Course Objectives

This course will provide students essential background for understanding American relations in East and South Asia that will shape American life in the years ahead. These are China and North Korea in East Asia and India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan in South Asia. This understanding includes an historical overview of U.S. interaction with these countries in a context of economic and political development. The course will examine this history during the Cold War as well as bilateral relations between the United States and each country in the post Cold War period, roughly 1990 to the present.

The final portion of the course will consider key issues facing the world today, trade, security, 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 and from class attendance and participation. Accordingly, students are expected to attend all classes and to keep up with essential reading.

Grades will be based on:
A take-home mid-term examination (40%), a take-home final exam (40%), and class attendance & participation (20%).

Note: Late exam papers will be penalized 5% per day late unless arrangements are made in advance for valid reasons.

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 11:15 a.m. in 317 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.

Reading:

Bookstore:

Additional reading is on Blackboard and marked with an * below.

Tentative Schedule
(all dates subject to change)

January 11  The Need to Think Differently
January 13  Foundations of America in East Asia
Reading: *Ikenberry, Ch. 1
January 15  Confucianism & Collectivism
Reading: *Pye, Chs 2 & 3

January 18  No Class

January 20  Colonialism in Asia
Reading  Hsü, Chs 7-9.
          Sutter Ch 1

January 22  The Chinese Response
Reading  Hsü, Ch 11, Ch 12 pp. 297-305 & Chs 13-14.

January 25 & 27  Asian Political/Economic Development
Reading:
January 29  Cold War – China and Korea  
Reading:  *Whiting, Chs 1-3 & 7-9  
*Judge & Langdon, Chs 6 & 7

February 1 & 3  Cold War – China and the Roots of Vietnam  
Reading:  *Judge & Langdon, Ch 11

U.S. – China Relations

February 5 & 8  Rapprochement: The Grand Bargain  
Reading:  *Judge & Langdon, pp 225-226, 245-248  
Hsü, Ch 30  
Sutter, Ch. 2

February 10 &12  China Rises  
Reading:  *Ikenberry, Ch. 2

February 15, 17 & 19  Patterns of Behavior  
Reading:  *Mann: Chs 1-14  
*Ezra Vogel: Introduction in Living With China  
*Lampton Ch 1 in Same Bed, Different Dreams  
*Mann, Chs 15-18

U.S.-Korean Relations

February 22, 24 & 26  South & North Korea  
Readings:  Sutter, Ch 2  
Feffer Chs 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 & 9  
*Ikenberry Chs. 5 & 6  
*Shambaugh & Yahuda Ch. 12

February 24  Midterm Review. Take-Home Midterm Distributed.  
Due Midnight March 5 via e-mail to both  
pes15@case.edu and to xielede@roadrunner.com.

The View From China

March 1, 3 & 5  China’s Foreign Relations  
Readings:  *Sutter’s Chinese Foreign Relations  
Chs 6-7, pp. 238-253, and Ch. 10

March 7-12  Spring Break. No Class.
U.S. – South Asian Relations

March 15, 17 & 19  U.S. – Indian Relations
Reading:  *Pye Ch 5  
*Malik Ch 2  
Rudolph Chs 1-4

March 22, 24 & 26  U.S. – Pakistan Relations
Readings:  *Pye Ch 5  
*Malik Ch 8  
Sutter, Ch. 4

March 29 & 31  U.S.-Afghanistan Relations

Dynamics in U.S. – Asian Relations

April 2, 5 & 7  Security
Reading:  Douglas Paal, Ch 2 in Vogel  
Lampton, Ch 2 in Same Bed  
Ikenberry, Ch. 7  
Shambaugh & Yahuda, Chs 9 & 15

April 9, 12 & 14  Trade
Reading:  Naughton, Chs 16-17  
Lampton, Ch 3 pp. 111-130  
Shambaugh & Yahuda, Ch. 14

April 16  The Environment
Reading:  *McElory & Nielsen, Ch 7 in Ezra Vogel  
*Economy, Chs 6-8.  
*Naughton, Ch. 20

April 19, 21, & 23,  The Challenge of Asia
Readings:  *Shambaugh & Yahuda, Ch 16  
Sutter, Ch. 10

Distribution of Final exam question(s). Exam paper due Noon on May 3 via e-mail.

April 26  No Class