Syllabus
Political Science 370C/470C
The United States and Asia
Spring 2009
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Course Objectives

Trade, security and the environment are major issues confronting the United States in the 21st Century. Key players in this drama are the countries of Asia, especially China and Japan. Korea provides the critical first act.

This course will provide students essential background for understanding three Asian countries that will shape American life in the years ahead. These are Japan, China, and North Korea. This understanding includes an historical overview of U.S. interaction with these countries in a context of economic and political development theories. 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:
Mid-term examination (20%) March 5, 2009 in Class
Final exam (40%) May 1, 2009 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Policy paper (20%). Due April 23 midnight via e-mail to the address listed above.

Note: Late papers will be penalized 5% per day late.

Class Attendance & Participation (20%)

The policy paper will consider the pros and cons of policy choices facing the United States in either trade, security, or the environment. Format is aimed at convincing the President of the United States on policy choices. Length is three (3) pages. Material beyond three pages will not be read.
Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., 220 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:

Blackboard

**Tentative Schedule (subject to change)**

**January 12, 2009**  
**The Need to Think Differently**

**Asia: Confucianism & Collectivism**
Reading: Pye, Chs 2 & 3

**Colonialism in Asia**
Reading:  
Hsü, Chs 7-9.  
Jansen, Ch 3  
Beasley, Chs 1-2  
Gordon, pp. 46-54

**The Asian Response – China**
Reading:  
Hsü, Ch 11, Ch 12 pp. 297-305 & Chs 13-14.

**The Asian Response -- Japan**
Reading:  
Jansen, Ch 5  
Beasley, Chs 3, 5, 11 & 12  
Gordon: Chs 5-8

**Asian Political/Economic Development**
Reading:  
Pye, Chs 11 & 12

**Cold War – China, Korea & Japan**
Reading:  
Whiting, Chs 1-3 & 7-9  
Judge & Langdon, Chs 6 & 7  
Beasley, Chs 13 & 14  
Gordon: Ch 13

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

**Cold War – Challenge from Japan**
Reading:  
Beasley, Chs 15-17  
Gordon: Ch 14

**The Cold War – Rapprochement: Nixon in China**
Reading:  
Judge & Langdon, pp 225-226, 245-248  
Hsü, Ch 30

**Midterm Review**
Midterm Exam    March 5, 2009.

March 9-13    Spring Break, No Class

The Grand Bargain – China and the United States
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.-Japan Relations
Reading:    Steven Kent-Vogel, Chs 1-4, 10
            Gordon: Chs 15 & 16

U.S.-Korean Relations
Reading:    Feffer Chs 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 & 9

Security
Reading    Douglas Paal, Ch 2 in Vogel
            Lampton, Ch 2 in Same Bed
            Krauss Ch 4
            Vaughn & Morrison

Trade
Reading:    Krauss Ch 7
            Gordon: Pages 314-332
            Naughton, Chs 16-17
            Lampton, Ch 3 pp. 111-130
            Stiglitz, “Globalism’s Discontents in The American Prospect, 13:1,
            January 1-14, 2002.
            Susan Strange, Ch. 1 “The Declining Authority of States.”

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

Sum-up and Review for Final

Final Exam    12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on May 1, 2009