



Indraprastha College for Women

University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	B.A (H) History
Paper Title:	History of Modern China (1840-1950s)
Unique Paper Code:	23121012303
Semester:	III
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Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
1	This unit will introduce the students to the salient features of Late Imperial China and its confrontation with Western Imperialism. As a backdrop, it will discuss Confucianism.	1	Late Imperial China and Western Imperialism.
		2	Continued
		3	Confucian Value System; Society, Economy, Polity.
		4	Continued
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		6	Continued
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		8	Continued
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		10	Opium Wars and the Unequal Treaty System.
		11	Continued
		12	Continued
		13	Continued
		14	Continued
2	This unit examines the nature and consequences of popular movements and reforms attempted by the ruling elite.	15	Popular Movements and Reforms in the 19th century.

		16	Continued
		17	Continued
		18	Continued
		19	Taiping and Boxer Movements - Genesis, Ideology, Nature
		20	Continued
		21	Continued
		22	Self-Strengthening Movement; Hundred Days Reforms of 1898.
		23	Continued
		24	Continued
		25	Continued
		26	Continued
		27	Continued
3	This unit examines the history of the emergence of nationalism in China, nature, character and significance of the Revolution of 1911 and the May Fourth Movement.	28	Emergence of Nationalism.
		29	Continued
		30	Continued
		31	Continued
		32	The Revolution of 1911: Nature and Significance
		33	Continued
		34	Continued
		35	Continued
		36	The May Fourth Movement of 1919.
		37	Continued
		38	Continued
		39	Continued
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		41	Continued
4	This unit examines the emergence of Communism in China, the relations between the CCP and the KMT (Nationalist Party) and the evolution of the distinctive traits of Maoist Strategies of Revolution.	42	Communist Movement in China.

		43	1921-1927: Formation of the CCP and the First United Front.
		44	Continued
		45	Continued
		46	1928-1949, Evolution of Maoist Strategy and Revolutionary measures in Kiangsi and Yen an; Communist Victory.

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III	Emergence of Nationalism 1. The Revolution of 1911: Nature and Significance 2. The May Fourth Movement of 1919.
IV	Communist Movement in China 1. 1921-1927: Formation of the CCP and the First United Front. 2. 1928-1949, Evolution of Maoist Strategy and Revolutionary measures in Kiangsi and Yen an; Communist Victory.

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	Paper Components		
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)

4	3	1	NA
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment		30
	• Assignment/Quiz/Project/ Presentation	12	
	• Class Test	12	
	• Attendance	6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial)		40
	• Activity 1	20	
	• Activity 2	15	
	• Attendance	5	
3.	Practical		NA
	• Continuous Assessment		
	• End Term Written/ Practical Exam		
	• Viva		
4.	End Semester Examination		90