

# Traditional Asia and Its Legacy

HTS 2061  
Fall 2006  
TTH 12:00-1:30 p.m.  
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Office Hours: T 2:30-4:00 pm, W 1:00-4:00 pm, Th 10:00-11:00 am, and by appointment.

This course is a wide-ranging survey of the civilizations of East Asia from their beginnings to the middle of the nineteenth century. Emphasis is given to comparison of traditional cultures in China and Japan. Topics include formation of empires, religious systems, folk customs, women's history, scientific inventions, expansion of commerce, development of political and social institutions, and the foundation of modern East Asia.

## REQUIRED READINGS:

The following books are available at the bookstore:

1. W.Scott Morton, China: Its History and Culture, McGraw-Hill, 2004.
2. W. Scott Morton, Japan: Its History and Culture. Third Edition, McGraw-Hill, 2004.
3. Hanchao Lu, Street Criers: A Cultural History of Chinese Beggars. Stanford University Press, 2005.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1) Quizzes	30%
2) Midterm	20%
3) Final Exam	40%
4) Attendance	10%

In evaluating a student's performance, consideration will also be given to informed participation in discussions.

## SCHEDULE OF CLASS MEETINGS AND READINGS

- Week 1      August 22 & 24  
 Asia: An Overview  
 Morton [China], 1-4
- Week 2      August 29 & 31  
 China: The Land and the People  
 Morton, 5-21  
 Film: *China: Unruly Dragon*
- Week 3      September 5 & 7  
 From Legend to History  
 Morton, 22-44  
 Film: *China: The History & the Mystery*
- Week 4      September 12 & 14  
 Thoughts and Religions  
 Morton, 45-70
- Week 5      September 19 & 21  
 Qin-Han: the First Chinese Empire  
 Morton, 71-80  
 Film: *Entombed Warriors*
- Week 6      September 26 & 28  
 The Period of Disunity: Introduction of Buddhism  
 Morton, 81-97  
 Film: *The Mandate of Heaven*
- Week 7      October 3 & 5  
 Sui-Tang: The Second Chinese Empire  
 Morton, 98-114  
 Film: *Overview of Chinese History*
- Week 8      October 10 & 12  
 Song: China in Transition  
 Morton, 115-122
- Fall 2006 Student Recess: Oct 16-17
- Week 9      October 19 & 24  
 Yuan-Ming: China in the Early Modern Era  
 Morton, 123-136
- Week 10     October 26 & 31

Qing: Late Imperial China  
Morton, 137-147

Midterm: Thursday, November 2

Week 11      November 2 & 7  
The Origin and Early History of the Japanese  
Morton [Japan], 1-26  
Film: *Buddha in the Land of the Kami*

Week 12      November 9 & 14  
Classic Japan  
Morton, 27-95

Week 13      November 16 & 21  
The Shogunate  
Morton, 105-135  
Film: *The Age of the Shogun*

Happy Thanksgiving!

Week 14      November 28 & 30  
Tokugawa Japan  
Morton, 137-148  
Film: *The Japanese Tea Ceremony*

Week 15      December 5 & 7  
East Asia and the World  
Preparation for the Final Essays

Students will have the topics and guidelines for the take-home final essays before Thanksgiving. The essays are due on Tuesday, December 12, 11:00 a.m. in Room 307-C of the D.M. Smith Building.