**Course Code:** HUMA 1520
**Course Title:** Modern East Asia
**Course Offered in:** Fall 2023
**Course Instructor:** Professor David C Chang

**Course Description:** This course is a survey of the history of political, social, economic, and cultural changes in East Asia (mainly China and Japan, and to some extent, Korea) from the 1800s to the 1950s. In the past two centuries, the classical civilizations of East Asia met new challenges: the disintegration of old political systems, the growth of social tensions, and the arrival of an aggressive and expanding West. This course will study the internal and external tensions that undermined the traditional orders, compelling China, Japan, and Korea to seek new political and social reforms. Special attention will be given to the revolutionary changes in society, thought, culture, and the rise of a new political order in twentieth-century China, Japan, and Korea.

**Course Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs):**

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<td>1 obtain basic historical knowledge of East Asian history and gain important historical and cultural perspectives of the world they live in.</td>
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<td>2 develop respect for and appreciation of different cultural traditions (China, Japan, and Korea), and understand the importance of sharing and tolerance, as peoples in East Asia are living in an increasing complicated, and sometimes, conflicting world</td>
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<td>3 analyze issues and present their ideas effectively and persuasively</td>
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| 1. The West arrives in China  
--- the coming of the Jesuits (e.g. Matteo Ricci) in late Ming dynasty |
| 2. The West arrives in Japan and Korea  
--- Tokugawa Japan; the arrival of Western missionaries such as Francis Xavier |
| 3. The Western invasion and China’s reforms  
-- the Opium War; the treaty system; and the Self-Strengthening Movement |
| 4. The Meiji Restoration of 1868  
--- the opening of Japan by Commodore Perry; the collapse of the Tokugawa bakufu;  
Civilization and Enlightenment (bummei kaika) |
| 5. The Chinese Revolution  
--- The downfall of the Qing dynasty and the leadership of Dr. Sun Yat-sen |
| 6. The Taisho Democracy  
--- The constitutional movement in Japan and its crisis |
| 7. The Rise of Japanese Imperialism and the colonization of Korea  
--- Japan’s expansion to Korea and China; the rule of Japan in Korea |
| 8. The Intellectual Revolution in China: The May Fourth Movement  
--- Introduction of Western intellectual ideas to China and its impact: liberalism,  
anarchism, etc. |
--- Introduction of Marxism to China and to Japan; the rise of Mao Zedong |
| 10. The Yan’an Experience  
--- The Communists’ border regions and their political, social, economic, and cultural  
policies |
| 11. The Pacific War  
--- Japan’s invasion of China, 1937–1945 |
| 12. The Civil War in China  
--- The American Intervention in China’s civil war |
| 13. The Korean War and the Cold War  
--- Divided Korea after World War II; the outbreak of the war in the Korean peninsula |
| 14. The Revival of Japan  
--- The new constitution during the American occupation |
| 15. The founding of the People’s Republic of China  
--- China entered socialism |
Planned Assessment Tasks:

Mid-term: 25%

Tutorial: 25%

Final exam: 50%

Three samples of readings:

