Course Objectives

This course will provide students essential background for understanding the complexities of U.S. relations with three East Asian countries and with East Asia as a region. China, Japan and a divided Korea, along with the region itself, will shape American life in the years ahead. This understanding includes a historical overview of U.S. interaction with these countries in a context of national security and commercial relations. The course will examine relations with each country during the Cold War as well as bilateral relations between the United States and each country in the post Cold War period.

The final portion of the course will consider key issues facing the world today: Security, trade, natural resources, and the environment, and how the U.S. and each country grapples with these challenges.

Requirements

Student evaluation will come from examinations based on readings and lectures, from weekly quizzes, and from class attendance and participation in three Seminar Question sessions. Accordingly, students are expected to attend all classes and to keep up with essential reading. If you cannot attend class, send an e-mail explaining that in advance.

Grades will be based on:

- Class Attendance and Seminar Question Sessions On February 11, March 1 and April 19. (20%).
- Eight quizzes given on Tuesdays (except after holidays) (20%). The lowest score is dropped.
- A take-home Mid-Term Exam distributed February 25 and due March 3 (20%).
- A Take-Home Final Exam distributed April 21 and due May 1 (40%).

Written assignments and communication should be e-mailed to pes15@case.edu.

NOTE: Exams more than one week late will receive a failing grade.
Incompletes are not given (except for serious health reasons).
**Office Hours:** Tuesday & Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Room 315 Mather House, or by appointment. I am always available.

**Disabilities:**

Students with disabilities, or who experience acute illness or injury that may prevent them from successfully taking typical written exams should make arrangements for alternative formats through the Coordinator of Disability Services in Educational Service for Students, Sears Hall Room 470, 216-368-5230.

**Drop**

If you drop the course, please afford the courtesy of telling me so.

**Reading:**

Books available for purchase at the University Bookstore are:


Note there are two books by Robert Sutter used in this course. The first includes chapters on BlackBoard and is titled *The United States in Asia*. The second, available for purchase, is titled *The United States and Asia*. Note the difference.

Assignments marked with * are available on Blackboard.
Tentative Schedule
(subject to change)

Examining East Asia

January 12, 2016:  The Need to Think Differently: Confucianism & Collectivism

   Reading: *Lucian Pye, Chs 2 & 3

Assessing America in East Asia

January 14, 2016:  Regional Dynamics and American East Asia Policy: America in Decline?

            *G. John Ikenberry: The United States and Northeast Asia, Chapter 1.

Incursion From the West

January 19  Colonialism in Japan, Korea, and China

   Reading: *Beasley, Chs 1-2
            *Gordon, pp. 46-54
            *Pratt, Chapters 6.
            Hsü, Chs 7-9.

January 21  The Asian Response

   Reading: *Beasley, Chs 3, 5, 11 & 12
            *Gordon: Chs 5-8
            Hsü, Ch 11, Ch 12 (pp. 297-305) & Chs 13-14.
            *Pratt, Chapter 7, pp. 209-226
East Asia as The Second Front in the Cold War

January 26  
Occupation of Japan  
*Reading: Beasley, Chs 13 & 14  
Gordon: Ch 13

January 28  
Civil War in China  
*Reading: Hsü Ch. 25

February 2,  
War in Korea  
*Reading: *Whiting, Chs 1-3 & 8-9  
*Judge & Langdon, Ch 7  
*Pratt, Chapter 8

February 4, 2014  
Vietnam & East Asia  
*Reading: *Judge & Langdon Ch 11

February 9  
China Isolated  
*Reading: *Lorenz Lüthi, Chapter 2  
*Chen Jian: Mao’s China and the Cold War, Chapter 3  

February 10  
First seminar questions due via pes15@case.edu

February 11  
Discussion of First Seminar questions

Bilaterals

February 16  
Chinese Patterns of Behavior  
*Reading: *Ezra Vogel: Introduction in Living With China  
*Lampton, Ch 1 in Same Bed, Different Dreams  
February 18  The Grand Bargain With China

Reading: *Judge & Langdon*, pp 225-226
Hsü, Ch 30
Chen Jian: *Mao’s China and the Cold War*, Chapter 9
Robert Sutter: *The United States and Asia*, Chapter 5

February 23  Paradigm Shift in Japan

*Keith Nitta*: “Paradigms” in Vogel
Gordon: Chs 15 & 16
Sutter: *The United States and Asia*, Chapter 7

February 25  U.S.-South Korean & U.S.-North Korean Relations

Reading: *Ikenberry* Chapter 5 & 6

Take-Home Midterm Distribution

Midterm Due March 3 via pes15@case.edu

February 29  Second Seminar Questions Due

March 1  Discussion of Second Seminar Questions

March 7-11 -- Spring Break
March 15, 2012  East Asian Economic Development: Trade

*Reading:*
*Ming Wan* Ch 2 & 8  
**Gordon:** Pages 314-332  
**Robert G. Sutter:** *Chinese Foreign Relations*, Chapter 4.  

March 17  The Politics of Energy & the Environment

*Reading:*
*Vergin:* Chapter 13 (read first, then Chapters 9 & 10  
*Elizabeth Economy & Michael Levi:* *By All Means Necessary*” Chs 1 & 3

*Suggested Reading*


March 22  The South & East China Seas

*Reading*  
**Barbara Bean:** “Law of the Sea” updated April 27, 2015.

*YouTube:*  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g6yzz1_VZSQ  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8qo3h50OHc  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1yLf7NjKXjg  
American Priorities in East Asia

March 24, 2014  United States and Taiwan

Reading:  *Robert Sutter: U.S. - China Relations,  Chapter 10

March 29  Evolving U.S. Priorities With Korea & Japan

Reading:  *Robert Sutter: The United States in Asia,  Ch 2 (pp. 60-79) & Ch 3 (pp. 85-101)
*Takashi Inoguchi & Paul Bacon: Rethinking Japan as an Ordinary Country” in Ikenberry, The United States and Northeast Asia.
*Oberdorfer Ch. 4

March 31  The Pivot: Reengagement & China's Reaction

Reading:  *Hillary Clinton, "America's Pacific Century" in Foreign Policy, November 2011.
Kevin Rudd: "Beyond the Pivot" in Foreign Affairs, March/April 2013.
*Matt Schiavenza: "What Exactly Does It Mean That the U.S. Is Pivoting To Asia? in The Atlantic, April 13, 2013

April 5  Security Issues,

Reading  *Lampton, Ch 2 in Same Bed
*Mochizuki, Ch 4 in Krause
*Ikenberry, Ch. 7

April 7  NO CLASS
April 12  The Japanese Challenge

*Beadsley*, Chs 15-17
*Gordon*, Ch 14

April 14  The Chinese Challenge

*Ming Wan* Ch 3, pp. 59-70 & 78-87..

April 18  Third Seminar Questions Due

April 19  Discussion of Third Seminar Questions

April 21  Course Review
Take-Home final distributed.

May 1  Take-Home Fine Essay due via pes15@case.edu by 5 p.m.