## **100270002 The History of Modern China**

**Lecture Hours: 32**

**Laboratory Hours: 0**

**Credits: 2**

**Term(If necessary): Freshman, Second Semester**

**Prerequisite(s): None**

**Course Description:**

According to the regulations of Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee and Ministry of Education, the History of Modern China is one of college students’ compulsory courses. The course can play a significant role in college students’ ideological and political education and can help students understand Chinese modern history, national conditions and the ‘four choices’ (choosing the Chinese Communist Party, the Marxism, the socialist road and the reform and opening up) systematically. In this way, the course can contribute significantly to the development of college students’ conception of history and ability to analysis history.

**Course Outcomes**:

After completing this course, a student should be able to:

1. Understand the basic clues and major events completely and systematically.
2. Understand the ‘four choices’ of Chinese modern history completely and systematically.
3. Analyze the process, events, characters, themes and main lines of Chinese modern history.
4. Use scientific view of history and methodology to analyze and comment on historical issues and social development orientation.

**Course Content:**

**Lectures and Lecture Hours:**

1. Introduction 2

- From the Opium War to the eve of the May 4th Movement (1840-1919).

- The purpose, significance and method of studying this course.

- An era of tremendous changes (form 1840-1919), the review of the 80-year history (stage, nature, contradiction and task).

- The basic reasons for why China began to fall behind the western countries in the early nineteenth Century.

- Recommended books, assignments and exams.

1. China’s struggles against foreign aggressions. 2

- Capital imperialism aggression against China.

- Major events of anti-aggression wars in China, The basic reasons for the failures of previous anti-aggressions.

- Smashing the imperialist powers’ plot of carving up China, The awakening of national consciousness.

1. Early explorations for national development. 2

- Heavenly Land System and A New Treatise on Political Counsel, The significances of the Taiping Heavenly Kingdom to explore the way out of the country.

- The basic contents and historical significances of the Westernization Movement.

- The contents, failure reasons and historical significances of the Hundred Days of Reform.

1. The Chinese revolution of 1911 and the end of the autocratic monarchy system. 2

- The Three Principles of the People.

- Inevitability and contingency of the success of the Wuchang Uprising.

- The success and failure of the Chinese revolution of 1911, The first great historic change of China in the twentieth Century.

1. The summary of the middle part: The earth-shaking thirty years (1919-1949) 2

- The three big mountains(weighing down on the backs of the Chinese people’s before the founding of PRC, namely, imperialism, feudalism, and bureaucrat- capitalism), Two different destinies of China.

- The course and characteristics of China's evolution from 1860s to 1920s.

1. The epoch-making event in China 3

- The New Culture Movement and the May 4th Movement in 1919.

- The reasons for why Chinese advanced intellectuals have chosen Marxism in all sorts of doctrine.

- The founding of the Communist Party of China.

1. The new roads of Chinese revolution 3

- The open up of the new roads of revolution.

- Mistakes made by the early leaders of the Communist Party of China.

- Long March and the spirit of the Long March.

1. The War of Resistance Against Japan 4

- The basic clues and the major battles of the War of Resistance Against Japan.

- The contents and significances of Mao Zedong's ‘On Protracted War’.

- Play the documentary of the War of Resistance Against Japan.

- The functions, status and mutual relations of the two Anti-Japanese War battlefields.

- The status of the Anti-Japanese War in the Second World War.

1. Class Reading Report 2
2. Grade Reading Report 2
3. Striving for New China 2

- The basic reasons and the historical enlightenments of Kuomintang’s defeat in the mainland of China.

- The 3rd road, the idea of realizing capitalist centrism path failed.

-The Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and the Common Program, The reasons for why Chinese people have chosen the Communist Party of China.

1. The summary of the last part 4

- The founding of new China and its historical significance.

- The reasons for why Chinese people have chosen the socialist road, The second great historic change of China in the twentieth Century.

- The reasons for why Chinese people have chosen the reform and opening up, The third great historic change of China in the twentieth Century.

- Comparing the relationship between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat in China before and after the reform and opening up.

- The socialist road with Chinese characteristics.

1. The summary of the main teaching points and key review points of this semester. 2

**Grading:**

Class Attendance 10%

Inclass Questioning 10%

Homework 10%

Paper 20%

Final 50%

**Text & Reference Book**:

(1) The Brief Introduction of Chinese Modern History [M]. Higher Education Press, 2015.

(2) Sun Yat-sen. Foreword in People’s Daily [N], 1905.

[3] Mao Zedong. On Protracted War [R], 1938.

(4) Mao Zedong. On New Democracy [M], 1940

(5) On Certain Questions in the History [R]. The Communist Party of China’s 6th Central Committee, 1945.

(6) Mao Zedong. On the People's Democratic Dictatorship [A], 1949.

(7) Common Program of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference [R]. The First Plenary Session of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, 1949.

(8) Deng Xiaoping. The Talking Points in Wuchang, Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Shanghai and other places [R], 1992.

(9) Hu Jintao. The Speech in Celebration of the 90 Anniversary of the Founding of the Communist Party of China [R], 2011.

(10) http://www.modernchina.org.cn

(11) http://www.china1840-1949.net.cn