

**Hong Kong Shue Yan University**  
**Minor Programme for the Academic Year 2016/17**

**Department of History**

**Minor Programme Offered: Minor in History**

- 1) Students are required to complete a minimum of 15 credits by choosing 5 courses out of the 8 courses offered:

| <b>Course List</b>               |   |                |                         |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Course Code</i>               | <i>Course Title</i>   | <i>Credits</i> | <i>Pre-requisite(s)</i> |
| <i>Choose 5 courses out of 8</i> |   |                |                         |
| HIST130                          | Introduction to Historical Theories and Methods                                     | 3              | NIL                     |
| HIST210                          | History of Qin-Han-Wei- Jin Dynasties   | 3              | NIL                     |
| HIST211                          | History of Sui and Tang Dynasties   | 3              | NIL                     |
| HIST240                          | History of Hong Kong  | 3              | NIL                     |
| HIST310                          | History of Song and Yuan Dynasties  | 3              | NIL                     |
| HIST311                          | History of Ming and Qing Dynasties  | 3              | NIL                     |
| HIST320                          | The Contemporary World  | 3              | NIL                     |
| HIST411                          | China since 1949: From Political, Cultural and Social Revolution to Economic Reform | 3              | NIL                     |

\* *The course list is subject to change without prior notice.*

**DESCRIPTION OF COURSES (MINOR IN HISTORY)**

**Hist. 130 Introduction to Historical Theories and Methods**

**1 Term; 3 Credits**

This subject introduces to students the nature, basic concepts, theories of History as an academic discipline, as well as its special challenges and expectations. The course places a special emphasis on training students in basic research skills and methods for historical investigations and presentation of findings.

### **Hist. 210 History of Qin-Han-Wei-Jin Dynasties**

**1 Term; 3 Credits**

The subject examines the development of Qin, Han and Wei, Jin dynasties through lectures and tutorials. Coverage includes important themes in politics, military, institutions, personalities, ideologies, culture and international relations, etc in this period of Chinese history. It also aims at preparing students to do future research in this area.

### **Hist. 211 History of Sui and Tang Dynasties**

**1 Term; 3 Credits**

The subject examines the development of Sui and Tang dynasties through lectures and tutorials. Coverage includes important themes in politics, military, institutions, personalities, ideologies, culture and international relations, etc in this period of Chinese history. The subject also aims at preparing students to undertake research on these particular dynasties.

### **Hist. 240 History of Hong Kong**

**1 Term; 3 Credits**

This course is an introduction to the development of Hong Kong from a fishing outpost on the South China coast into an international metropolis of over 7 million inhabitants. The focus is on the political, social, cultural and economic transformation of Hong Kong under a century and a half of British colonial rule up to the 1980s, when the Sino-British agreement ushered in a period leading to the resumption of sovereignty by the People's Republic of China on 1 July 1997. The first part of the course is a chronological survey of the major developments of colonial Hong Kong, whereas the second part adopts a thematic approach to delineate the historical forces behind those developments.

### **Hist. 310 History of Song and Yuan Dynasties**

**1 Term; 3 Credits**

The course covers the histories of Song and Yuan dynasties, as well as those of Liao, Western Xia and Jin. It aims to introduce to students through lectures the political, military, social and cultural aspects of their histories. It attempts to show the process of change and the historical significance of these Chinese dynasties.

### **Hist. 311 History of Ming and Qing Dynasties**

**1 Term; 3 Credits**

This course traces the chronological development of political, social, economic, literary and intellectual concepts and institutions in these two dynasties. Emphasis is on the impact of selected major events and changes on the rise and fall of these dynasties including, for example, Ming Despotism and eunuchs, the rise of the Manchu, and the zenith of the Qing Dynasty.

### **Hist. 320 The Contemporary World**

**1 Term; 3 Credits**

This third-year required world history survey course attempts a concise overview of changes shaping the contemporary world from 1900 to the present, including the transition from European to American global dominance, opposition and challenges to their supremacy, and the recent emergence of regional blocs. In addition to key historical events, the course focuses on factors and forces, particularly perceived interests and advantages as well as concepts or arguments put forth by opposing camps and blocs, including “new” versus “old” themes and the assumed continued validity of the latter. The actions of dominant players on the world stage and the impact and control they levied on world resources will be examined. The ways in which those on the receiving end were affected by such controls, their reactions and the consequences will also be studied to reveal the causes of some of the major conflicts in the world. The course will conclude with an open forum on selected current issues which have a significant impact on the current world scene, with particular reference to their historical roots and global implications.

### **Hist. 411 China since 1949: From Political, Cultural and Social Revolution to Economic Reform**

**1 Term; 3 Credits**

This course is about the historical development of the People’s Republic of China since 1949. It examines the changes and challenges brought by historical transformations and political conflicts. The course also analyses their political, economic, diplomatic and military impacts and implications on future development in China.