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TEACHING CHINA'S SPACE **PROGRAM**

NATIONAL ONLINE SEMINAR FOR SECONDARY TEACHERS

As the third nation to independently send humans into space, China reached a major milestone in 2003 with the Shenzhou 5 mission. Since then, its space achievements have accelerated. In 2022, China completed Tiangong, its permanently crewed modular space. station. With the U.S. barring China from the ISS and the ISS nearing decommissioning, Tiangong marks a new era as a second fully operational space outpost in low Earth orbit. This three-week online seminar explores China's fast-moving space program—past, present, and future—and its impact on science, global power, and space exploration.

JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 22, 2026



Course Format:

The seminar includes three asynchronous online modules with readings and discussions. Online introductions run from January 26 to February 1, followed by three weeks of modules from February 2 to 22. A Curriculum Implementation Plan (CIP) is due on March 9. Additionally, there is a required 1-hour Zoom session on Monday, February 2, at 8:00 PM ET, featuring a special talk on Qian Xuesen, a pivotal figure who contributed to both the United States and the People's Republic of China space programs.



Eligibility & Benefits:

This course is open to secondary contract teachers nationwide. Priority for social studies teachers. Participants get access to materials online or via download; upon completion of course and attendance to live webinar: \$70 award and certificate for 15 hours.

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