage in and appreciate the value of reasoned and open-minded discussion and debate

3. Course Schedule

To view course timetable, please visit: http://www.timetable.unsw.edu.au/

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<td>Week 1</td>
<td>Introduction</td>
<td>What is this Capstone course all about? What is required of you? We will discuss the objectives and structure of the course, how to negotiate and design a suitable research project, and the resources available to you.</td>
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<td>Week 2</td>
<td>China and Chinese Studies</td>
<td>Topical lecture and seminar on project design</td>
<td>TBA</td>
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<td>Week 3</td>
<td>Tradition and Modernity in China</td>
<td>Topical lecture and seminar on project design</td>
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<td>Project design workshop</td>
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<td>Week 5</td>
<td>Lecture on essay writing</td>
<td>academic project design, completion and essay writing</td>
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<td>Week 6</td>
<td>Project presentations and Seminar</td>
<td>Following the themed group presentations a seminar led by the Lecturer to continue discussion of issues and ideas raised</td>
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<td>Conclusion</td>
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### 4. Course Resources
Textbook Details

Journals

Additional Readings

On Moodle

Websites

- The 'In-Text' or Harvard Referencing System
  http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au/onlib/ref.html

- In-Text Citations
  http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au/onlib/ref1.html

- List of References
  http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au/onlib/ref2.html

5. Course Assessment

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<th>Weight</th>
<th>Learning Outcomes Assessed</th>
<th>Due Date</th>
<th>Submitted in Moodle? (Yes/No)</th>
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<td>Major essay</td>
<td>3500-word (minimum) excluding references</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>1,2,3,4, 5,6</td>
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<td>Project description/Essay proposal</td>
<td>500 words</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>1,2,3,4, 5,6</td>
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<td>Presentation</td>
<td>10 minutes each</td>
<td>30%</td>
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<td>Week 6-12</td>
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<td>Class discussion</td>
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<td>5%</td>
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<td>Weekly</td>
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Details on Assessment Requirements:

Project Description/Essay Proposal:
You need to submit a neatly written proposal describing the research project you have negotiated with your lecturer, and how you plan to undertake it. It should include the following areas:

1. Project title
2. Background information on the topic
3. Description of the proposed task/s (including examples)
4. Methodology for completing the proposal project; Research question.

Major Essay:

This is your major assessment task for this course. The course coordinator and lecturer will help you identify several major topics for you to choose from, based on discussions of the course’s chosen themes in the first few weeks. At the submission of this essay, you would...
have liaised with the lecturer in deciding the scope, shape and specific title of your essay. Your major essay will be assessed not only on your academic research and writing skills, but also on your performance throughout the semester as indicated by how you deal with feedbacks for your presentations and discussions.

Presentation:

Your presentation should cover the following:
1. A review/brief background of your topic to help your audience make sense of your project;
2. An outline of your key ideas and findings;
3. A preliminary critical assessment of the materials—posing a set of research questions.

Please Note: The UNSW Policy on Class Attendance and Absence states the following:

Students are expected to be regular and punctual in attendance at all classes in the courses in which they are enrolled. All applications for exemption from attendance at classes of any kind must be made in writing to the Course Authority.

It is the student’s responsibility to read the course outline before the course commences to ensure that they are familiar with any specific attendance requirements for that course.

If students attend less than 80% of their possible classes they may be refused final assessment.

Students must attend 80% of lectures (10 out of 12 lectures).

The UNSW Policy on Class Attendance and Absence can be viewed at: https://student.unsw.edu.au/attendance

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences guidelines on attendance can be viewed at: https://www.arts.unsw.edu.au/current-students/academic-information/protocols-guidelines/

Grades

All results are reviewed at the end of each semester and may be adjusted to ensure equitable marking across the School.

