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 an 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:** (20%).
- Weekly quizzes given on Mondays (except after holidays) (20%). The lowest score is dropped.
- An in-class multiple-choice/true & false Mid-term Exam (20%).
- A Take-Home Final Exam (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.
Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Room 312 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:


Assignments marked with * are available on Blackboard.

Tentative Schedule (subject to change)

Examining East Asia

January 14, 2014: The Need to Think Differently: Confucianism & Collectivism

Reading: *Pye, Chs 2 & 3

Incursion From the West

January 16, 2014: Colonialism in Japan & Korea

Reading

- *Beasley, Chs 1-2
- Gordon, pp. 46-54
January 21, 2014  Colonialism in China
  Reading:  Hsü, Chs 7-9.

The Asian Response

January 23, 2014  Japan's Response
  Reading:  *Beasley, Chs 3, 5, 11 & 12
            Gordon: Chs 5-8

January 28, 2014  China's Response
  Reading:  Hsü, Ch 11, Ch 12 (pp. 297-305) & Chs 13-14.

January 30, 2014  Korea's Response
  Reading:  *Pratt, Chapter 7, pp. 209-226

East Asia as Second Front in the Cold War

February 4, 2014  Occupation of Japan
  Reading:  *Beasley, Chs 13 & 14
            Gordon: Ch 13

February 6, 2014  Civil War in China
  Reading:  Hsü Ch. 25

February 11, 2014  War in Korea
  Reading:  *Whiting, Chs 1-3 & 7-9
            *Judge & Langdon, Ch 7
            *Pratt, Chapter 8

February 13, 2014  Vietnam & East Asia
  Reading:  *Judge & Langdon Ch 11

February 18, 2014  China Isolated
  Reading:  *Lüthi, Chapters 2
February 20, 2014  The Grand Bargain With China

Reading:  *Judge & Langdon, pp 225-226
           Hsü, Ch 30

February 27, 2014  Chinese Patterns of Behavior

Reading:  *Ezra Vogel: Introduction in Living With China
           *Lampton, Ch 1 in Same Bed, Different Dreams

March 4, 2014  Paradigm Shift in Japan

Reading:  *Steven Kent Vogel, Chs 1-4, 10
           Gordon: Chs 15 & 16

March 6, 2014  In-Class Midterm

March 10 to 14 -- Spring Break

March 18, 2014  U.S.-South Korean Relations

Reading:  *Feffer Chs 2 & 8

March 20, 2014  U.S. North Korean Relations

Reading:  *Ikenberry, Ch. 6

March 25, 2014  Regional Dynamics and American East Asian Policy: America in Decline?

Reading:  Sutter, Introduction and Ch 5
           *Ikenberry, Ch 1

Assessing America in East Asia
**East Asian Issues**

**March 27, 2012**  
East Asian Economic Development: Trade

Reading:  
*Py, Chs 11 & 12  
*Ming Wan Ch 2  
*Krauss Ch 7  
Gordon: Pages 314-332  
*Naughton, Chs 16-17  
*Ming Wan, Ch 8

**April 1, 2014**  
The Politics of Energy & the Environment

Reading:  
*Yergin: Chapter 13, then Chs 9 & 10  
*McElory & Nielsen, Ch 7 in Ezra Vogel  
*Elizabeth Economy, Chs 6-8.  

**American Priorities in East Asian**

**April 3, 2014**  
Evolving U.S. Priorities With China

Reading:  
Sutter, Ch 2 (pp. 39-60)

**April 3, 2014**  
United States and Taiwan

Reading:  
*Sutter (U.S.-China Relations) Chapter 10

**April 10, 2014**  
Evolving U.S. Priorities With Korea & Japan

Reading:  
Sutter Ch 2 (pp. 60-79)  
*Ikenberry, Ch. 5  
*Oberdorfer Ch. 4  
Sutter, Ch 3 (pp. 85-101)  
*Ikenberry, Ch 3
April 15, 2014  The Pivot: Reengagement & China's Reaction

Reading:
* Clinton, "America's Pacific Century" in Foreign Policy, November 2011

April 17, 2014  Security Issues,

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

April 22, 2014  The Japanese Challenge

Reading:
* Beasley, Chs 15-17
* Gordon, Ch 14

April 24, 2014  The Chinese Challenge

Reading:
* Ikenberry, Ch 2
* Ming Wan Ch 3, pp. 59-70 & 78-87