

History of East/West Interaction – Course Guide 2010

- **Brief Description:** This course is a study of the historical developments of two distinct, yet parallel civilizations: what we now call “Eastern Civilization” and “Western Civilization.” We will begin by studying the classical origins of each civilization, then attempt to observe developmental differences as well as similarities between these two regions. Finally, we will focus on historical events that brought the various societies, countries, people, groups, and religions into direct contact in more recent times.

Our class sessions will vary in structure. We will set aside some class time for guided reading sessions, documentary viewings, and research for presentations. I will be asking you questions during the lectures (about the readings, about your interpretation of ideas and events, etc.), and I hope that your answers will lead us into class discussions.

- **Course Goal:** Students will acquire a better understanding of the separate histories of East and West, as well as events that demonstrate interaction between these distinct civilizations.

Course Evaluation:

Your Grade in this course is based upon:

- attendance (10%)
- presentation + discussion participation (30%)
- 4 quizzes (60%)

Regarding Cheating and Plagiarism: I will enforce university policy on cheating and plagiarism.

Absence Policy: I will consider as "excused" absences only those medical, family, or activity related events (etc.) that the student has discussed with me *in advance* and/or that are documented by the university administration. I will give no "make up" assignments.

Required Texts:

The following book is required.

- Spielvogel, Jackson J., *East And West*, from *World History: The Human Odyssey* (See Office for purchase).

Weekly Schedule:

WEEK 1

Course Intro / History & Memory

(http://www.learner.org/courses/worldhistory/unit_main_2.html)

WEEK 2

“Ancient China” (p.86-115)

WEEK 3

“The World of the Romans” (p. 152-189)

WEEK 4

“The World of the Romans” **Chuseok

WEEK 5

“Golden Ages in East Asia” (p. 280-311)

WEEK 6

“Civilization in South East Asia” (p. 327-339)

WEEK 7

“European Civilization in the Middle Ages” (p. 378-413)

WEEK 8

* Connections Across Land + Connections Across Water

(http://www.learner.org/courses/worldhistory/unit_main_9.html &
http://www.learner.org/courses/worldhistory/unit_main_10.html)

WEEK 9

“The Emergence of New World Patterns” (p. 484-511)

WEEK 10

“The East Asian World 1500-1800” (p. 546-573)

WEEK 11

“Intellectual Revolution in the West” (p. 576-607)

WEEK 12

“The Era of European Dominance” (p. 648-664)

WEEK 13

“East Asia in an Age of Imperialism” (p. 766-795)

WEEK 14

“Japan and the Little Tigers” (p. 1100-1107) / Final Quiz Preview

WEEK 15

Final Quiz