



Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit

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Exchange

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers many English-taught courses in a variety of subjects, ranging from arts & culture and social sciences, neurosciences and computer science, to economics and business administration.

The International Office is responsible for course approval and course registration for exchange students. For details about course registration, requirements, credits, semesters and so on, please [visit the exchange programmes webpages](#).

China in Modern History

Course Code	L_GWBAGES210
Credits	6.00
Period	P4
Course Level	200
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculteit der Geesteswetenschappen
Course Coordinator	prof. dr. P.D. Nyiri
Examiner	prof. dr. P.D. Nyiri
Teaching Staff	prof. dr. P.D. Nyiri
Teaching method(s)	Seminar

Course Objective

Students will learn about the position of China in global history from the 18th to the 21st century. In the process, they will read, analyse, and take a position on different explanations behind China's brief fall from central to peripheral status in world politics and economy in the 18th-20th c. and its return in the 21st c.

Course Content

The course will begin with a brief background on China's regional and global history prior to the 18th, then move on to a more detailed discussion of the "Great Divergence", China's clashes with European powers in the 18th-19th c., the global networks behind reform and revolution, China's integration in the state socialist Second World, and its return as global power in the 21st c.

Additional Information Teaching Methods

The course will be a combination of lectures and seminars. It is essential that students read the assigned readings and prepare to discuss them in class.

Method of Assessment

Grading will be on the basis of short response papers, a final paper, and active class participation.

Additional Information Target Audience

The course is suitable for everyone interested in the reasons behind China's current central position in global politics and economy.