Course Title : HISTORY OF MODERN EAST ASIA
Course Code : HST1151
Recommended Study Year : 2
No. of Credits/Term : 3
Mode of Tuition : Sectional approach
Class Contact Hours : 3 hours per week
Category in Major Prog. : Elective
Prerequisite(s) : None
Co-requisite(s) : None
Exemption Requirement(s) : N/A

Brief Course Description
This course introduces the history of modern East Asia. While focusing principally on China, Japan, and Korea, we will also address Taiwan, Macau, and Hong Kong in relation to the major themes of the course. These themes include the evolution of East Asia’s relationship with the Western world, intellectually and politically; the Chinese-Japanese relationship; contrasting pathways of change; transformation and conservatism in cultural identity and social values; and tensions between colonialism, nationalism, and independence. Analysis of these themes will occur at three levels: dynamics of continuity and change within individual East Asian societies; intra-regional interactions and formation of East Asia as a region and an identity; and East Asia’s role in the world as a player and as an idea.

Aims
This course aims to provide a survey of the modern history of East Asia as a basis for understanding the broader change and development of the modern world.

Learning Outcomes
1. Knowledge of the fundamental developments in East Asia in the modern period, both nationally and regionally.
2. Ability to understand the growth of interaction between East Asia and the rest of the world, and to evaluate both the positive and negative aspects of this change.
3. Awareness of current important domestic and foreign relations issues in East Asia, and ability to historically contextualize them.
4. Ability to synthesize and analyze, both through oral discussion and in writing, various written and visual sources relating to modern East Asia.

Indicative Content
1. Early Modern Transitions: 16th-19th centuries
   a. Foundations and Developments
   b. Initial Patterns of East-West Interaction
   c. Comparative Modernization Patterns

2. Cultural Challenges and Transformations: 1895-1945
   a. Comparative Colonial Systems
   b. Intellectual Fermentation and Cultural Questioning
   c. WWII and Parameters of Regional-Global Warfare

3. New Systemic Frameworks: 1950’s-‘60’s
   a. America’s Reconstruction of Japan
   b. China Remade under Communism
   c. Independence and Division of Korea
4. Contemporary East Asia: 1970’s-Present
   a. Economic Dynamism and Cultural Values
   b. Political Culture
   c. Gender and Social Change

Teaching Method
This course is taught partly as lectures, partly as a seminar with assigned readings and discussions.

Measurement of Learning Outcomes
1. Quizzes and a final exam testing knowledge of important national, regional, and global developments within and relating to modern East Asia.
2. Written assignments and in-class discussion connecting current events in East Asia to their historical causes.
3. Written assignments and in-class discussion requiring synthesis and analysis of course readings, films viewed, and news items gathered.

Assessment
Continuous Assessment  60%
Examination  40%

Required Readings
Selected readings from the following:

Supplementary Readings


余定邦、喻常森：《近代中國與東南亞關係史》（廣州：中山大學出版社，1999年）。

周榮耀：《冷戰後的東方與西方：學者的對話》（北京：中國社會科學出版社，1997年）。

劉迪輝：《東南亞簡史》（南寧：廣西人民出版社，1989年）。