

# Asian history II

Syllabus Number

0E252

General Basic Subjects

Elective 2 credit

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## 1. Course Description

Currently the importance of the Asian region is increasing, and many are working closely with Japan. During this semester, we will learn the modern history of East Asia, primarily China after the 19th century. We aim to deepen our understanding of the history and culture of diverse Asian regions and obtain recognition of the future and the world based on historical context.

## 2. Course Objectives

The students should understand the basic knowledge about the overview and the current state of the contemporary Asian region and aim to be able to briefly explain the change by "modernization" from historical background. Furthermore, the students should be able to take the structural point of view to rethink political, social and international relations of the modern Asia.

## 3. Grading Policy

Assessment is based on final exam or report (50%) and regular point (50%). The regular point is judged from the status of the LMS issue, etc.

For the explanation of the test or report and each LMS issues, evaluation viewpoints and examples of answers will be explained in the LMS.

## 4. Textbook and Reference

### Reference

This lecture doesn't use any particular textbook. Materials for the lecture will be distributed, but recommend you to prepare introductory books on Chinese history to help you understand the lecture. Details will be provided during classes, including other references.

## 5. Requirements(Assignments)

The lecture is based on the premise that the basic facts are confirmed, and there are many conceptual explanations such as framework, flow, and causal relation, so please read and prepare the corresponding part of introductory books for basic matters (Around 30 minutes to 1 hour.).

After the class, it is essential to review the contents of the explanation and the descriptions of the relevant parts in the introductory books, summarize them, and further deepen the students' understanding by reading the references introduced. (Around 1 hour to 30 minutes.)

In parallel with the course progress, we will set up a task to measure the level of understanding using the LMS for each unit, so please do it outside of class hours. It will need some extra time to review (About 30 minutes.).

Specific guidelines will be provided as needed during classes.

## 6. Note

The material will be distributed by LMS. In the classroom, please proper manners and be quiet so as not to interfere with the lecture.

Since there is a limit to what can be explained during class hours, each student should read references introduced in the library outside class hours to actively learn about the background and related topics.

## 7. Schedule

- [1] Introduction: The Relationship between Modern Asia and Japan
- [2] Worldview and governance of the traditional Chinese dynasty
- [3] Communities in the traditional China
- [4] Various aspects of the Communities: Modernization, Before and After
- [5] Structural changes after the middle Qing dynasty
- [6] Crisis of frontiers: rural and central
- [7] Origin of Chinese nationalism
- [8] Nationalism and construction of a "nation"
- [9] Flowing people
- [10] Socialism for Asia
- [11] The Age of Socialism under the Cold War (1): "Nation building" in the Cold War
- [12] The Age of Socialism under the Cold War (2): Heritage of "revolution"
- [13] Logic of modern China (1): External behavior and domestic affairs
- [14] Logic of modern China (2): modern interpretation of tradition
- [15] General overview: Revival of the modern "tradition"