The proportion of marks lying in each grading range is determined not by any formula or quota system, but by the way that students respond to assessment tasks and how well they meet the objectives of the course. Nevertheless, since higher grades imply performance that is well above average, the number of distinctions and high distinctions awarded in a typical course is relatively small. At the other extreme, on average 6.1% of students do not meet minimum standards and a little more (8.6%) in first year courses. For more information on the grading categories see: https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/academiclife/assessment/GuideToUNSWGrades.html

Submission of Assessment Tasks

Assignments must be submitted electronically through Moodle (http://moodle.telt.unsw.edu.au/). You must use your zID login to submit your assignments in Moodle.
Refer to the section "Course Assessment" for details of assessment tasks that are to be submitted via Moodle.

** Please note the deadline to submit an assignment electronically is 4:00 pm on the due date of the assignment.

When you submit your assignment electronically, you agree that:

I have followed the Student Code of Conduct. I certify that I have read and understand the University requirements in respect of student academic misconduct outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and the Student Misconduct Procedures. I declare that this assessment item is my own work, except where acknowledged, and has not been submitted for academic credit previously in whole or in part.

I acknowledge that the assessor of this item may, for assessment purposes:

- provide a copy to another staff member of the University
- communicate a copy of this assessment item to a plagiarism checking service (such as Turnitin) which may retain a copy of the assessment item on its database for the purpose of future plagiarism checking.

You are required to put your name (as it appears in University records) and UNSW Student ID on every page of your assignments.

If you encounter a problem when attempting to submit your assignment through Moodle/Turnitin, please telephone External Support on 9385 3331 or email them on externalsupport@unsw.edu.au. Support hours are 8:00am – 10:00pm on weekdays and 9:00am – 5:00pm on weekends (365 days a year).

If you are unable to submit your assignment due to a fault with Turnitin you may apply for an extension, but you must retain your ticket number from External Support (along with any other relevant documents) to include as evidence to support your extension application. If you email External Support you will automatically receive a ticket number, but if you telephone you will need to specifically ask for one. Turnitin also provides updates on its system status on Twitter.

For information on how to submit assignments online via Moodle: [https://student.unsw.edu.au/how-submit-assignment-moodle](https://student.unsw.edu.au/how-submit-assignment-moodle)

### Late Submission of Assignments

Students are responsible for the submission of assessment tasks by the required dates and times. Depending of the extent of delay in the submission of an assessment task past the due date and time, one of the following late penalties will apply unless special consideration or a blanket extension due to a technical outage is granted. For the purpose of late penalty calculation, a ‘day’ is deemed to be each 24-hour period (or part thereof) past the stipulated deadline for submission.

- **Work submitted less than 10 days after the stipulated deadline** is subject to a deduction of 5% of the total awardable mark from the mark that would have been achieved if not for the penalty for every day past the stipulated deadline for submission. That is, a student who submits an assignment with a stipulated deadline of 4:00pm on 13 May 2016 at 4:10pm on 14 May 2016 will incur a deduction of 10%.

**Task with a non-percentage mark**
If the task is marked out of 25, then late submission will attract a penalty of a deduction of 1.25 from the mark awarded to the student for every 24-hour period (or part thereof) past the stipulated deadline.

Example: A student submits an essay 48 hours and 10 minutes after the stipulated deadline. The total possible mark for the essay is 25. The essay receives a mark of 17. The student’s mark is therefore 17 – [25 (0.05 x 3)] = 13.25.

Task with a percentage mark
If the task is marked out of 100%, then late submission will attract a penalty of a deduction of 5% from the mark awarded to the student for every 24-hour period (or part thereof) past the stipulated deadline.

Example: A student submits an essay 48 hours and 10 minutes after the stipulated deadline. The essay is marked out of 100%. The essay receives a mark of 68. The student’s mark is therefore 68 – 15 = 53

- Work submitted 10 to 19 days after the stipulated deadline will be assessed and feedback provided but a mark of zero will be recorded. If the work would have received a pass mark but for the lateness and the work is a compulsory course component (hurdle requirement), a student will be deemed to have met that requirement;

- Work submitted 20 or more days after the stipulated deadline will not be accepted for assessment and will receive no feedback, mark or grade. If the assessment task is a compulsory component of the course a student will receive an Unsatisfactory Fail (UF) grade as a result of unsatisfactory performance in essential component of the course.

