

Fall 2007 Courses

CHIN 30113: Chinese Culture & Civilization (Prof. Ziwo Lama)

This course provides an overview of Chinese culture and civilization. Several major topics including Chinese language, writing systems, history, philosophy, religion, military strategy, literature, arts, technology, medicine, customs/traditions, contemporary issues, and ethnicity will be examined.

Prerequisites: None

ECON 40970 – Asian Economies (Dr. Kiril Tochkov)

In this course students will apply their knowledge of micro- and macroeconomic theory to the analysis of the economic development in East Asia. The course focuses on five countries including China, Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, Hong Kong, and Singapore. A broad range of issues and policies associated with the rapid growth of these economies commonly dubbed as the “Asian Miracle” will be examined. Topics include savings patterns, trade and foreign direct investment, technological innovation, demographic changes, industrial organization, and the origins of the Asian financial crisis. The impact of historical, institutional, and cultural factors on the economic development in the region will be addressed as well. The objective of the course is to familiarize students with the economic rise of East Asia using standard economic tools.

Prerequisites: Micro and Macroeconomics are suggested

HIST 30443 – History of Modern China: 1800 to present – Dr. Peter Worthing

This course explores the history of modern China. Beginning with brief review of traditional Chinese civilization, this course will trace the history of China through the 19th and 20th centuries examining the internal and external factors that have shaped the modern history this important East Asian state. Students in this course will pursue a greater knowledge and understanding of Chinese history through a combination of readings, lectures, videos, discussion and assignments.

Prerequisites: None

JAPN 20053 – Third Semester Japanese (Prof. Yumi Keitges)

In this course students will further their study of the Japanese language, with emphasis placed on the following areas: 1) emphasis on good conversational skills in Japanese, (2) learning more grammatical patterns and applications, (3) developing the ability to write compositions in Japanese, and (4) learning more Kanji. This course is regularly offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisites: First & Second semester Japanese

JAPN 30123 – Fifth Semester Japanese: Japanese for Daily Use (Prof. Yumi Keitges)

In this course students will further study and reinforce Japanese grammatical patterns through frequent and contextualized practice and role playing. In addition, students will engage in the following tasks: (1) study and practice the essential conversational skills necessary for effective practical use of the Japanese language on a daily basis; (2) develop the ability to comprehend and discuss short native-level readings; and (3) develop the ability to write short, effective letters and essays in Japanese. This course is regularly offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisites: proficiency up to fourth semester Japanese

RELI 30513 – Hindu Religious Perspectives (Dr. Andy Fort)

This course will introduce the diverse strands of Hindu religious traditions. One major task is to trace "Hinduism" through its various manifestations: Vedic, brahmanical, ascetic, devotional, Tantric, and modern. A second goal is to examine the boundaries of our own worldviews by reflecting on what "religion" means in the Hindu context. Our study will illumine continuity and change in the Hindu tradition, and Indian culture more generally, from the ancient and classical to the modern periods. By introducing another worldview in some depth, this course offers the opportunity for us to reflect on our own. Our exploration will, of course, use the concepts and modes of inquiry common in the academic study of religion.

Prerequisites: None

CHIN 10153 – First Semester Chinese (Prof. Ziwo Lama)

NOTE: this course does not count for the minor. However, this course is a prerequisite before taking more advanced Chinese language courses which **do** count towards the minor.

This is an integrated Chinese language course. Through a wide range of practice in listening, speaking, reading and writing, students will be able to build a solid Chinese grammatical foundation, command about 300 characters, conduct basic conversation, and write Chinese. A series of real life dialogues— greetings, family, direction, time, studying, weather, phone talk, and so forth, will be covered. In addition, Chinese culture will be noted throughout the class. The course is designed for beginners and will be regularly offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisites: None

JAPN 10153 – First Semester Japanese (Prof. Yumi Keitges)

NOTE: this course does not count for the minor. However, this course is a prerequisite before taking the more advanced Japanese language courses which **do** count towards the minor.

In this course students will study the grammatical patterns of Japanese and their application. They will develop the ability to speak, understand, and to write short essays in Japanese. They will also develop a mastery of

Hiragana and Katakana. This course is designed for beginners and is regularly offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisites: None

Spring 2008 (tentative schedule of courses)

HIST 10953/20953: Asian Civilization Since 1500 – Dr. Peter Worthing

This course is an introduction to the civilizations of Asia from 1500 to late 20th century. We will focus on the major political, economic, cultural, religious, and intellectual trends in the modern histories of countries such as China, Japan, Korea, India, and Vietnam. Students in this course will pursue a greater knowledge and understanding of Asian history and civilization through a combination of readings, lectures, videos, discussions, and writing assignments. After completing this course, successful students will demonstrate advanced knowledge in the following areas:

- The traditional societies of Asia
- The internal challenges faced by these Asian civilizations after 1500
- The impact of imperialism and colonialism
- The rise of nationalism and revolutionary movements
- The development of the contemporary states of Asia

Prerequisites: None

JAPN 10163 – Second Semester Japanese (Prof. Yumi Keitges)

In this course students will study the grammatical patterns of Japanese and their application. They will develop the ability to speak, understand, and to write short essays in Japanese. They will also develop a mastery of Hiragana and Katakana, and will study Kanji. This course is regularly offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisites: First semester Japanese

JAPN 20063 – Fourth Semester Japanese (Prof. Yumi Keitges)

In this course students will further their study of the Japanese language, with emphasis placed on the following areas: 1) emphasis on good conversational skills in Japanese, (2) learning more grammatical patterns and applications, (3) developing the ability to write compositions in Japanese, (4) developing the ability to read articles in Japanese, and (5) learning more Kanji. This course is regularly offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisites: Proficiency up to third semester Japanese

