

0101A210

Asian Civilization to 1500

Instructor: TBA

Time: October 17, 2022- November 18, 2022

Office Hours: 2 hours (according to the teaching schedule)

Contact Hours: 60 (50 minutes each)

Credits: 4

Course Description

This course will focus on major Asian regions from prehistory to the period immediately before Western colonial expansion in the region's political institutions and political change, social and economic structures, and religious and philosophical beliefs. Students will study the history and cultures of China, Japan, India, and Southeast Asia, and their interactions with each other and the outside world.

Required Textbook(s)

Charles Holcombe, *A History of East Asia: From the Origins of Civilization to the Twenty-First Century* 2nd ed. (PUP 2017)

Hermann Kulke and Dietmar Rothermund, *A History of India* 6th Ed. (Routledge, 2016)

William Strunk Jr. and E. B. White. *The Elements of Style*. (This book is useful for writing essays).

Course Schedule

Please note that the schedule is meant to give an overview of the major concepts in this course. Changes may occur in this calendar as needed to aid in the student's development.

Week One

- Introduction, Class Assignments
- Introduction to Asia: Geography, Religion, and Culture
- The Origins of China
- The Shang to Ming Dynasties

Week Two

- First essay & Review and Discussion
- Early Japan
- Medieval Japan
The Three Unifiers of Japan

Week Three

- Essay #1 Due & Review and Discussion
- Quiz 1
- Second essay
- The Mauryan Empire
- The Gupta Empire
- Islamic India and the Delhi Sultanate

Week Four

- Essay #2 Due & Review and Discussion
- Third essay
- Mainland Southeast Asia
- Insular Southeast Asia

Week Five

- Essay #3 Due & Review and Discussion
- Quiz 2
- Asia on the Eve of Western Colonial Contact: The Ming, Mughals, and Tokugawa

Grading Policy

Your grade will be based on the following items.

Type	Percentage
Essay	20% * 3
Quiz	15% * 2
Participation	10%
Total	100%

Quizzes

There will be 2 quizzes. The purpose of the quizzes is to test your absorption of the knowledge in the textbook through your reading assignments. Each Quiz is worth 15%.

Essays

As noted in the grading section of this syllabus, you have Three short essays to complete. One of the two texts we will be employing, Writing and Reading. Across the Curriculum, is abundantly filled with essays, periodical articles, and meditations about a diverse breadth of issues for us to critically explore, and thereby practice the writing of argumentative essays based on our readings. Each essay is a minimum of two pages and a maximum of three. You must submit a fully completed essay by the due date. If you fail to do so, a full-grade point will be deducted for each course day you fail to submit your work. If you complied with this rule and received a grade lower than a C. you are allowed in this class to revise your essay as many times as possible to increase your mark to a C level.

Grading Scale

The instructor will use the grading system as applied by JNU:

Definition	Letter Grade	Score
Excellent	A	90~100
Good	B	80~89
Satisfactory	C	70~79
Poor	D	60~69
Failed	E	Below 60

Academic Integrity

As members of the Jinan University academic community, students are expected to be honest in all of their academic coursework and activities. Academic dishonesty, includes (but is not limited to) cheating on assignments or examinations; plagiarizing, i.e., misrepresenting as one's own work any work done by another; submitting the same paper, or a substantially similar paper, to meet the requirements of more than one course without the approval and consent of the instructors concerned; or sabotaging other students' work within these general definitions. Instructors, however, determine what constitutes academic misconduct in the courses they teach. Students found guilty of academic misconduct in any portion of the academic work face penalties that range from the lowering of their course grade to awarding a grade of E for the entire course.