

**Diseases, Culture and History:
Hong Kong, China and the World**

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Aims

- ❖ This course aims to examine the relationship among diseases, culture and history so that the role of disease in Chinese history can be understood. It will focus on Chinese historical experience while the discussion will also be related to other countries and cultures for a comparison.
- ❖ The course provides a rich interdisciplinary research and cross countries perspective for students.

Expectations of the course

1. students are able to understand Chinese civilization from a perspective of Chinese medicine and recognize the influence of Chinese medicine on the formation of Chinese civilization;
2. students are able to acquire up-to-date knowledge of the study of Chinese medical history in both western countries and China;
3. students can enhance their abilities to collect information, analyze and criticize historical materials.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes

- ❖ Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:
 1. Illustrate some important diseases and therapies in Chinese medical history and their relation to the world history;
 2. Demonstrate fundamental knowledge of relevant historical and documentary sources;
 3. Examine critically the relationship between disease and culture, as well as assess source materials through reading assignments and tutorial discussions.
 4. Apply historical knowledge, wisdom and perspectives to criticize current issues.

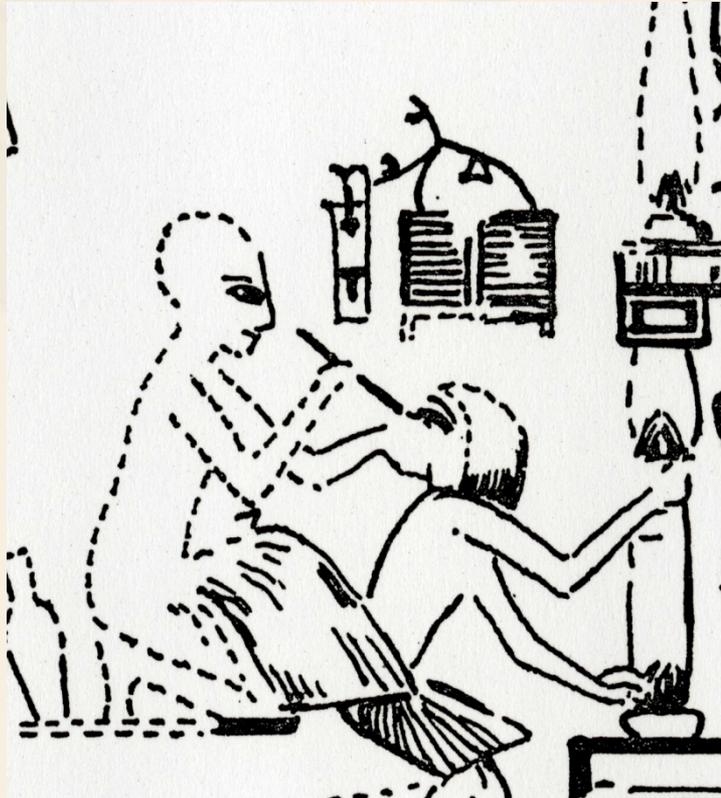
Assessment Tasks/Activities

1. Meaningful class participation and performance (20%)
2. Presentation (20%)
3. Individual Tutorial Report (10%)
4. Discussion (20%)
5. Final Paper (30%)

Hua Tao
Eastern Han Dynasty



Eye Treatment in Ancient Egypt and Islam



Interesting topics

1. Eye Diseases: Treatment and Medical Exchanges among China, Islam and India in Pre-modern Period
2. Eliminating Smallpox: from Chinese Variolation to Western Vaccination
3. Conquering Beriberi: Rise of Modern Japanese Military Power and its Invasion
4. Manchuria Plague Met the World: Railway, Customs and the 1911 International Plague Conference in China
5. The Anti-Schistosomiasis Campaign: Brazil, China, Egypt and Japan in the last 50 years

The Anti-Schistosomiasis Campaign in Maoist China

Capturing the snails

