SPECIAL STUDIES COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

CHARACTERS OF EAST ASIA

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General:
The incredibly enjoyable HIST 199 Characters of East Asia has two general
components.

First, in conjunction with HIST 190 and EALL 209, it is a fresh inter-disciplinary
exploration of some ways in which Chinese script, some social values, fascinating
historical personalities, and notions (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist) of personhood have
shaped both the East Asian macro-culture and the civilizations of China and Japan.

Second, it is an orientation to various elements of course planning, time allocation,
and resources available at UO. We anticipate that this will provide a useful knowledge
base that will facilitate your well-organized progress towards graduation.

Course Requirements:
Regular attendance (excused absences are possible; let us know in advance).
Completion of assignments: i/ 2 or 4−year academic plan; ii/ class presentation.
Scheduling of a thirty minute one-on-one meeting with FA Megan Rice, to be
held at some point in the first three weeks of the quarter.
Participation in other scheduled activities: at the minimum, the Portland field trip,
and the Gyōza 500 Madness culinary event.

Grading:
Normally this isn’t even an issue.
As a one-credit P/N course it is very difficult to achieve a grade of “N”. Very few
have managed this feat.
In principle, completion of course requirements earns the “P”.

Classroom Protocol.
We are a self selected group of people who want to explore things and learn
together. We assume that common sense will prevail. More detailed guides are of course
on the syllabi for HIST 190 and EALL 209.
Schedule:

09/27 Introductory Meeting. Walk over from Columbia 150 to GSH 103; 1015: initial orientation; visits to classrooms; lunch together.

WEEK ONE.
10/04 Introduction. Please bring along your student handbook. Course mechanics; various resources; overall goals.
Also, at your leisure, familiarize yourself with Professor Mark Unno’s website: www.uoregon.edu/~munno. The section on learning provides a very useful guide to presentations, term papers, and suchlike.

WEEK TWO.
10/11 Organizing your 2- or 4-year academic plan.
THEN: Culinary Experience #1: Toshi’s Ramen, or Kamitori.

WEEK THREE.
10/18 Library resources presentation.
Mr. Kevin McDowell: Japanese Studies Bibliographer.
Knight Library, Edmiston Classroom.

WEEK FOUR.
10/25 Characters of East Asia: Prof. Goble, HIST 190 and Assignment.
Organizing assignments.
Resources: Wikipedia; Library; Internet.
Readings.

WEEK FIVE.
11/01 Characters of East Asia: Prof. Brown, EALL 209 and Assignment.
Organizing assignments.
Resources: Wikipedia; Library; Internet.
Readings.

11/02 Portland trip (see next page)
11/02 PORTLAND TRIP

Depart Residence Hall vicinity 0710-0720.
Portland Japanese garden.
Lunch Chinatown (thus, Culinary Experience #2).
Lansu Chinese Garden.
Powell’s Book Store (walking distance to Voodoo Donuts).
Time permitting, Uwajimaya Japanese supermarket in Beaverton.
Return to Residence Hall approx. 2100.

WEEK SIX.
Meet at Schnitzer Museum – please be on time (1600).

WEEK SEVEN.
11/15  Characters of East Asia presentations: #1.

WEEK EIGHT.
11/22  Characters of East Asia presentations: #2.

Hand in 2- or 4-year academic plan.

WEEK NINE.
11/29  Thanksgiving: No Class ☹.

WEEK TEN.
12/06  Feedback on and return of 2- or 4-year academic plan.
Review of progress in HIST 190 and EALL 209.
Wrap-up and overview.

12/07  GYŌZA 500 MADNESS ☺
1400 GSH demonstration kitchen.