

Camosun College Course Outline

ASIA PACIFIC 110 - TRADITIONAL ASIA PACIFIC

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Course Schedule: Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:50 pm, Young 325.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Rhoads Murphey. East Asia: A New History. 2nd Edition. New York: Longman, 2001.

Dave Furutami. Kill the Shogun. New York: Morrow Press, 2000.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This course is an introduction to the broad currents of social, cultural, political, and economic change in the Asia-Pacific region before the modern period. The focus is on the interaction among the different Asia-Pacific civilizations and their changing values, beliefs, social systems, literature, art, governance, and economic exchanges.

Prerequisites: C+ in English 12 or assessment.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course students will be able to explain the evolution of the Asia-Pacific civilizations; to describe the patterns of migration, cultural diffusion, and economic exchange in pre-modern Asia-Pacific; to assess the basic principles, evolution and spread of the major religions in pre-modern Asia-Pacific; and to analyse divergent political ideas and systems in the context of Asia-Pacific civilizations.

EVALUATION

Students will be evaluated according to the standards and procedures set by Camosun College on the basis of the following work:

1. First Exam -15%

A preliminary exam will be held in class on **May 19th**. It will consist of Fill-In-the-Blanks, Short Answers, and Essay Questions. This examination will serve as a preview of the other examinations in this course and the level of performance expected in the course. The format of the three examinations will be similar and this preliminary examination should be used as a guide in evaluating the effort and skills required for successful completion of this course. A review and exam preparation session will be held in class on **May 12th**.

2. Second Examination- 25%

A second examination will be given in class on **May 31st**. It will consist of three sections: Fill-In-the-Blanks, Short Answers, and Essay Questions. The exam will be based on material covered to date and will include material from lectures, discussion groups, and required readings. A review and exam preparation session will be held in class on **May 26th**.

3. Term Paper- 30%

Topics for term papers must be chosen and approved by the instructor by **May 16th**. Requirements for the term paper will be specified in a separate handout, which will include a list of suggested topics. You may not submit the same paper for two different classes at Camosun. Joint papers for two classes are acceptable only with prior approval of both instructors. Work submitted must be your own. Plagiarism may result in a zero for the assignment.

Term papers are due **June 14th**. There will be a penalty for late papers. No papers will be accepted after the last class on **June 16th**.

4. Final Examination- 30%

A final examination will be given during Final Examination Week, **June 21-25**. The format will be the similar to the second examination. The exam will cover material presented in the course as a whole, though there will be extra emphasis on material presented since the second examination. A review and exam preparation session will be held in class on **June 16th**.

Letter grades will be assigned according to the following distribution of marks:

A+	95-100	B+	80 - 84	C+	65 - 69	D	50 - 59
A	90 - 94	B	75 - 79	C	60 - 64	F	<50
A-	85 - 89	B-	70 - 74				

ORGANISATION OF THE COURSE

This is primarily a lecture course, supplemented with classroom discussion and seminars. The following schedule will provide a guide to lecture topics, reading assignments, and important deadlines. The reading load is reduced following the second exam to allow students to focus on their research papers. May Day break would be a good time to read the novel, which is also

required reading for this course. It will be discussed in class on May 31st.

CLASS SCHEDULE

- May 3, 2004 Lecture One: East Asia: Common Ground and Regional Differences
Chapter 1, East Asia: A New History
- May 5, 2004 Lecture Two: Southeast Asia: World of the Peasant
Readings: Reid, Anthony "Land Below the Winds"
- May 10, 2004 Lecture Three: Confucianism, Buddhism and Islam
Chapter 5, East Asia: A New History
- May 12, 2004 Lecture Four: Traditional China
Chapter 8, East Asia: A New History
- May 17, 2004 Lecture Five: Traditional Japan and Korea
Chapter 9 and Chapter 11, East Asia: A New History
- May 19, 2004 Lecture Six: Traditional Southeast Asia
Reading: Osborne, Milton "Courts, Kings and Peasants: Southeast Asia
Before the European Impact"
- May 24, 2004 Holiday
Readings: Kill the Shogun
- May 26, 2004 Lecture Seven: Traditional Oceania
Reading: TBA
- May 31, 2004 Lecture Eight: The West Arrives in Asia
Chapter 12, East Asia: A New History
- June 2, 2004 Lecture Nine: China's and Japan's Response to the West
Chapters 14 and 15, East Asia: A New History
- June 7, 2004 Lecture Ten: Imperialism in Asia
Chapter 16, East Asia: A New History
- June 9, 2004 Lecture Eleven: Imperialism in Southeast Asia
Reading: Heidhues, Mary Somers "Southeast Asia as a Crossroads"
- June 14, 2004 Lecture Twelve: China's Decline
Chapter 17, East Asia: A New History
- June 16, 2004 Lecture Thirteen: The Road to War
Chapter 18 and Chapter 19, East Asia: A New History.