6. Learning and Teaching Rationale and Strategies

This capstone course is the last course for students in Chinese Studies major. It is designed to provide an opportunity for students to reflect on their experiences and knowledge in the major of Chinese Studies, to consolidate what they have learnt previously, and to prepare their transition into the workforce or postgraduate study. It integrates knowledge gained through previous coursework and overseas experience and builds on that conceptual foundation through integrative analysis, practical application and critical thinking.

The course also aims to develop students’ project management skills and leadership skills. It is designed to develop written and verbal communication skills and interpersonal relationships at the nexus between university and non-university settings.

This course will be conducted as a 3-hour lecture/seminar over 12 weeks, composed of a series of themed lecture/seminars, workshops and presentations. It is based on the principle of students’ self-guided learning. The role of the course coordinator and lecturer is to create an intellectually stimulating and cooperative learning environment for students to engage in dialogues with each other in and out of classroom. Students are encouraged to read expansively and foster a productive relationship with the broader academic community.

Lecture/seminars aim to brainstorm and give students opportunities to (1) revisit earlier learning experiences, re-assess earlier works, and identify different streams of thoughts developed in particular areas in recent years; (2) explore interdisciplinary approaches and methodologies in researching particular topics in Chinese Studies.

Workshops aim to provide opportunities for students to exchange ideas with peers on their projects and raise any questions for debate. It is important for you to provide an update of your progress and discuss any issues and problems you face during your research.
The workshops focus on individual projects. But you will also work with the lecturer to discuss key issues and debates. These topics may or may not be related to your research or interest areas, but will be pertinent to your understanding of and engagement with China and Chinese Studies in the global context.

Attendance is important in this course because it is based on student-centred learning and collaborative approach which involves workshopping and interchange of ideas with the lecturer and other students.

7. Extension of Time for Submission of Assessment Tasks

The Arts and Social Sciences Extension Guidelines apply to all assessed tasks regardless of whether or not a grade is awarded, except the following:

1. any form of test/examination/assessed activity undertaken during regular class contact hours
2. any task specifically identified by the Course Authority (the academic in charge of the course) in the Course Outline or Learning Management System (LMS), for example, Moodle, as not available for extension requests.

A student who missed an assessment activity held within class contact hours should apply for Special Consideration via myUNSW.

A student who wishes to seek extension for submission of assessment tasks that are not held within class contact hours for courses offered by the School of Humanities and Languages must apply for Special Consideration via myUNSW.

The Arts and Social Sciences Extension Guidelines state the following:

- A request for an extension should be submitted before the due time/date for the assessment task.
- The Course Authority should respond to the request within two working days of the request.
- If a student is granted an extension, failure to comply will result in a penalty. The penalty will be invoked one minute past the approved extension time. See section “Late Submission of Assignments” for penalties of late submission.

8. Attendance

The UNSW Policy on Class Attendance and Absence can be viewed at: https://student.unsw.edu.au/attendance

From time to time, the Course Authority may vary the attendance requirements of a course. It is the students’ responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with the specific attendance requirements stipulated in the course outline for each course in which they are enrolled.

8.1 Attendance

Students are expected to be regular and punctual in attendance at all classes in the courses in which they are enrolled. Students who seek to be excused from attendance [or for
absence] must apply to the Course Authority in writing. In such situations, the following rules relating to attendances and absences apply.

In the case of illness or of absence for some other unavoidable cause students may be excused for non-attendance at classes for a period of not more than one month (i.e., 33%) or, on the recommendation of the Dean of the appropriate faculty, for a longer period.

8.2 Absence from classes

A student who attends less than eighty per cent of the classes within a course may be refused final assessment.

Explanations of absences from classes or requests for permission to be absent from forthcoming classes should be addressed to the Course Authority in writing and, where applicable, should be accompanied by appropriate documentation (e.g. medical certificate). After submitting appropriate supporting documentation to the Course Authority to explain his/her absence, a student may be required to undertake supplementary class(s) or task(s) as prescribed by the Course Authority. If examinations or other forms of assessment have been missed, then the student should apply for Special Consideration.