JAPN 30113 – Japanese Culture & Civilization (Prof. Yumi Keitges)

In this course students will examine the issues that are unique to Japanese culture and civilization. The course will begin with a general overview of Japan and will emphasize the cultural aspects of Japanese society. Students will develop cultural sensitivities and an understanding of Japan, and will engage in the comparative study of Japan and the United States. This course is regularly offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisites: None

RELI 30533 – Buddhism Thought & Practice (Dr. Andy Fort)

This course will introduce the religious tradition called Buddhism. We shall trace its development from India through Southeast Asia, Tibet, China, Japan, and North America. Description and analysis of Buddhist thought will be emphasized, although Buddhist practice will also be considered. Our aim will be to outline the history of Buddhism in various cultures, and to understand some Buddhist ways of thinking and acting. We shall thereby explore some of the diversity of human experience and better understand other cultures and peoples. Such understandings will necessarily entail some "self"-exploration; thus, existential inquiry is an inevitable component of this course. Our exploration will, of course, use the concepts and modes of inquiry common in the academic study of religion.

Prerequisites: None

Other courses (Semester the course was last offered)

HIST 10943/20943 – Asian Civilization To 1500 – Dr. Peter Worthing

This course is an introduction to the history and culture of Asia from Neolithic times to approximately 1500. We will focus on the major political, economic, cultural, religious and intellectual trends of the people of East, South, and Southeast Asia. Students in this course will pursue a greater knowledge and understanding of Asian history and civilization through a combination of primary and secondary source readings, lectures, videos, discussions and writing assignments.

Prerequisites: None

HIST 40843: The Vietnam War (Fall 2006) – Dr. Peter Worthing

This course explores the Vietnam War within the larger context of modern Vietnamese history. Vietnam has survived a series of wars in the last 150 years and it is necessary to study Vietnamese history in order to understand how this small agricultural nation was able to defeat two Western industrialized nations in thirty years. The course will therefore deal with topics such as traditional Vietnamese culture, the impact of colonial rule, the rise of Vietnamese nationalism, and the French and

American wars in Vietnam. This period of Vietnamese history involves many of the ideas and forces that shaped the twentieth century: nationalism, colonialism, revolution, communism, capitalism, nation building, and the Cold War.

Prerequisites: None

POSC 30503: Politics of China (Fall 2006) – Dr. Carrie Liu Currier

This course examines the social, economic and institutional elements that have shaped the politics of the People's Republic of China. We will begin by examining the rise of Mao and his impact on the political culture and institutions in modern China. Next we will discuss the reform era and China's transformation from socialism to the more market-oriented development strategy Deng Xiaoping called, "socialism with Chinese characteristics." Some of the issues we will focus on include: the stages of development, state-society relations, political elites and stability, human rights, sustainable development, the role of minorities, and the status of women. Over the course of the semester students will gain a better understanding of the formal and informal structures shaping China's domestic politics, and we will examine how the Chinese case can be used to illuminate important themes in the subfield of comparative politics.

Prerequisites: None

POSC 30303: IR of East Asia (Spring 2007) - Dr. Carrie Liu Currier

This course serves as an overview to the international relations (IR) of East Asia. We will begin with an introduction to Asia's distinct historical and cultural traditions, and explore some of the commonalities that can be drawn across states in the region. Next, we will focus on the key Northeast Asian states – China, Japan, North and South Korea, examining the structure of their political systems, how they interact with other states in the region, and how they engage other important actors such as the US and the EU. We also discuss the role of institutions like ASEAN and APEC, for their roles in facilitating regional cooperation and mitigating conflict. Finally, we will analyze military modernization and security threats as they relate to the strategic interests of the region and individual states.

Prerequisites: None

RELI 30773: India Texts & Traditions (Fall 2006) – Dr. Andy Fort

In this course, we shall look at selected texts in translation which reveal the literary and religious imagination of the Indian people, and illustrate a variety of themes and issues in Indian civilization. We shall focus on Hindu texts, particularly versions and interpretations of the two best-known Indian epics, the *Rām̐yāḍa* and the *Mahābhārata*. We shall also consider the religious background for the epics, examine plays and poetics in the classical Sanskrit tradition, and read some modern Hindu thinkers. You will be introduced to some concepts and ways of understanding from both literary theory and religious studies. Our study will illumine

continuity and change in the Hindu tradition, and Indian culture more generally, from the ancient and classical to the modern periods. By introducing another worldview in some depth, this course offers the opportunity for us to reflect on our own.

Prerequisites: None

RELI 30523 East Asian Religious Perspectives – TBA

RELI 30573 Daoism and Chinese Religions – TBA

Study Abroad Opportunities

Japanese study abroad – Summer program (Prof. Yumi Keitges)

The TCU in Japan program offers you three weeks to learn Japanese culture and language from within the country. Would you like to see old Japan? There are numerous temples and shrines everywhere you go. Would you like to see new Japan? Tokyo is one of the most important fashion Mecca's in the world, and almost all brand names have boutiques there. Japan is indeed an important market for a multitude of businesses. More than two weeks will be spent at our exchange university in Tokyo for lectures and excursions to observe what you learned that day. In the evening, your Japanese conversational partner might take you to karaoke. Trips include a visit to Kyoto, Nara and Hiroshima, locations of great historical significance, and Mt. Fuji, Japan's tallest mountain.

Credit hours: 3 – 6 credit hours

Courses: JAPN 30113 Japanese Culture & Civilization & JAPN 40970 Directed Study

Prerequisites: *None, Japanese language is not required*