

# ASIA - ASIAN STUDIES (ASIA)

## ASIA 1111 Zen and Yoga (3 Credits)

Rise of Zen in China and Japan; development of Yoga in India. Students learn the actual exercises and postures of Zen and Yoga.

## ASIA 1403 History of Asian Relig Reflect (3 Credits)

Origin and development of religious speculations in India from the Vedic period to Shankara; in China from Confucius to Chu Hsi; in Japan from the Nara to the Meiji periods. (Formerly ASIA 3101).

## ASIA 1601 History of Traditional Asia (3 Credits)

Survey of the historical development of major Asian civilization (ancient Near East, India, China, Japan and Korea), primarily pre-modern. (Formerly ASIA 3102).

## ASIA 1602 History of Modern Asia (3 Credits)

Asian history and culture from the 19th century to the present. (Formerly ASIA 3103).

## ASIA 2101 Asian Literature in English Translation I (3 Credits)

Appreciation of Asian literature. Readings and analysis. Part I: traditional literature (5th century B.C. to 18th century A.D.). Part II: modern literature (19th through 21st centuries).

## ASIA 2102 Asian Literature in English Translation II (3 Credits)

Appreciation of Asian literature. Readings and analysis. Part I: traditional literature (5th century B.C. to 18th century A.D.). Part II: modern literature (19th through 21st centuries).

## ASIA 2112 Geography of Asia (3 Credits)

Physical environment and human problems of Asia. Emphasis on China, Japan, India and parts of Central Asia.

## ASIA 2114 China in World Affairs (3 Credits)

General survey of China's foreign relations in the 20th century, particularly in the post-1949 period. China's relations with the United States, Russia and developing countries.

## ASIA 2118 Buddhist World of Tht and Cult (3 Credits)

This course is intended as an introduction to Buddhist traditions in South and Southeast Asia, East Asia, and the West. Progressing both chronologically and thematically, the course begins with the earliest known strata of Buddhist ideas created in India some 2500 years ago. After an introduction to basic Buddhist doctrines and practices, students study the spread of Buddhism southward to Sri Lanka and Thailand and northward to Tibet, China, Japan, and Korea. The course will culminate in a brief overview of Buddhist practices in America.

## ASIA 2211 SHU-Japan Exchange Program I (3 Credits)

Seton Hall University has been exchanging students with a Japanese university to broaden and deepen the understanding between two countries. Students are given the chance to meet Japanese people and learn firsthand about their civilization and culture. The course also includes numerous field trips in Japan. This course is for first time participants to the exchange program. Prerequisite: 3.0 GPA or Consent of Director of Japanese Program.

## ASIA 2233 June in China (3 Credits)

This course offers students a chance to experience firsthand one of the world's most unique and industrious societies. Through lectures, class discussion, field trips and written assignments, students will develop a better understanding of different aspects and the current developments of China, thereby opening up their intellectual horizon. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor.

## ASIA 2242 Peoples-Cultures SE Asia (3 Credits)

## ASIA 3113 Eastern Mysticism (3 Credits)

Compares the Western model of "spiritual journey," the intuitive approach of the Upanishads, the devotional orientation of the Bhagavad-Gita, and the Yogic path of spiritual transformation. The early Buddhist notion of "nirvana" and subsequent Zen emphases. The Chinese search for "Tao" and "li."

## ASIA 3115 Asian Social Life (3 Credits)

Asian social institutions and customs, ethnic relations, and family life.

## ASIA 3119 Holy Books of India (3 Credits)

Vedas, Upanishads, Ramayana, Yoga-Sutras, and the Vedanta Sutra of the Hindu tradition. Selections from the Pali canon of the Buddhist tradition.

## ASIA 3123 Gender Ethnicity Family China (3 Credits)

## ASIA 3127 History of Traditional China (3 Credits)

From the origins to A.D. 1800. Political, social and intellectual characteristics of Chinese civilization.

## ASIA 3128 History of Modern China (3 Credits)

Transformation and continuity in China since 1800. Includes the causes and implications of Qing Dynasty encounters with foreign powers, internal rebellions, dynastic collapse, tumult of the Republican period, war against Japan, civil war between the Nationalists and Communists, communist rule and contemporary reforms and ongoing one-party control of power.

## ASIA 3129 History of Traditional Japan (3 Credits)

Origins to A.D. 1800. Periods of aristocratic and military dominance, the "Christian century," and the isolation of Japan in the Tokugawa period.

## ASIA 3130 History of Modern Japan (3 Credits)

1800 to the present. rapid Meiji modernization, assertive militarism, World War II defeat, astounding economic revival, and present-day global influences and political and economic challenges.

## ASIA 3131 Contemporary Chinese Politics (3 Credits)

The main theme of this course is political development on mainland China in terms of Chinese leaders' effort to build a new nation. The course starts with a survey of modern Chinese history, with its emphasis on the power struggle between the Chinese Nationalists and Communists before 1949. The rest of the course deals with major aspects of organization and mobilization of Chinese people by the Chinese Communist Party, as well as power politics and political movements.

## ASIA 3133 Contemporary China (3 Credits)

With a population of some 1.3 billion, China's open-door policy, begun in the late 1970s, has produced significant and far-reaching changes in its society and economy. This course focuses on contemporary transformations of the world's largest Communist country: changes in social values and structure; lifestyle; people's attitudes; foreign investments; special economic zones; economic transactions; and the emergence of private enterprises. Lecture supplemented by video, Internet, and CD-ROM resources.

## ASIA 3191 Independent Study (1 Credit)

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## ASIA 3225 Japan and Pacific Empire (3 Credits)

## ASIA 3311 SHU Japan Exchange Program II (3 Credits)

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**ASIA 3624 Age of Samurai (3 Credits)**

**ASIA 3626 Monsters: A History of Japan (3 Credits)**

**ASIA 3627 Modern Monsters Japanese Hist (3 Credits)**

**ASIA 3628 Japanese Masculinities (3 Credits)**

The History of Japanese Masculinities (Hist Jpn Masculinities) integrates the cultural phenomena of gender into Japan's political and social history, tracing the evolution of male and female roles in society from the 700s through to the present. Starting with the shaman female leaders of Japanese protohistory through to the matrilineal society of the Heian period, from the erudite male heroes of the classical period to the rise of a patrilineal warrior class, we will investigate the influence of Shintoism and Confucianism on gendered societal norms. From there, the class will pivot to the Edo period's pacifistic scholar warriors, the subversive power of urban pleasure districts, the evolution towards the "modern boy" (moboi) and "modern girl" (moga), as well as the hypermasculinization of Japanese nationalism during the Pacific War. The class will conclude with an investigation of the postwar role of the salary man, contemporary gendered challenges behind Japan's "aging society," and movements like androgenous jendaresu-kei (genderless style) popular today.

**ASIA 3894 Asian Studies Co-Op I (3 Credits)**

**ASIA 5190 Directed Studies (3 Credits)**

Selected readings in each student's field of concentration under the direction of a faculty member on an individual basis. Also included are some courses in language and new course offerings. Please request a listing from the department. Credits are based on each semester.

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