

## East Asian Studies 1010: East Asian Canons and Cultures

Fall Semester 2016

Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:00–3:15 pm

Maury Hall 104

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### *Course Aims*

This course provides an introduction to the study of East Asia, the macroregion that is commonly understood to consist of Greater China, Korea, and Japan. Our focus for this semester will be the emergence of a coherent cultural zone from the beginnings to the early modern period (ending around 1644), with particular attention to the question of empire formation and the ideologies underlying the idea of empire in East Asia. No prior knowledge of the languages and histories of East Asia is assumed, though a willingness to learn romanization of East Asian names, places, and terms is required.

Except for the very first class meeting, you should complete each set of readings before the class meeting and come prepared to discuss the readings during class.

It is expected that you, as students of the University of Virginia, will adhere to both the letter and spirit of the Honor Code. All violations will be reported to the Honor Committee.

### *Required Texts*

1. Charles Holcombe, *A History of East Asia: From the Origins of Civilization to the Twenty-First Century* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2011).
2. De Bary, Wm. Theodore, ed., *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, vol. 1 (New York: Columbia University Press, 2008).

### *Assessment*

1. Class participation 20% (attendance, office hours, informed questions)
2. Four Examinations 80% (20% each)

A+ = 100–96 / A = 96–93 / A- = 92–90 / B+ = 89–87 / B = 86–83 / B- = 82–80

C+ = 79–77 / C = 76–73 / C- = 72–70 / D+ = 69–67 / D = 66–63 / D- = 62–60 / F= 59–0

I expect that you attend each class meeting and be on time. If you are late to class and are not counted as present, it is your responsibility to tell me that you were present at the end of the class meeting and no later. You are allowed two unexcused absences. If you need to miss class for medical reasons, I will need a doctor's note or this will count as an unexcused absence. For each unexcused absence after your second such absence, your participation grade will go down by 5% (i.e., 20 total points to 19 points).

The examinations will consist of quote identification and short comments on the quotations, as well as timeline fill-ins for important events. The tests are given in class and will not be rescheduled without a valid medical excuse. Please understand that, in a large class, it is difficult to accommodate requests for exceptional treatment, so plan to take the exams during the scheduled meeting. It is your responsibility to get to the exam on time; if you are late to the exam, the time will not be made up.

### *Class Schedule*

For all readings, the page numbers refer to the sections of text that you are responsible for reading prior to each class meeting. If a subtitled section spans pages that I have not assigned, then assume that I have not assigned that subtitled section. Please bring your *Sources of East Asian Traditions* to each class meeting. The *History of East Asia* will not be required in class.

#### Week One

Tuesday, 8/23: The Idea of East Asia and Writing Systems.

Readings: Holcombe, *A History of East Asia*, pp. 1–24. (24 pp. total)

Thursday, 8/25: Legendary Origins and Writings Systems in East Asia.

Readings: Holcombe, *A History of East Asia*, pp. 24–28.

De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 13–21; 485–88; 573–76; 630–35. (28 pp.)

#### Week Two

Tuesday, 8/30: Early Confucian Texts, Part 1 (*Documents, Odes, Analects*).

Readings: Holcombe, *A History of East Asia*, pp. 30–39.

De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 22–40. (19 pp.)

Thursday, 9/1: Early Daoist Texts.

Readings: Holcombe, *A History of East Asia*, pp. 39–41.

De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 49–68. (23 pp.)

#### Week Three

Tuesday, 9/6: Early Confucian Texts, Part 2 (*Mencius*).

Readings: De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 69–92. (23 pp.)

Thursday, 9/8: **First Examination.**

#### Week Four

Tuesday, 9/13: Early Confucian Texts, Part 3 (*Xunzi, Zuozhuan*)

Readings: De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 92–105. (13 pp.)

Thursday, 9/15: Legalist and Military Texts.

Readings: Holcombe, *A History of East Asia*, pp. 41–44.

De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 106–25. (23 pp.)

### Week Five

Tuesday, 9/20: The First Chinese Empires, Qin and Han

Readings: Holcombe, *A History of East Asia*, pp. 44–57.

De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 126–28; 131–41. (27 pp.)

Thursday, 9/22: Dong Zhongshu and the Han Imperial Order.

Readings: De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 145–67. (23 pp.)

### Week Six

Tuesday, 9/27: Codifying the Confucian Canon (*Changes, Filiality, Rites*).

Readings: De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 169–93. (25 pp.)

Thursday, 9/29: Early Medieval China and the Rise of Buddhism.

Readings: Holcombe, *A History of East Asia*, pp. 58–64, 70–77.

De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 223–37. (29 pp.)

### Week Seven

Tuesday, 10/4: **Reading Day.**

Thursday, 10/6: Buddhism in China.

Readings: De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 238–52, 264–79. (30 pp.)

### Week Eight

Tuesday, 10/11: **Second Examination.**

Thursday, 10/13: From Three Kingdoms Korea to Silla.

Readings: Holcombe, *A History of East Asia*, pp. 77–84, 109–114.

De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 488–96. (22 pp.)

### Week Nine

Tuesday, 10/18: Buddhism, Confucianism, and Daoism in Korea.

Readings: De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 497–514. (17 pp.)

Thursday, 10/20: The Tang Dynasty.

Readings: Holcombe, *A History of East Asia*, pp. 91–106.

De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 290–300. (27 pp.)

### Week Ten

Tuesday, 10/25: Literature and Thought in the Tang.

Readings: Holcombe, *A History of East Asia*, pp. 106–9.

De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 301–7.

Handout: “Tang Poetry.” from Owen, *An Anthology of Chinese Literature*, pp. 371–78. (19 pp.)

Thursday, 10/27: From Yamato Japan to the Nara Period (and Heian).

Readings: Holcombe, *A History of East Asia*, pp. 84–89, 114–24.

De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 621–26, 640–42, 646–51. (<32 pp.)

### Week Eleven

Tuesday, 11/1: The Song Dynasty.

Readings: Holcombe, *A History of East Asia*, pp. 126–35.

De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, 308–25. (28 pp.)

Thursday, 11/3: **Third Examination.**

### Week Twelve

Tuesday, 11/8: **No Class.** Election Day. Please vote!!!

Thursday, 11/10: Neo-Confucianism in the Song Dynasty.

Readings: De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 336–60. (25 pp.)

### Week Thirteen

Tuesday, 11/15: Buddhism during Heian Japan.

Readings: De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 698–718. (20 pp.)

De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 387–401. (23 pp.)

Thursday, 11/17: The Koryŏ Dynasty.

Readings: Holcombe, *A History of East Asia*, pp. 142–45.

De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 534–49. (20 pp.)

#### Week Fourteen

Tuesday, 11/22: **No Class.**

Thursday, 11/24: **Thanksgiving Break!**

#### Week Fifteen

Tuesday, 11/29: The Chosŏn Dynasty.

Readings: Holcombe, *A History of East Asia*, pp. 145–47.

De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 563–81. (22 pp.)

Thursday, 12/1: Late Heian, Kamakura, and Muromachi Japan.

Readings: Holcombe, *A History of East Asia*, pp. 148–58.

De Bary, *Sources of East Asian Tradition*, pp. 754–72. (30 pp.)

#### Week Sixteen

Tuesday, 12/6: **Fourth Examination.**