

GEO330 REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY OF EAST ASIA (3 credit hours)

GEO240-1 GEOGRAPHY OF EAST ASIA (3 credit hours)

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DESCRIPTION: Regional geography deals with wide range of subjects and tries to find regional characteristics. This course designed to help students understand geographic characters of East Asia by studying both physical and human features of the area. First, we will consider geographic division of Asia. Then look at what kind of regional characteristics or universality that has been formed in each division Both historical and contemporary issues will be discussed.

OBJECTIVES: The objectives of this course is to provide students with

- * Knowledge and understanding of regional configurations in East Asia;
- * Knowledge and understanding of the relationship between nature and human being;
- * The ability to collect relevant literature on a topic in geography, to process and critically assess literatures in order to independently develop a scientific perspective, and to present this perspective to other students both orally and in writing;
- * The ability to develop a scientific and logical way of thinking.

STUDY MATERIALS:

<Textbooks> None

<Reference books, sources of readings and other information>

1. Veeck, G., Pannell, C.W., Smith, C.J., and Huang, Y. (2007) *China's Geography: Globalization and the dynamics of political, economic, and social change*. Rowman & Littlefield.
2. Zhao, S. (1994): *Geography of China: Environment, Resources, Population, and Development*. John Wiley and Sons.
3. Nahm, A.C.. (1996): *Korea: Tradition and Transformation*. Elizabeth: Hollym International Corp.
4. Ganbold, M.P. eds. (2000): *Facts about Mongolia 2000*. Ulaanbaatar: ADMON.
5. Montsame news agency (2006): The 800th Anniversary of Great Mongolian State: Mongolia. Ulaanbaatar: Montsame news agency.

ASSESSMENT:

10%: Class Attendance

- You are expected to attend class, having completed the assigned reading on the syllabus in advance. Each class session will focus on one or more topics and be accompanied by appropriate readings.

10%: An essay on a film

30%: Mid-term Exam

50%: Final Exam

ACADEMIC PREPARATION: None

POLICIES: If you can't attend with unavoidable reason such as funeral, you should inform secretary.

COURSE FORMAT AND ACTIVITIES: Lecture

SCHEDULE:

<Week 1>

Theme: Introduction of the Course and Regional Geography

Readings: reference book 1 and 2

<Week 2>

Theme: China in the globalizing world 1

Readings: reference book 1

<Week 3>

Theme: China in the globalizing world 2

Readings: reference book 1

<Week 4>

Theme: Natural environment: physical setting for development 1

Readings: reference book 1

<Week 5>

Theme: Natural environment: physical setting for development 2

Readings: reference book 1

< *Week 6* >

Theme: Historical Context: An overview 1

Readings: reference book 1

< *Week 7* >

Theme: Historical Context: An overview 2

Readings: reference book 1

< *Week 8* >

Theme: Political system and social, economic development 1

Readings: reference book 1

< *Week 9* >

Theme: Political system and social, economic development 2

Readings: reference book 1

< *Week 10* >

Theme: Population: growth, structure, problems, and policy 1

Readings: reference book 1

< *Week 11* >

Theme: Population: growth, structure, problems, and policy 2

Readings: reference book 1

< *Week 12* >

Theme: The East Asian Tigers 1: Hong Kong and Macao

Readings: reference book 1

< *Week 13* >

Theme: The East Asian Tigers 1: South Korea

Readings: reference book 3

< *Week 14* >

Theme: Developing Country: Mongolia

Readings: reference book 4 and 5

<*Week 15*>

Theme: Final Exam

Readings: None