

THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA AT THE PROGRAM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA

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Hong Kong on the Brink An Online Course Linking Book Discussion & Current Issues

Open to Secondary Teachers Nationwide
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The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) at the Program for Teaching East Asia, University of Colorado Boulder, invites applications for this new online course tying the 2020 book, *Vigil: Hong Kong on the Brink*, by Jeffrey N. Wasserstrom to the rapidly changing situation in Hong Kong.

Overview: This six-week, 18-hour NCTA course explores the evolution and current status of the Hong Kong democracy movement from the origins of the 2014 Umbrella movement to today. With China scholar Jeffrey Wasserstrom's February 2020 book *Vigil: Hong Kong on the Brink* as a foundation, the class will also consider essays by China specialists, investigative news reports, and podcasts.



Discussion will be organized in three modules: Hong Kong's history and autonomy, the Umbrella movement, and current Hong Kong-People's Republic of China relations. The course is moderated by Lauren Collins, University of Montana, with a live discussion with author Jeffrey Wasserstrom.

Online Format and Expectations: The course will be conducted through three asynchronous online modules and one live Zoom discussion, plus an optional live discussion at the conclusion of the course. *Vigil: Hong Kong on the Brink*, a Columbia Global Reports publication, is available through Amazon in print and multiple online formats. Additional readings will be provided on the course site. Teachers who wish to receive full benefits must contribute substantively to all three module discussions and submit an evaluation and a four-page Classroom Implementation Plan (CIP) describing ways to use the course content in their teaching.

Eligibility and Selection: This course is open to secondary school literature, social studies, history, and Chinese language teachers. Admission is selective, with priority given to grade 9-12 contract teachers whose required curriculum in one of these subject areas includes 21st-century China and who are not enrolling in multiple concurrent NCTA programs during the dates of this course.

Book Group Dates: The course begins with online introductions September 28 and continues with three two-week modules: October 3-16; Oct. 17-30; and November 7-21, with a week off for the national election. Curriculum Implementation Plans are due December 9, 2020.

Participation is free, with the following benefits for full participation, as outlined above:

- Certificate of Completion for 18 professional development contact hours.
- \$50 Amazon gift card as completion stipend.

Apply online at <http://www.colorado.edu/ptea/hongkong> beginning August 18.
Registration is limited to 20 eligible teachers and closes September 21, or when the course fills.
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