Students who falsify their attendance or falsify attendance on behalf of another student will be dealt with under the Student Misconduct Policy.

9. Class Clash

Students who are enrolled in an Arts and Social Sciences program (single or dual) and have an unavoidable timetable clash can apply for permissible timetable clash by completing an online application form. Students must meet the rules and conditions in order to apply for permissible clash. The rules and conditions can be accessed online in full at:
https://www.arts.unsw.edu.au/media/FASSFile/Permissible_Clash_Rules.pdf

For students who are enrolled in a non-Arts and Social Sciences program, they must seek advice from their home faculty on permissible clash approval.

10. Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Plagiarism is presenting someone else’s thoughts or work as your own. It can take many forms, from not having appropriate academic referencing to deliberate cheating.

In many cases plagiarism is the result of inexperience about academic conventions. The University has resources and information to assist you to avoid plagiarism.

The Learning Centre assists students with understanding academic integrity and how to not plagiarise. Information is available on their website: https://student.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism/. They also hold workshops and can help students one-on-one.

If plagiarism is found in your work when you are in first year, your lecturer will offer you assistance to improve your academic skills. They may ask you to look at some online resources, attend the Learning Centre, or sometimes resubmit your work with the problem fixed. However, more serious instances in first year, such as stealing another student’s work or paying someone to do your work, may be investigated under the Student Misconduct Procedures.

Repeated plagiarism (even in first year), plagiarism after first year, or serious instances, may also be investigated under the Student Misconduct Procedures. The penalties under the
procedures can include a reduction in marks, failing a course or for the most serious matters (like plagiarism in an Honours thesis) or even suspension from the university. The Student Misconduct Procedures are available here: http://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/documents/studentmisconductprocedures.pdf

11. Course Evaluation and Development

Courses are periodically reviewed and students’ feedback is used to improve them. Feedback is gathered using various means including UNSW’s Course and Teaching Evaluation and Improvement (CATEI) process.

12. Student Support

The Learning Centre is available for individual consultation and workshops on academic skills. Find out more by visiting the Centre’s website at: http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au

13. Grievances

All students should be treated fairly in the course of their studies at UNSW. Students who feel they have not been dealt with fairly should, in the first instance, attempt to resolve any issues with their tutor or the course convenors.

If such an approach fails to resolve the matter, the School of Humanities and Languages has an academic member of staff who acts as a Grievance Officer for the School. This staff member is identified on the notice board in the School of Humanities and languages. Further information about UNSW grievance procedures is available at: https://student.unsw.edu.au/guide

14. Other Information

myUNSW

myUNSW is the online access point for UNSW services and information, integrating online services for applicants, commencing and current students and UNSW staff. To visit myUNSW please visit either of the below links:

https://my.unsw.edu.au

OHS

UNSW's Occupational Health and Safety Policy requires each person to work safely and responsibly, in order to avoid personal injury and to protect the safety of others. For all matters relating to Occupational Health, Safety and environment, see http://www.ohs.unsw.edu.au/

Special Consideration

In cases where illness or other circumstances produce repeated or sustained absence, students should apply for Special Consideration as soon as possible.
The application must be made via Online Services in myUNSW. Log into myUNSW and go to My Student Profile tab > My Student Services channel > Online Services > Special Consideration.

Applications on the grounds of illness must be filled in by a medical practitioner. Further information is available at: https://student.unsw.edu.au/guide

**Student Equity and Disabilities Unit**

Students who have a disability that requires some adjustment in their learning and teaching environment are encouraged to discuss their study needs with the course convener prior to or at the commencement of the course, or with the Student Equity Officers (Disability) in the Student Equity and Disabilities Unit (9385 4734). Information for students with disabilities is available at: https://student.unsw.edu.au/disability

Issues that can be discussed may include access to materials, signers or note-takers, the provision of services and additional examination and assessment arrangements. Early notification is essential to enable any necessary adjustments to be made.