

Ancient Chinese Civilization

Global Program on Economics and Finance (2021 Fall)

Course Title	Ancient Chinese Civilization		
Credit	3	Credit Hours	48 credit hours
Course Objectives	Through lectures and discussions, I hope that students have a general understanding of basic framework of ancient Chinese civilization, and a preliminary understanding of several important keys in the history of China.		
Course Description	This course focuses on three topics: (1) the formation, evolution and stereotypes of "China"; (2) the characteristics and connotation of ancient Chinese civilization; (3) the position and role of Chinese civilization in the global landscape.		
Course Requirements: Prerequisites: Basic knowledge of Chinese history; ability to read classical Chinese			
Teaching Methods: Lectures and discussions			
Course Schedule <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Introduction: What is Chinese Civilization ?</i> 2. <i>From the starry sky to the feudal statehood: the birth of Chinese civilization (Pre-Qin)</i> 3. <i>The literature basis of Chinese civilization</i> 4. <i>A family in the world: Laying the pattern of Huayi (Qin-Han)</i> 5. <i>The concept of time and space in ancient China</i> 6. <i>Ethnic interaction in the Middle Ages (Northern and Southern dynasties)</i> 7. <i>Three teachings: Chinese religion</i> 8. <i>The formation of the East Asian world (Sui-Tang)</i> 9. <i>Silk Road: Globalization before globalization</i> 10. <i>Little China in a multipolar world (Song)</i> 11. <i>The Empires of the Great Unity (Ming-Qing)</i> 12. <i>Q&A and Exam</i> 			
The design of class discussion or exercise, practice, experience and so on: Students will discuss the designated reading materials for 45 minutes before every class.			
Grading & Evaluation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Daily discussions, accounting for 30% 2. Final exam, accounting for 70% 			

Teaching Materials & References:

1. Patricia Buckley Ebrey, *The Cambridge Illustrated History of China*, Cambridge University Press, 2010
中文版：湖南人民出版社，2018
2. Endymion Wilkinson, *Chinese History: A New Manual*, Harvard University Asia Center, 2013
中文版：北京大学出版社，2016
3. 许倬云：《万古江河：中国历史文化的转折与开展》，上海文艺出版社，2006
4. 王力：《中国古代文化常识》，世界图书出版公司，2008
5. 葛兆光：《古代中国文化讲义》，复旦大学出版社，2006