

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?

By the end of the course I will be able to:

1. Explain and identify continuities in Chinese history, from its ancient culture to the end of imperial rule.
2. Indicate significant political, social and economic changes in China in the 18th and 19th centuries.
3. Select and analyse the significant environmental challenges in imperial China.
4. Assess China's changing place in the world in the 18th and 19th centuries and how this has influenced its situation today.

What teaching methods will be used and will there be work outside of the class?

- The WEA tutor will use a range of different teaching and learning methods and encourage you and the group to be actively involved in your learning
- You may be asked to undertake additional work in your own time to support your learning
- Individual reading and research are encouraged.

What kind of feedback can I expect from the tutor?

- A range of informal activities will be used by the tutor to see what you are learning which may include quizzes, question and answer, small projects and discussion
- You will have opportunities to discuss your progress with your tutor
- You will be encouraged to share your work with the group and discuss your learning
- You will be encouraged to consider other students work and give your opinions and suggestions
- You will be encouraged to contribute to discussion and the tutor will provide opportunities for you to judge your own understanding and progress.

What else do I need to know? Is there anything I need to bring?

- Nothing other than an interest in China and Chinese matters, and pen and paper for taking notes.

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- No pre reading is required but research on the subject on the internet or in the library may be helpful
- Individual reading is encouraged and a range of books will be made available for you to borrow. There is insufficient room on this form to include a recommended reading list but a list is available from your branch.

Possible next steps after this course (including career opportunities if appropriate)

- Progress to another WEA course
- Progress to a course with another provider
- Become involved with the WEA in a range of voluntary work and other activities including campaigning as a WEA member
- Become involved as a volunteer for a WEA partner or another organisation
- You could progress to Higher Education courses. Follow link to the PEARL website for information <http://pearl.open.ac.uk/>
- Access the WEA What Next? booklet here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/what-can-i-do-next>
- China language courses. Further research and reading. Visits to The British Museum Chinese Gallery and Percival David Chinese ceramics; Victoria and Albert Museum; Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Collection, Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, Norwich.

Learning with the WEA

WEA courses increasingly make use of the rich variety of educational tools and material available on the internet and from digital devices. The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will play an increasing role in all WEA courses to provide resources or support, or to conduct lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course. It is helpful, although not essential if you have access to a computer or smartphone to support your course.

You can read about your entitlements and responsibilities as a WEA student in our leaflet, Student Handbook here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/student-support> This includes information on fees, learning support and financial support. As part of your course you accept our Learning Agreement and Privacy Notice. Full details of the Learning Agreement and privacy notice can be found on our website at <http://www.wea.org.uk/policies>. This applies to all courses you take in this academic year.

You can enrol online for some courses <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or contact: WEA Support Services, Suite 10B Joseph's Well, Hanover Way, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS3 1AB Tel: 0300 303 3464 Email: courseenquiries@wea.org.uk



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