History 190: Foundations of East Asian Civilizations

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GER 302

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The following course book is available at the UO bookstore:


Requirements:

► Reading of assigned materials
► Regular attendance of lectures and participation in discussions
► Midterm and final exams
► One term paper

Grading:

► Attendance, discussion participation: 20%
► Midterm (October 28) and final exam (December 5, 13.00 pm): each 20% (total 40%)
► 4 short quizzes on readings / films presented in the lecture / discussion sections: each 5% (total 20%)
► 1 short paper (ca. 4 pages, typed double spaced) on handout with proverbs concerning Chinese history: 20%

The paper is due in week 9 to avoid delays and collisions with preparations for the finals. Papers handed in late will be accepted only with documented medical justification.

All quotations and paraphrases must be documented properly. This includes webpages you might plan to consult. The complete URL web address of any webpage used is mandatory. For correct citations please follow the guidelines provided on http://www.libweb.uoregon.edu/guides/citing.html

Material for your term paper
Please use the handout containing a selection of Chinese proverbs with historical content from Adeline Yen Mah, *A Thousand Pieces of Gold. A Memoir of China's Past Through Its Proverbs*. New York: Harper Collins 2002, as the basis for your term paper. The paper has to be handed in by week 9. Start to read the material and write your paper as soon as possible to avoid work congestion at the end of the term. You can comment on one or several of the proverbs. You may either find an expression/expressions in your mother tongue, find a proverb that expresses the opposite idea of the selected proverb, or comment creatively by describing a situation (political, economic, personal experience etc.) in which you think that the proverb is applicable today or could have been used in history.

**Fall term possibilities to improve writing skills:**

1. The Writing Lab in the Center for Academic Learning Services is located in 68 PLC (Prince Lucien Campbell Hall). The Writing Lab offers assistance in the process of writing term papers etc. You can drop in, usually it is not necessary to make an appointment (346-3226).

For international students there is the option of courses offered by the program "Academic English for International Students" in 112C Pacific Hall (346-0513).

2. The American English Institute offers writing classes for students who want to improve their writing skills. The AEI is located in 107 Pacific Hall. Leonard Terrible (346-1090) in 109 Pacific Hall is head of the Intensive English Program.

**Course Outline**

**Week 1**

09/27 U 1. Introduction: The Physical and Intellectual Maps of East Asia - China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam  
*Reading:* Murphey 1-19

09/29 H 2. The Material Culture of Prehistoric East Asia  
*Reading:* Murphey 20-40

**Week 2**

10/04 U 3. The Age of the Philosophers in China: Confucius, Xunzi, and Mencius  
*Reading:* Murphey 40-46 (+ additional handouts)
4. The Age of the Philosophers in China: Mozi, the Daoists, and Legalism
Reading: Murphey 46-55 (+ additional handouts)

Film: Confucius: Words of Wisdom (97 min)

Week 3

5. The Beginnings of the Chinese Empire: Qin and Han Politics and Warfare
Reading: Murphey 56-75

6. The Origins of Buddhism and its Impact on China
Reading: Murphey 76-98

Film: Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism (18 min.); Buddhism (28 min.)

Week 4

7. Statecraft and Technology under the Song Bureaucracy
Reading: Murphey 99-116

8. Yuan Domination in China
Reading: Murphey 116-122

Film: Storm from the East (31 min.)

Week 5

9. Conservatism and Prosperity in Late Imperial China
Reading: Murphey 127-135, 145-146, 148-169

10. MIDTERM (covers lectures, sections, and readings of weeks 1-5)

Week 6

11. China's Neighbors: Cultural Influences on Vietnam and Korea
Reading: Murphey 170-189

12. Japan's Links to China and Korea
Reading: Murphey 190-202

Film: Buddha in the Land of the Kami (54 min.)

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