

## Asia in World History to 1500

### Section 1

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#### 【Course Outline / Description】

This course explores the impact of Asian societies and cultures within the context of world history, from the first civilizations in Asia until about the year 1500 CE. The focus of the course is on the traditions and histories of Asian societies in the premodern period. Students will develop historical understanding of East, Southeast, South, and Central Asian history in the course.

### Section 2

#### 【Course Objectives/Goals/Learning Outcomes】

Students will increase their understanding of the history of Asia and its involvement in world history during the premodern era. They will also improve their research and presentation skills during the course. By the end of the course, students will also become experts in a particular topic of their choice related to Asian history to 1500.

### Section 3

#### 【Textbooks/Reading Materials】

Textbook: Rhoads Murphey, *A History of Asia* (7th edition, paperback)

#### 【Class Schedule/Class Environment, Literature and Materials】

- Lecture 1: Introduction to the course- Geography of Asia—No readings
- Lecture 2: Big History and the Pre-History of Asia—Chapter 1
- Lecture 3: Hinduism and its Early History—Chapter 2 (Hinduism section)
- Lecture 4: Buddhism and its Early History—Chapter 2 (Buddhism section)
- Lecture 5: Confucianism and its Early History—Read Chapter 2 (Confucianism section)
- Lecture 6: Daoism and other Early Religions in Asia—Chapter 2 (Daoism section, Other religions)
- Lecture 7: Early Societies of Asia: General Characteristics—Chapter 3
- Lecture 8: Education, Economy, and Law in Early Asian History—Chapter 3
- Lecture 9: Ancient Indian History—Chapter 4
- Lecture 10: Challenges to Indian Civilizations—Chapter 4
- Lecture 11: Ancient Chinese History—Chapter 5
- Lecture 12: Rise and Fall of the Han Dynasty—Chapter 5
- Lecture 13: Islam in South Asia—Chapter 6
- Lecture 14: Review Session for Midterm Examination—Prepare for Midterm Review Session
- Lecture 15: Midterm Examination During Class—Prepare for Midterm Examination
- Lecture 16: Introduction of the Research Paper—None
- Lecture 17: Southern India and Southeast Asia—Chapter 6 and Chapter 7
- Lecture 18: Tang and Song China—Chapter 8
- Lecture 19: The Mongols and the Mongol Conquest of China—Submission of Research Paper Proposal Due Today; Chapter 8
- Lecture 20: The Early History of Japan—Chapter 9 (Early Japanese History section)
- Lecture 21: Middle Ages Japan—Chapter 9 (Middle Ages Japan History section)
- Lecture 22: Premodern Korean History—First Draft of Research Paper Due Today; Chapter 9 (Korean History section)
- Lecture 23: Mughal India—Chapter 10 (Mughals section)
- Lecture 24: Central Asia and Iran—Chapter 10 (Central Asia, Iran sections)
- Lecture 25: Research Paper Workshop—Continue Work on Research Papers
- Lecture 26: Ming Dynasty China- the early period—Research Presentations Today; Chapter 11

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Lecture 27: Ming Dynasty in Decline—Research Presentations Today (continued); Chapter 11  
Lecture 28: Timelines Exercise to Prepare for Final Exam—Final Draft of Research Paper Due Today  
Lecture 29: Identification Items Review Session—Prep for Identification Items Review  
Lecture 30: Final Examination Review Session; Course Wrap-Up—Prep for Final Exam Review Session

#### Section 4

##### 【Learning Assessments/Grading Rubric】

Final Exam: 30%; Midterm Exam: 20%; Quizzes: 5%; Participation: 20%; Research Paper 15%; Presentation on Research: 10%

Exams are a combination of identification items and essay questions. Quizzes are unannounced and are based on the readings and lectures. The research presentation and the research paper are based on the same topic (of the student's choice). Information about those assignments will be distributed.



