

CHS250-1: Introduction to East Asian Studies (2004 Curriculum)

HIS250-1: Introduction to East Asia Studies (2008 Curriculum)

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### **Course Objectives**

Class participants will learn the meaning of “East Asia” and basic concepts and vocabulary associated with this phenomenon as viewed from different academic disciplines (political science, history, and international relations). Students will acquire a fundamental understanding of the historical background of East Asia and core themes in the concept’s application to different areas of East Asia: historical and contemporary China, Taiwan, Korea and other East Asian regions.

### **Course Description**

This introductory level of course focuses on the historical and social development of the traditional Chinese world including Taiwan, Hong Kong and overseas Chinese communities in Southeast Asia as well as the Korean peninsula, a region sometimes referred to as the Confucian Culture Area. Basic information about the region’s political systems, political cultures and socio-economic structures will be provided in lectures. Also to be discussed as key current international issues such as Japan-China relations and the Korean peninsula’s problems. This is a required course for all students concentrating in East Asian Studies.

### **Classroom Activities**

Students will receive lectures, and be tested on the lectures’ content and assigned readings.

## Prerequisite

None

## Evaluation

Quiz by Mizuno	25 %
Quiz by Lam	25 %
Quiz by Quinones	25 %
Quiz by Yamazaki	25 %

## Course Materials

Materials will be distributed by each faculty.

## Course Schedule

<b>Apr.</b>	12	M	Quinones	East Asia Yesterday and Today
	14	W	Quinones	Korea's Land and People
	19	M	Quinones	Korea and China
	21	W	Quinones	Korea and Japan
	26	M	Quinones	Korea Today
	28	W	Quinones	Review
<b>May</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>National Holiday</b>	
	<b>5</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>National Holiday</b>	
	7	F	Quinones	Quiz by Dr. Quinones
	10	M	Mizuno	China's Geographical Setting
	12	W	Mizuno	Premodern China 1
	17	M	Mizuno	Premodern China 2
	19	W	Mizuno	Modern China 1
	24	M	Mizuno	Modern China 2
	26	W	Mizuno	Modern China 3
31	M	Mizuno	Quiz by Dr. Mizuno	
<b>Jun.</b>	2	W	Lam	Introduction to the Era of Reform; China's Political System
	7	M	Lam	Focus on Economic Reform; Globalization of the Economy
	9	W	Lam	Stagnation in Political and Institutional Reforms
	14	M	Lam	The Civil Society; Middle and Professional Classes; and Private Businessmen
	16	W	Lam	China as a Major Player on the World Stage; the "China Threat" Theory
	21	M	Lam	China's Relations with the United States, Japan and Taiwan
	23	W	Lam	Quiz by Dr. Lam
	28	M	Yamazaki	Taiwan: Overview
30	W	Yamazaki	Pre History Period and the Early Colonization	
<b>Jul.</b>	5	M	Yamazaki	Taiwan under the Chinese Rule
	7	W	Yamazaki	Taiwan under the Japanese Rule
	12	M	Yamazaki	Taiwan after WWII (1945-1987)
	14	W	Yamazaki	Taiwan after WWII (1987-2000)
	<b>19</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>National Holiday</b>	
21	W	Yamazaki	Quiz by Dr. Yamazaki	