

Winter 2005

Camosun College Course Outline

ASIA PACIFIC 110 - TRADITIONAL ASIA PACIFIC
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INSTRUCTOR: RANDALL GARRISON

Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 13:30- 14:00, 15:30-16:00
Tuesday and Thursday 10:30- 12:00
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Course Schedule: Monday and Wednesday (Y325) from 14:00 to 15:20.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Rhoads Murphey. East Asia: A New History. 3rd Edition. New York: Longman, 2001.

Randall Garrison, ed. Readings for Asia 110. Victoria: Camosun, 2005.

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.

COURSE OBJECTIVES & LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The primary objective of this course is to ensure students develop an understanding of the major forms of religion, society, governance, and economic organisation that arose in East and Southeast Asia in the pre-modern period. Secondary objectives include the development of skills in critical reading, research and writing in Asia-Pacific Studies, the ability to apply these skills in the analysis of concepts and issues in the field, and a knowledge of how to access and use relevant sources of information.

This will help students to achieve the following learning outcomes: 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%

An exam will be held in class on **February 7th**. 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 February 2nd.

2. Second Examination- 25%

A second examination will be given in class on **March 14th**. 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 March 9th.

3. Term Paper- 30%

Topics for term papers must be chosen and approved by the instructor by February 28th. 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 at the end of class on **March 30th**. There will be a penalty for late papers. No papers will be accepted after the last class on April 13th.

4. Final Examination- 30%

A final examination will be given during Final Examination Week, **April 18-26th**. 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 April 13th.

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.

January 10/12th	INTRODUCTION TO EAST ASIA Murphey, Chapter 1.
January 17/19th	ORIGINS OF CIVILIZATIONS Murphey, Chapters 2 & 10.
January 24th	RELIGIONS OF TRADITIONAL ASIA: Confucianism & Daoism Murphey, Chapter 3 and 4.
January 26/31st	RELIGIONS OF TRADITIONAL ASIA: Hinduism & Buddhism Murphey, Chapter 5. Reading #1: Goodman.
February 2nd	RELIGIONS OF TRADITIONAL ASIA: Shinto / Review Murphey, Chapter 10. (esp. pp. 190-197.) Reading #2: Kelsey.
FEBRUARY 7th	FIRST EXAMINATION
February 9/14/16th	IMPERIAL CHINA Murphey, Chapters 6, 7 & 8.
February 21st	TRADITIONAL CHINESE SOCIETY Reading #3: Park.
February 23/28th	TRADITIONAL JAPANESE SOCIETY Murphey, Chapter 11. Reading #4: Howland.
March 2nd	TOKUGAWA JAPAN Murphy, Chapter 13.
March 7th	EVERYDAY LIFE IN TRADITIONAL ASIA-PACIFIC Reading #5: Burton.

March 9th **FEUDALISM IN JAPAN/ Review**
 Reading #6: Hall

MARCH 14th SECOND EXAMINATION

March 16th **TRADITIONAL TRADE SYSTEMS IN ASIA**
 Reading #7: Lee.

March 21st **YANGBAN KOREA**
 Murphey, Chapter 9, pp. 176-188.

March 23rd **MAINLAND SOUTHEAST ASIA: Vietnam**
 Murphey, Chapter 9, pp. 170-176.

March 28th **EASTER BREAK (no class)**

PAPERS DUE: MARCH 30TH

March 30th **ISLAND SOUTHEAST ASIA**
 (no new reading)

April 4th **THE WEST IN ASIA: The Collapse of China**
 Murphey, Chapters 14 & 17.

April 6th **THE WEST IN ASIA: Japanese Adaptation and Resistance**
 Murphey, Chapter 15.

April 11th **THE WEST IN ASIA: Korea**
 Murphey, Chapter 16.

April 13th **THE WEST IN ASIA: Southeast Asia/ REVIEW**
 (no new reading)

APRIL 18th-26th FINAL EXAM WEEK