

Asia in World History since 1500

Section 1

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【Course Outline / Description】

This course explores the history of Asian societies and cultures within the wider context of world history, from the year 1500 CE to present. Students will develop historical understanding of East, Southeast, South, and Central Asian history in the course, as well as an increased understanding of global history in the modern period. Among the themes which we will explore in the course: traditions and belief systems in Asian societies, Western colonization in Asia, imperialism, capitalism and industrial development, decolonization and nationalism, global and regional wars and conflicts, and sociopolitical, cultural, and economic developments up until contemporary times.

Section 2

【Course Objectives/Goals/Learning Outcomes】

Students will increase their understanding of the history of Asian societies and their involvement in world history during the modern era. Reading, writing, and oral communication skills are essential to success in the course. Students will also improve their research and presentation skills during the course. The research presentation requires the use and analysis of historical sources in order to discuss what students discover about their topic. The presentation should be centered around the research question.

Section 3

【Class Schedule/Class Environment, Literature and Materials】

Lesson 1 Topic: Introduction to the course- Geography of Asia- Assignments: None

Lesson 2 Topic: Ming China (1368-1644)- Assignments: Read Murphey Chapter 11 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 3 Topic: Late Ming and the Manchu Conquest- Assignments: Read Murphey Chapter 11 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 4 Topic: European Colonialism in Asia- Portugal and Spain- Assignments: Read Murphey Chapter 12 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 5 Topic: European Colonialism in Asia- Russia, Netherlands, and England- Assignments: Read Murphey Chapter 12 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 6 Topic: Early Qing China- Assignments: Read Murphey Chapter 13 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 7 Topic: Late Qing China continued- Assignments: Read Murphey Chapter 13 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 8 Topic: Early Tokugawa Japan- Assignments: Read Murphey Chapter 13 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 9 Topic: Late Tokugawa Japan- Assignments: Read Murphey Chapter 13 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 10 Topic: British Colonialism in India- Assignments: Read Murphey Chapter 14 and

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other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 11 Topic: British Colonialism in India continued- Assignments: Read Murphey Chapter 14 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 12 Topic: Imperialism in Asia- Assignments: Read Murphey Chapter 15 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard; Submission of Research Presentation Proposal Due

Lesson 13 Topic: Imperialism in Asia- Assignments: Read Murphey Chapter 15 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 14 Topic: Midterm Exam Review Session- Assignments: Prepare for Midterm Review Session

Lesson 15 Topic: Review for Midterm Exam and Midterm Exam during class today- Assignments: Prepare for Midterm Exam

Lesson 16 Topic: Introduction of the Research Presentation (Workshop 1); China's Nationalist Revolution- Assignments: Prepare for Research Presentation Workshop

Lesson 17 Topic: Rise of Nationalism in South Asia- Assignments: Read Murphey Chapter 16 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 18 Topic: Colonialism in Southeast Asia- Assignments: Read Murphey Chapter 17 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 19 Topic: China and Japan from the 1920s-1940s- Assignments: Read Murphey Chapter 17 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 20 Topic: Occupation of Japan and Postwar Development- Assignments: Murphey Chapter 18

Lesson 21 Topic: Mao and the People's Republic of China- Assignments: Read Murphey Chapter 18 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 22 Topic: Modern Korea- Assignments: Read Murphey Chapter 19 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 23 Topic: Southeast Asia since 1945- Assignments: Read Murphey Chapter 19 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 24 Topic: South Asian Partition, Independence, and Postwar Development- Assignments: Read Murphey Chapter 20 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 25 Topic: Research Presentation Workshop 2- Assignments: Continue work on Research Presentations

Lesson 26 Topic: Contemporary Asia- Assignments: Research Presentations Due- Submit through Blackboard as a .ppt file; Read Murphey Chapter 21 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 27 Topic: Contemporary Asia- Assignments: Research Presentations; Read Murphey Chapter 21 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

Lesson 28 Topic: Contemporary Asia- Assignments: Research Presentations; Read Murphey Chapter 21 and other materials in today's folder on Blackboard

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Lesson 29 Topic: Final Exam Review Session- Assignments: Research Presentations; Prepare for Final Exam Review Session

Lesson 30 Topic: Final Examination Review Session; Course Wrap-Up- Assignments: Prepare for Final Examination Review Session

【Textbooks/Reading Materials】

Rhoads Murphey and Kristin Stapleton, *A History of Asia* (Routledge Press)

Other articles, primary sources, secondary sources, videos, and other relevant materials will also be assigned and listed in the “Assignments” folders on Blackboard

Section 4

【Learning Assessments/Grading Rubric】

Final Exam 30%

Midterm Exam 20%

Participation and Attendance 20%

Research Presentation 30%

Exams (2) are a combination of identification items and essay questions. **Attendance and participation** require active involvement in the class discussions and attentive reading and carrying out of in-class and out-of-class assignments. The **research presentation** is based on a topic of the student's choice. It requires the use of historical sources and results in a 10-to-15 minute presentation with 8 to 12 slides. Further information about all assessments are provided to students during the class.

Section 5

【Additional Information】

Attendance and active participation are required in this course and are a significant part of the grade. To do well in the course, you should prepare all assignments prior to each class meeting and be prepared to actively participate. Thoughtful and informed discussions are an important part of the class.