HIST 2460—Rise of Modern Asia
Three Semester Hours

PREREQUISITES:
University Requisite: None

COURSE OVERVIEW:
Introductory survey of the history of Asia from India to Japan, beginning in the mid-19th century. Emphasis on the rise of modern nationalism, economic development, and social and cultural achievements.

METHODS OF COURSE INSTRUCTION:
All material for this course is print-based. Instructor and students communicate and exchange materials through postal mail.

TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES:

Main Textbook

Required Supplemental Books


NUMBER OF LESSONS:
The course has 14 lessons. The topics include:

- Lesson 1: Foundations—Introduction to East Asian Language, Geography, and Ideas
- Lesson 2: Shared Culture/Different Histories: East Asia, 7th–16th Centuries
- Lesson 3: Regime Formation in Japan and China, 16th–17th Centuries
- Lesson 4: The Impact of Western Imperialism, 19th Century
- Lesson 5: Facing an Uncertain Future and Rethinking the Past, 1900–1929
- Lesson 6: East Asia 1600–1929 Review and Documentary Analysis Draft
Lesson 7: Documentary Analysis Midterm Assignment
Lesson 8: World War II in East Asia, 1931-1945
Lesson 9: Japan, 1945–Today
Lesson 10: Korea, 1945–Present
Lesson 11: China, 1945–Present
Lesson 12: Contemporary China
Lesson 13: Thesis-Driven Essay Draft Assignment
Lesson 14: Thesis-Driven Essay Final Assignment

TYPES OF WRITING ASSIGNMENTS:
Each lesson will require the submission of written work. For most lessons (1–5, 8–12), these assignments will take the form of brief essays (a minimum of five paragraphs of five sentences each) that respond directly to the given essay prompt. Lessons 6 and 13 will ask you to write partial drafts of a midterm project and a final project, while lessons 7 and 14 will consist of submitting a finalized version of those projects.

GRADING CRITERIA:
Your course grade will be computed according to the following formula:

- Regular Writing Assignments (Lesson 1–5, 8–12) 50%
- Project Draft Assignments (Lessons 6, 13) 10%
- Project Assignments (Lessons 7, 14) 40%