**I. COURSE TITLE:** Modern East Asia

**COURSE NUMBER:** 1121  **CATALOG PREFIX:** HIST

**II. PREREQUISITE(S):** None

**III. CREDIT HOURS:** 3 **LECTURE HOURS:** 3

**LABORATORY HOURS:** 0 **OBSERVATION HOURS:** 0

**IV. COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Modern East Asia will provide students with a foundation in early modern to modern history of in China, Korea, Japan and Vietnam. Topics for the course will include but are not limited to the early modern/late traditional era including European and American contact with Asia, the end of the Tokugawa period in Japan, the Meiji Reformation, the decline and partition of China, Industrialization and Imperialism through World War II, Communism in China, the Korean Conflict, Indo-China through the Vietnam War and an examination of the successor states in Modern East Asia.

**V. ADOPTED TEXT(S):**

*Modern East Asia: A Brief History*

Schirokauer, Conrad and Donald M. Clark.

2nd Edition

Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2008.

ISBN: 0-618-92070-6

**VI. COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

At the end of this course the student will:

* have an ability to think analytically and critically about historical issues.
* develop a command of the factual material related to the historical periods covered in the course.
* develop skills relating to analysis of historical data and the ability to use these skills to make informed decisions regarding the historical record.
* develop/improve writing and communication skills.

**VII. COURSE METHODOLOGY:**

The primary format of the course will be lecture. Instructors may use videos, DVDs, and other materials at their discretion to supplement the lecture format.

**VIII. GRADING**

Grading will follow the policy as outlined in the current Southern State Catalog.

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| **A** | **90** | **–** | **100** |
| **B** | **80** | **–** | **89** |
| **C** | **70** | **–** | **79** |
| **D** | **60** | **–** | **69** |
| **F** | **0** | **–** | **59** |

**IX. COURSE OUTLINE:**

**Week 1:** Introduction, Syllabus Review, Brief Overview of Asian History, to the 1600’s, Geography of East Asia, Language and Writing, Overview of Confucianism, Daoism and Buddhism

**Week 2:** Qing China from the collapse of the Ming Dynasty to the 18th century Dynastic decline. Choson Korea from its foundations to the 18th Century.

**Week 3:** Unification of Japan (1573-1600) through the Tokugawa period, bakufu-han relations up the early 1800’s/ Culture, Theatre and Literary Tradition of the period, Dutch influences, reforms of the late period.

**Week 4:** Examination of Portuguese East Asia, Jesuits in China, Japan and Vietnam, the Closing of Japan, the Rites Controversy, the Decline of Christianity in China, and Western Trade through the Canton System.

**EXAM I-Early Modern to Late Traditional Period**

**Week 5:** Later Le Dynasty of Vietnam (1428-1788), Tay Son Uprising (1771-1802), Nguyen Vietnam to 1867 and the Loss of Independence, Opium Wars in China through the Taiping Rebellion. Relations of China with Western Powers.

**Week 6:** Late Tokugawa Period to the Meiji Reform Period (1787-1873), Japanese Economics, Bakufu Reforms, Japanese contact with the U.S. and resulting changes, the Last Shogunate of Japan and the Meiji Reformation.

**Week 7:** Emergence of Modern Japan to 1894, Formation of Political Parties, the Emperor and the Meiji Constitution, Western Influences in Japan, Social Darwinism, Conservatism/Nationalism, Education in Japan, Zaibatsu, and the Military.

**Week 8:** China and Korea 1870-1894. Post Taiping China and the Dowager Empress, Chinese Economics, Foreign Affairs, and dealing with Missionaries. Korea Politics and Reforms, Incursion of outside powers, Tonghuk Rebellion, Sino-Japanese War and the Treaty of Shimonseki (1895).

**EXAM II-Emergence of Modern East Asia**

**Week 9:** China 1895-1927 & Early Imperial Japan. The Last Dynasty of China, Boxer Rebellion, Revolution of 1911. Yuan Shikai to Chinag Kai-shek, Emergence of Mao. Sun Yat-Sen and the Nationalist Chinese Government. Late Meiji Japan from 1895-1912, Japanese Foreign Policy, Empire and Politics.

**Week 10:** Imperial Japan to the 1930’s, Vietnam, Korea, Taiwan. Taisho Period (1912-1926), Japanese Parliamentary Government, Popular Culture and Arts. Vietnam under French Rule, Korea under Taiwan, Korean Communism, and Colonia Taiwan.

**Week 11:** East Asia from the 1930’s through World War II. The Manchurian Incident, Nanjing, Chinese Communism including the Long March, United Front in China to repel the Japanese, China and Japan at War, Colonial East Asia, Japanese Expansion and Defeat, Japanese Surrender.

**EXAM III-East Asia-Late 1800’s to 1945**

**Week 12:** Post World War II-East Asia. China succumbs to Communism (1946-49), Nationalist Chinese retreat to Taiwan, Occupied Japan, Korean Liberation and Division including the Korean War, Vietnamese push for Independence.

**Week 13:** China 1949 to Present. Overview of the Chinese Government, Foreign Relations, Korean Involvement, the Great Leap Forward, Sino-Soviet Relations, the Cultural Revolution to 1976, Post Mao and Deng Xiaoping Reforms, Tianamen Square, Revival of Religion, Return of Hong Kong and Macao.

**Week 14:** Post Occupied Japan. New Japan 1952-1989 including Government Reform and Politics, Economic Reforms in Post-War Japan, the Economy of the 1970’s and 1980’s, Society and Thought, Economic Crisis, Japan during the 1990’s. Recent trends in Japan.

**Week 15:** Two Koreas, Vietnam, and the East Today. Post-Korean War, Military Rule, South Korea after 1987, North Korea under Kim Il-sung, North-South Relations, Vietnam and Ngo Dinh Diem, Fall of Diem, America in Vietnam 1963-68, De-escalation of the War to the U.S. pullout, Socialist Republic of Vietnam to the Present, Overview of Modern East Asia today.

**Week 16:** **EXAM IV-Post World War II East Asia-1945 to present**

**X. OTHER REQUIRED TEXTS, SOFTWARE, AND MATERIALS:**

None

**XI. EVALUATION:**

* Four examinations will be giving during the term including a final exam during final week.
* Students will complete a minimum of seven page research paper on a topic appropriate to the course.
* Instructors will assign quizzes, examinations, projects, worksheets and other papers at their own discretion.

**XII. SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

* All out of class written assignments, including the research paper are to be typed before submission.
* Students will be periodically informed of their progress in the course.

**XIII. OTHER INFORMATION:**

**FERPA:** Students need to understand that your work may be seen by others. Others may see your work when being distributed, during group project work, or if it is chosen for demonstration purposes.

Students also need to know that there is a strong possibility that your work may be submitted to other entities for the purpose of plagiarism checks.

**DISABILITIES:** Students with disabilities may contact the Disabilities Service Office, Central Campus, at 800-628-7722 or 937-393-3431.