

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

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Class: 9:30-10:20 a.m. MWF Robinson B 222

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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%, 3-5 page book review 20, mid-term exam 20%, final exam 30%

Class format: lecture, discussion, presentation, video

### **Lectures:**

Week 1

1. Introduction
2. Early China: chapter 1.
3. Discussion

Week 2

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

Week 3

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

#### Week 4

1. Ming China: chapter 14
  2. Qing China, chapter 16
- Video: 1421

#### Week 5

1. Review for Mid-term exam
2. **Mid-term exam in class**
3. comments on the mid term exam

#### Week 6

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

#### Week 7

**(Tuesday /Oct 10 no class)**

1. Chosen Korea, chapter 15

#### Week 8

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

#### Week 9

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

#### Week 10

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

#### Week 11

1. West Imperialism in East Asia: Japan, chapter 19 & 20
2. Korea, chapter 21
3. discussion, **book review is due!**

#### Week 12

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

3. discussion

Week 13

1. The formation of Communist China, chapter 25

2. No class on Thursday

3. video

Week 14

1. Postwar Japan, chapter 26 & 30

2. Mao's China, chapter 27

3. video

Week 15

1. Korea divided, chapter 29

2. review for final exam