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**Objectives**

Customs and rituals capture the ways human beings interact with each other. In the case of rites of passage and seasonal observances, they reveal human beings’ perceptions of their positions vis-a-vis the larger life-cycle observable in nature. Even though they vary across time and space, customs and rituals perform a cohesive social function that brings together people living in areas that have come under the influence of the same culture. This subject will introduce students to the differences in customs and rituals in the major geographical regions and dialect communities in China, document the processes of their transformation over time and space, and relate them to Chinese religious beliefs and cultural values. Students will thereby come to appreciate the practices and significance of these social gestures that form part of their daily life. This subject will include substantial reading and writing assignments for the fulfillment of the Chinese Reading and Writing Requirements in Chinese session.

**Intended Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:
(a) comprehend major traditional ritual institutions and prevalent social customs;
(b) describe how traditional rites and customs interacted with cultural values and religious beliefs;
(c) chart the Neo-Confucian effort to foster changes in social customs and the resultant social transformation in late imperial times;
(d) tell the reasons behind temporal and regional differences in social customs;
(e) read and comprehend texts of traditional rites and etiquettes and bring them to the service of personal cultivation;
### Subject Synopsis/Indicative Syllabus

1. Introduction: Customs, rites, and social order
2. Songs, divination, and the institution of Confucian rites
3. Social customs and cultural interaction of social groups
4. Religious ceremony and changes in social custom
5. Cultural significance of seasonal rites and festival celebrations
6. Customs in daily life manifested in different social strata and regions
7. Ancestral halls and lineages: Social significance, state regulations and results in practice
8. Rites for adulthood and marriage: Changes and regional characteristics of classical rites
9. Funeral, burial and sacrificial rites: Changes and regional characteristics of classical rites
10. Efforts to transform social customs: The institutions of communal drinking and community compacts as rites
11. Zhu Xi’s *Family Rituals* and social transformation in late imperial times
12. Ritual communications in the written form
13. The flow of gifts: Reciprocity and social networking
14. The coming of Western customs and the interaction of Chinese and Western rituals

### Teaching/Learning Methodology

The factual knowledge will be covered in the lectures and tutorials. Students will be asked to formulate responses to the readings before class. They also have to demonstrate understanding of the items chosen for CR in their short reading reports. A field trip in Hong Kong will bring students to observe customs and rituals in operation. Students will answer questions set for the observation. The final paper, broadly conceived to cover the content of the subject, will be on a topic that allows students to bring together the key concepts learned in class.

### Assessment Method

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