



HIS 218: History of the Modern Asia

General Information:

Term: 2022 Summer Session

Instructor: Staff

Language of Instruction: English

Classroom: TBA

Office Hours: TBA

Class Sessions Per Week: 5

Total Weeks: 5

Total Class Sessions: 25

Class Session Length (minutes): 145

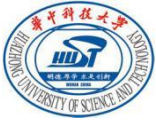
Credit Hours: 4

Course Description:

This course is an investigation of the development of Asia in the aspect of politics, society, culture and economy. We will focus on India, China, Japan, Korea and Southeast Asia, including the Philippines during four periods: the early modernity of the seventeenth to nineteenth centuries; the age of empires in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries; the rise of the nation-state in the first half of the twentieth century; and the new postwar order in the twentieth century. Emphasis will be placed on events taking place after 1850 (change in Japan; India's independence from colonial Britain; the rise of Nationalism and Communism in China and Vietnam; World War II in Asia; China's economic growth after the war). After the completion of the course, students should be able to describe the major political, economic, social and cultural characteristics of the emphasized countries in Asia.

Learning Objectives:

- Demonstrate a general understanding of Asian history from the early stage to the contemporary era.
- Develop the ability of critical thinking and analytical writing skills.



- Learn to assess and interpret the historical events.
- Develop a historical perspective on the present international affairs.

Course Format and Requirements:

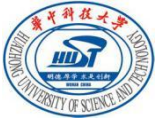
Students will go through the material principally by means of lectures and visual presentations, but also in-class discussion of crucial artists/events and assigned readings. Please turn off all cell phones during lecture. No texting during class lectures. There is no talking out of turn or during lectures unless called upon to answer a question. If you have a question you will be given every opportunity to ask for the answer. You are encouraged to ask questions since extra credit may be given for thoughtful questions.

Attendance and participation is essential for your success in this course. More than three unexcused absences will result in an automatic reduction in your participation grade, for instance from A- to B+. Your active participation in the class is expected and constitutes part of your grade. Absences due to health can be excused only if the student brings a signed note from his or her health care provider.

Course Materials:

There will be a course pack (required) for this course, contents of which will consist of materials from the following recommended books:

1. *The Origins of the Modern World: A Global and Environmental Narrative from the Fifteenth to the Twenty-First Century* by Robert B. Marks (Feb 5, 2015)
2. *In Search of Southeast Asia: A Modern History* (Revised) by David P. Chandler and John R. W. Smail (Nov 1, 1987)
3. *East Asia: A New History* by Rhoads Murphey, 5th Edition (Jul 31, 2009)
4. *A Concise History of Modern India* by Barbara D. Metcalf and Thomas R. Metcalf, 3rd Edition (Dec 13, 2012)
5. *Mao Zedong and China's Revolutions: A Brief History with Documents (Bedford Cultural Editions Series)* by Timothy Cheek (May 16, 2002)



6. ***Provincializing Europe: Postcolonial Thought and Historical Difference (Princeton Studies in Culture/Power/History)*** by Dipesh Chakrabarty (Nov 18, 2007)
7. ***Colonialism and Its Forms of Knowledge*** by Bernard S. Cohn (Aug 19, 1996)
8. ***The Great Divergence: China, Europe, and the Making of the Modern World Economy*** by Kenneth Pomeranz (Jul 31, 2012)

Course Assignments:

Quizzes

6 quizzes will be given through the whole semester and the lowest one will be dropped. Quizzes will always be completed in the first ten minutes of class. Quizzes will consist of a series of multiple choice, matching, true/false, and short-answer questions. Quizzes comprise 10% of your course grade.

Exams

All exams will contain questions drawn from class notes and readings and will be based on the following format:

1) Multiple choices

2) Term identifications

You have to identify and assess the concepts and significance of specific terms like prominent historical figures, events and places derived from the course readings.

3) Short answer questions:

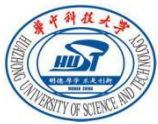
You will be asked questions pertaining to subjects, issues and changes in art derived from readings on handouts.

4) Short essay question:

You will be asked to write an essay pertaining to a specific question.

