

History 4910 Special Topics: History of Modern East Asian
Summer 2006; MWF 1430-1550
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores the history of modern East Asia from the 17th century to the present day. It assumes no prior introduction to the history of the area. The focus of the course will be on China, Japan and Korea. Vietnam and Taiwan will also be mentioned. The course will emphasize broad themes of political, social, economic and cultural change over the time period covered. .

GOALS OF THE COURSE

By the end of the class students:

1. Will understand the prominent aspects of modern East Asia cultures and their interconnections as well as their connections to the modern world.
2. Will be familiar with major events in East Asian History since 1600.
3. Will have used historical analysis in the examination of problems in East Asian History.
4. Will be able to identify and explain broad processes of change in East Asia since 1600.

REQUIRED TEXT

Ebrey, Walthall, Palais. Modern East Asia: From 1600. Houghton Mifflin Company, 2006.

WRITTEN WORK

Your evaluation in this course will be based on a series of quizzes on the readings in the text and three research papers. The quizzes will be worth 25 points each for a total of 150 and each research paper will be worth 100 points for a total of 450 points for the class.

Each student will be required to research and write three six to eight-page papers during the semester. The topics of the papers will be chosen from the suggestions found in the text book, a list furnished by the instructor or, if suggested by the student, cleared by the instructor. The research problems will be taken from the histories of China, Japan and Korea. Each student will do one paper on each country. Each paper is to be submitted in electronic form and one printed copy will be turned into the instructor on the specified date.

The papers will require library research and the bibliography of sources cited will include at least one monographic source, an academic journal source and an internet source. Reference to primary sources will also be expected. The due dates of the papers and the due dates of the topic selection are listed in the schedule below.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Please see the USU General Catalog for descriptions and examples of Academic Dishonesty. Any instances in this class will result in an automatic grade of "F". It is your responsibility to keep all graded work that has been returned to you in case of discrepancy in recording grades.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at scheduled classes is expected. This class requires a fair amount of individual research and writing. The university expects you to devote two hours outside of class for every class hour. That means that you should expect to spend a minimum of twelve hours per week reading and studying for this class. Attendance at the quizzes is required. Make ups will only be given in case of National Emergency.

COURSE SCHEDULE

WEEK ONE (June 12-14): INTRODUCTION TO EAST ASIA

Course introduction / Cultural Traditions

Readings: Connections, Chapters 16, 17, and 18

6/14 Class meets in Library 122

6/16: *First Paper Topic Due*

WEEK TWO (June 19-23) EAST ASIA BEFORE IMPERIALISM

Readings: Chapters 16, 17, and 18

6/19 *Quiz*

WEEK THREE (June 26-30) IMPERIALISM

Readings: Connections, Chapters 19 and 20

6/26 *Quiz*

WEEK FOUR (July 3-7) EAST ASIA REACTS

Readings: Chapter 21 and 22

7/3 *First Paper Due*

7/3 *Second Paper Topic Due*

7/3 *Quiz*.

WEEK FIVE (July 10-14) BEGINNINGS OF NATIONALISM

Readings: Chapters 23 and 24

7/10 *Quiz*

WEEK SIX (July 17-21) ASIAN IMPERIALISM

Readings: Chapter 25 and 26

7/17 *Quiz*

7/21 No Class

WEEK SEVEN (July 24-28) THE ERA OF THE COLD WAR

Readings: Connections, Chapter 27 and 28

7/24 No Class

7/26 *Second Paper Due*

7/26 *Third Paper Topic Due*

WEEK EIGHT (July 31-Aug 4) CONTEMPORARY EAST ASIA

Readings: Chapters 16, 17, and 18

7/31 *Quiz*

8/4 *Third Paper Due*