

History 251-001: Survey of East Asian Civilization
(CRN 18544)

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Course Description

A survey of major events and developments in the pre-modern history of East Asia, beginning with mythological and archaeological origins and ending around 1800. The course will focus mainly on China, Japan, and Korea. The class will be lecture-oriented, but students will also be expected to participate in class discussions. Discussions, papers and tests will be based not only on survey information provided in lectures and in the textbook, but also on the reading and interpretation of the secondary materials.

Required Texts:

Main Text: East Asia: A Cultural, Social and Political History
 (Patricia Ebrey, Anne Walthall, James Palais, Houghton Mifflin, 2006, 2nd ed. 2009)

Secondary Texts (3):

Lao Tzu: Tao Te Ching (Tr. by D.C. Lau, Penguin Books, 1963)

Wu Zhao: China's Only Woman Emperor (N. Harry Rothschild, Pearson Longman, 2008)

The Inner Quarters: Marriage and the Lives of Chinese Women in the Sung Period
 (Patricia Ebrey, University of California Press, 1993)

Grading (Course Requirements)

Attendance and Class Participation:	10%
Map Quiz:	5%
Film Review (2 pages):	5%
Essay (5 pages):	10%
Mid-term Exams 1,2	15% each
Final Exam:	40%

A student's class participation will be evaluated not according to the amount of talking that student does, but rather according to whether that student contributes thoughtfully and constructively, based on a careful consideration of the class readings. Obviously, repeated unexcused absences will be reflected in their participation grade.

There will be four in-class exams during the semester; the fourth will take place during final exam week. The exams will include both an identification and essay component. **Students must take the exams on the day designated by the instructor.**

Students will also write one film review and one essay during the semester. These writings must be turned in during the proper class periods. Late papers will be penalized. Plagiarism and cheating in essay writing and examinations will also be punished, ranging from an zero on the assignment to suspension from the university.

Class Schedule

Students should on their own correlate required readings with classroom lectures. Announcements of materials to be covered will be made weekly.

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| January 19 | Introduction/ Geography and Language
Neolithic and Shang China (to 1122 B.C.E.)
Ebrey, Ch. 1, handout |
| January 26 | The Western Zhou (1027-771 B.C.E.) and the Warring States
Era (770-256 B.C.E.) Ebrey, Ch. 2 |
| February 2 | Philosophers and Warring States:
Confucianism, Daoism, and Legalism Ebrey, Ch. 2, Lao Tzu
Tao Te Ching, Book One, handout * Map Test* |
| February 9 | Qin-Han China (256 B.C.E.- 200 C.E.)
Ebrey, Ch. 3, Lao Tzu Tao Te Ching, Book Two |
| February 16 | Western Jin Dynasty(265-316): Spread of Buddhism (200-
580) Ebrey, Ch. 4 |
| February 23 | Cosmopolitan Empires of Sui, Tang China (581-960)
Ebrey, Ch. 5. Wu Zhao, whole volume. * Midterm #1* |
| March 2 | Early Korea and Early Japan
(Three Kingdoms, Silla, and Parhae: Yamato and Nara periods)
Ebrey chapters. |
| March 9 | Spring Break/ No Class |

- March 16 Heian Japan (794-1180)
Politics, Religion, Culture and Aristocratic Life
Ebrey chapters
- March 23 The Song Dynasty (960-1279)
The Mongols and the Yuan Dynasty (1279-1368)
Ebrey chapters, Inner Quarters *** Essay Due***
- March 30 Koryo Dynasty (889-1259 C.E.) and Mongol Invasion
Kamakura Japan (1180-1333 C.E.): Buddhism and Warrior Culture
Ebrey chapters
- April 6 The Ming Empire in China (1368-1600)
Society and Culture
Ebrey chapters *** Midterm #2***
- April 13 Japan's Middle Ages: The Ashikaga and Warring States Period (1330-1573)
- April 20 Early Chosŏn Korea (1351-1598): Neo-Confucianism and Cultural Flourishing, Ebrey chapters
- April 27 Growth and Stability (1600-1800)
Manchu Empire (1600-1800)
Tokugawa Japan (1603-1800) and Samurai Culture
Ebrey chapters
Film Review Due
- May 4 Late Chosŏn Korea (1598-1800), Ebrey
International Relations in East Asia
Review
- May 11 Final Exam. 7-10 p.m.

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Video tapes: Johnson Center Library (Media section)

DS 712. C 545 Arts/ Li River

C 548 Peking/ Great Wall

DS 712. S 54 Silk Road (Part 1-12)

DS 721. H 4 Heart of the Dragon (Part 1-12) 6 tapes

DS 735. A 63 The Ancient Chinese (24 minutes)

DS 735. C 511 China: The History and Mystery

DS 747.9. C47 The 1st Emperor of China (42 min.)

DS 749.3. C45 China's Cosmopolitan Age: The Tang

DS 835. J36 on Japan 5 tapes (av. 55 min.)

Part I: Buddha in the land of Kami (53 min.)

Part 3: The Age of the Shoguns (1600-1868)

Part 5: The Essence of Being Japanese (56 min.)

DS 827. S26 Samurai Japan (47 min.)

DS 871.5. D345 Daimyo (30 min.)

DS 806. J36 3 tapes on Japan. Intro. by Jane Seymour.

DS 902. K67 Korea: Ancient Treasure & Modern Wonder (23 min.)