Midterm exams

This course will have one in-class closed-book mid-term exam. It will cover course materials taught until the day before the exam.



Final exam

A three-hour, closed-book final exam will be taken at the end of the session. The final exam is cumulative, based on contents taught in the whole semester. The final exam is worth 25% of the final grade. Note that the final will not be taken during the normal class times. Exact time and location for final will be announced in the last week of sessions.

Journals

Students will maintain a journal through the whole semester to reflect on one or more of the topics drawn from the week's lectures and other sorts of materials, or answer specific questions given by the instructor. Students should write at least 300 words each week. The Journals will be submitted at the end of each week.

Term Paper

Each student is required to finish an individual essay assignment on topic selected from the list of all topics proved by the instructor. During the process of writing this term paper, students are expected to gain a deeper understanding of topics covered by this course and apply the knowledge they learned here to analyze the problems on modern history and especially on how the modern Asian regions interact with the world. Critical thinking and professional writing skills are also practiced. Professionalism of the paper means that documents are formatted, grammar is correct, and no spelling errors.

Each student will give a presentation on the term paper. Everyone will have about 15 to 20 minutes and you are expected to show the use of technology in presentations, organization of materials, effective communication, and professional look. Presentations will be made during the final week of classes.

Students should refer to the below guidelines for clarification:

Paper General Guidelines

- Double-spaced and typed, using 12 font and one inch margins.
- A clear introduction with a defined thesis; following by a well-structured body and conclusion.



- Proof read for spell checking, grammatical and structural errors.
- All sources must be properly cited.

Paper Grading Policy

- 20%- Overall style and creativity of the work
- 40%- Structure and Argument
- 40%- Reading of Sources, use of evidence and proper citations

Course Assessment:

Quizzes	10%
Journal	15%
Term Paper	20%
Midterm Exams	25%
Final Exam	30%
Total	100%

Grading Scale (percentage):

A+: 98%-100%

A: 93%-97%

A-: 90%-92%

B+: 88%-89%

B: 83%-87%

B-: 80%-82%

C+: 78%-79%

C: 73%-77%

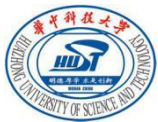
C-: 70%-72%

D+: 68%-69%

D: 63%-67%

D-: 60%-62%

F: Below 60%

**Course Schedule:**

Week	Topics	Activities
1	Introduction to the course Syllabus Overview Empires of Trade Manchu China, Tokugawa Japan, and Joseon Korea India and the British Raj Opium Wars in Qing China The Opening of Japan	Quizzes Reading & Discussion Journals
2	Colonial Encounters in Nineteenth Century Asia Nationalism, Revolution, and Reform China: From Empire to Republic Japan's Meiji Restoration Western Imperialism in Southeast Asia	Quizzes Reading & Discussion Journals
3	Building an Empire: The US and the Philippines Japanese Imperialism Asia and the First World War China in the Interwar Period Rise of Indian Nationalism Southeast Asia to the Second World War	Quizzes Reading & Discussion Journals Midterm Exam



4	Asia and the Second World War East Asia at War World War II in South Asia Chinese Civil War The Cold War in Asia Korean War Cultural Revolution	Quizzes Reading & Discussion Journals Term Paper
5	Reconstruction and Prosperity in Japan Reform and Opening Up Dictatorship in Post-colonial North and South Korea Indonesian Independence Continued Cold War on the Korean Peninsula Asia in the late 20th Century/Early 21st Century	Quizzes Reading & Discussion Journals Presentation of Term Paper Final Exam

Academic Integrity:

Students are encouraged to study together, and to discuss lecture topics with one another, but all other work should be completed independently.

Students are expected to adhere to the standards of academic honesty and integrity that are described in the Huazhong University of Science and Technology's *Academic Conduct Code*.

Any work suspected of violating the standards of the *Academic Conduct Code* will be reported to the Dean's Office. Penalties for violating the *Academic Conduct Code* may include dismissal from the program. All students have an individual responsibility to know and understand the provisions of the *Academic Conduct Code*.



Special Needs or Assistance:

Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.