



HST 257: History of Modern East Asia (China and Japan)

This course is a survey of Asian history from 1800 to the present with a special emphasis on China and Japan. The course focuses on the political, social, economic, and cultural development of China since the Qing dynasty with an emphasis on the development of modern Chinese nationalism and the theory and practice of Maoism; the background and significance of the Meiji Restoration and Japanese modernization, the fall of the Japanese empire, and the emergence of Japan as an economic superpower. Students develop the ability to think, read, and write critically and analytically and to understand the various forms of human interaction through a study of the unique culture of East Asia during the modern period. The course aids students in their efforts to understand the principles of group behavior and social organizations and how power is wielded in society. Prerequisite: A passing score on the college's reading and writing placement tests, or a C or better or concurrent enrollment in ENG 091 or ENG 092. Three lecture hours per week. Gen. Ed. Competencies Met: Global and Historic Awareness, Human Expression and Multicultural and Social Perspectives.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to: 1. Analyze the scope of human experience of Modern Asians. 2. Assess the ways that historical events of modern East Asian history has helped shape the world today. 3. Evaluate the growth of modern East Asian society, economics, and government. 4. Synthesize college-level materials on East Asian history. 5. Apply the cultural context of East Asia to an understanding of American cultural diversity.

Credits: 3

Program: History