

Survey of East Asian Civ - 74661 - HIST 251 - 002

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Class: 12:00pm-1:15 Robinson Hall A208,

Office hour: MWF 10:30-11:30 (by appointment)

Textbook:

East Asia, A Cultural, Social, and Political History by Ebrey, Walthall, and Palais (second edition),

Brief course descriptions:

This survey course is to offer an introduction to cultures and civilizations of Asia. The major focus will be intellectual, cultural, social, and political history. By looking at history and dynamics of East Asian civilizations, we will better understand modern and contemporary East Asian politics, cultures, and societies whose importance is rising.

Grading:

Class attendance and participation 30%, mid-term exam 30%, final exam 40%

Lectures:

Week 1

August 29-Sept 2

1. Introduction
2. Early China: chapter 1.

Week 2

Sept 5-9

1. Warring states and philosophers, chapter 2
2. early Imperia/centralized l China, chapter 3

Week 3

Sept 12-16

1. Cosmopolitan China, chapter 4 & 5
2. China and its nomadic neighbors, chapter 8 & 9

Week 4

Sept 19-23

1. Ming China: chapter 14
2. Qing China, chapter 16

Week 5

Sept 26-30

1. Review for Mid-term exam
2. **Mid-term exam in class**

Week 6

Oct 3-7

1. Early Korea, chapter 6
2. Koryo Korea, chapter 10

Week 7

Oct 10-14

(Tuesday /Oct 10 no class)

1. Chosen Korea, chapter 15

Week 8

Oct 17-21

1. Early Japan, chapter 7
2. Heian Japan, chapter 9

Week 9

Oct 24-28

1. Kamakura Japan, chapter 11
2. Japan's Middle Ages, chapter 13

Week 10

Oct 31-Nov 4

1. Edo Japan, chapter 17
2. Western imperialism in East Asia: China, chapter 18

Week 11

Nov 7-11

1. West Imperialism in East Asia: Japan, chapter 19 & 20
2. Korea, chapter 21

Week 12

Nov 14-18

1. Rise of Japan and its expansion, chapter 22 & 23
2. remaking China, chapter 24

Week 13

Nov 21-25

1. The formation of Communist China, chapter 25
2. No class on Thursday

Week 14

Nov 28-Dec 2

1. Postwar Japan, chapter 26 & 30
2. Mao's China, chapter 27

Week 15

Dec 5-9

1. Korea divided, chapter 29
2. review for final exam

Final exam:

Thurs. 12/15

10:30 am – 1:15 pm