



**University of International Business and Economics
International Summer School
HIS 160 Asia and the World**

Term: May 27 – June 27, 2019

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Class Hours: 2 hours, 1:10-3:10pm Monday to Thursday

Office Hours: 3:10 -4:10pm Monday through Thursday; by appointment

Discussion Session: 2 hours per week

Total Contact Hours: 66 contact hours (45 minutes each)

Credit: 4 units

Course Description:

This course focuses on the formations of the major Asian civilizations roughly from the third millennium BCE to the 20th Century, focusing on the period since 1500. We will learn primarily the histories of China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam and India. It also provides a general introduction to the history of relations between Europe and the major countries of Asia as well as the United States' relations with them. The entire course will be framed within a global historical context with interdisciplinary approach. Discussion topics will include economic, social, cultural, and gender history, as well as developments in art, architecture, material culture, religion, social philosophy, technology, and science. We aim to capture both the changes and continuities of the histories and cultures of the region in class lectures, discussions and primary source analyses. A major goal of the course will be to provide students with the analytical tools and historical background necessary to put future events in West-- East relations in perspective.

Course Goals:

Students will have the ability to read primary and secondary sources (including digital sources) with a critical eye and express these ideas effectively in course assessments.

Students will have the skills to analyze a variety of different types of written texts (or in some cases material evidence or oral accounts) and identify how each text is shaped by author, audience, and the context in which they were constructed.

Students will demonstrate a broad understanding of the major events, people, and issues relevant to Asian Civilizations through exams, quizzes, and assignments.

Required Textbook: Asian Cultural Traditions, 2nd Ed. Carolyn Brown Heinz & Jeremy A. Murray. Waveland Press, Inc. Long Grove, IL. 2019.

Grading Policy:

◇ Midterm Exam	100 points
◇ Final Exam	100 points
◇ Quizzes	100 points
◇ Primary Source Analysis	50 points
◇ Paper	50 points
Total Course	400 points

Grading Scale:

Assignments and examinations will be graded according to the following grade scale:

A	90-100	C+	72-74
A-	85-89	C	68-71
B+	82-84	C-	64-67
B	78-81	D	60-63
B-	75-77	F	below 60

Class Rules:

A summer course is an intense and fast-paced learning environment. Students must make a commitment to the course in order to earn a passing grade.

To create a successful learning environment all students must adhere to the following rules:

- ◆ Students must bring your textbook to the class everyday.
- ◆ Students must arrive on time. A habit of arriving late will impact your final score. It shows disrespect for the instructor and your fellow classmates who are in the class to succeed.
- ◆ Students will conduct their behavior in the class room as is expected of a mature, serious university student. Disruptions will not be tolerated.

That includes:

- use of electronic devices for purposes other than coursework
- habits of talking, not paying attention, and disruptive behaviors
- cheating, not doing your own work, incomplete assignments

Attendance Policy:

Attendance in class is mandatory. If an absence is unavoidable, arrangements must be made in advance to avoid penalty. Every student can have 2 absences without impacting your final grade for family emergency and sickness, etc. Starting from the 3rd absence, 5 points for each absence will be deducted from your final grade. A perfect attendance will earn you an extra 10 points for the final grade. UIBE policy requires a medical certificate to be excused. Moreover, UIBE policy is that a student who has missed more than one-third of the class (6 class times) of a course will fail.

Timeliness:

Students are expected to take all exams, quizzes and other in-class assignments at their scheduled time and to turn in papers on their due dates. Quizzes missed cannot be made up under any circumstances. Missed exams will be administered at the discretion of the instructor and only upon advance notice from the student. Late papers will be penalized on a sliding scale. The grade will be reduced 5% each day it is late, including weekends. For example, a 50-point assignment will be reduced to 47.5 points maximum if it is one day late. On the eighth day the assignment will receive a permanent zero. Waiver of this penalty is at the discretion of the instructor and only upon advance notice from the student and only for a valid excuse.

Cell phone policy:

Please turn off your cell phones before class starts, no texting or voicemail checking is allowed. The instructor reserves the right to take away your cell phone if student does not stop using it after the first warning.

Advice to Those Who Want to Pass This Course:

1. Attend the lectures and discussions. Borrowing someone else's notes is not a substitute for class attendance.
2. Keep up with the assigned readings and chapter exercises. Understanding the readings is central to success in H1S. You must read and re-read the assigned readings. It is better to take notes on the assigned readings.
3. Rather than memorizing facts, thinking critically about the course material is essential for success.
4. Ask for help if you are not doing your best.

Course Schedule:

Week 1 (May 27-May 30): Introducing Asia

M Introduction: Geography, Language, Culture (Chapters 1 & 2)

T Central Asia (Chapters 3 & 4)

W South Asia: India (Chapters 5) Quiz 1

Th South Asian Religion: Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Confucianism (Chapter 6) Review and Quiz 2; Primary Source Analysis

Week 2 (June 3-6): East Asia

M China (Chapter 7) Quiz 3

T Japan (Chapter 8) Quiz 4

W Korea; (Chapter 9) Primary Source Analysis; Quiz 5

Th Review and Quiz 4; Primary Source Analysis

Week 3 (June 10-13): Southeast Asia

M (Chapters 10 & 11) Mainland and Insular Southeast Asia (Chapter 10)

T Catching-Up day Quiz 6 Primary Source Analysis

W Review for Midterm Exam

Th Midterm Exam

Week 4 (June 17-20): Asia and Europe



M European Empires in Asia during colonial period (Chapter 12) Quiz 7

T India under British control (Chapter 12); Primary Source Analysis

W British Empire in Southeast Asia

Th Review and Quiz 8 on Chapter; Primary Source Analysis; Paper due

Week 5 (June 24-27): US-Asian Relations

M US-Asian Relations in the 19th Century

T US-Asian Relations in the 20th Century; Quiz 9; Primary Source Analysis

W US-Asian Relations during the Cold War and beyond; Quiz 10

Th Final Exam