

PAAS 153: Chinese Food Culture

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Course description:

This course will take you on a flavorful journey through the rich tapestry of Chinese food culture. Through interactive lectures and dynamic discussions, you will gain a profound understanding of the cultural significance of food in Chinese societies. We will explore a diverse array of topics, from the origins of Chinese gastronomy and the regional nuances of its cuisine to the rich traditions of tea and drinking cultures. Additionally, we will examine depictions of Chinese cuisine in art and cinema, evolving food practices, and the history of the Chinese diaspora—particularly in North America—through the lens of the globalization of Chinese food, and more!

Proposed assignments (subject to change):

- Attendance & participation: 10%
- In-class quizzes and reflections: 15%
- Online discussions: 35%
- Midterm: 20%
- Group project: 20%

Proposed reading list (partial):

- Liu, Junru. *Chinese Food*. Cambridge University Press, 2011.
- Hui, Ann. *Chop Suey Nation: The Legion Cafe and Other Stories from Canada's Chinese Restaurants*. Douglas & McIntyre, 2019.
- Other course materials will be posted on Brightspace or distributed in class by the instructor.