

ASIA 110 TRADITIONAL ASIA-PACIFIC

Fall 2004

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Course 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.

Text:

Murphy, Rhoads. *East Asia: A New History*. Third Edition.

Additional readings will be recommended during the course.

Evaluation:

Two in-class quizzes	10%
Mid-term	20%
Term paper	30%
Final exam	40%

The quizzes will consist of matching and short identification questions. The mid-term and final exams will consist of matching, short identification and a choice of essay questions.

Term paper:

Each student is required to complete a formal research paper. Please go to the Writing Center for information on format and plagiarism. The paper will be eight to twelve double-spaced, typewritten pages with footnotes and a bibliography to show your sources. A list of topics will be handed out after the first week of classes. The completed paper is due November 29, 2004. Papers will be devalued five percent per day for every day late and will not be accepted after December 7, 2004.

Course Outline:

Sept.	8	Introduction.
	13-15	Common ground. Ch. 1.
	20-22	Prehistory. Ch. 2
	27-29	The philosophers. Ch. 3.
Oct.	4	Quiz. Ch. 1-3.
	4-6	Empire: Qin and Han. Ch. 4.
	13-18-20	Buddhism, barbarians and Tang. Ch. 5.
	25	Mid-term exam. Ch. 1-5.
	27	Song. Ch. 6.
Nov.	1	Yuan.

- 3-8 Ming. Ch. 7.
- 10 Ching. Ch. 8.
- 15 Quiz. Ch. 6-8.
- 15-17 Vietnam and Korea. Ch. 9.
- 22 Japan: Beginnings. Ch. 10.
- 24-29 Warriors, monks and conflict. Ch. 11
- 29 Term paper due.
- Dec. 1 The West. Ch. 12.
- 6 Tokugawa. Ch. 13.
- 7 Review and discussion.

Final Exam: time TBA.