

Effective: Fall 2024

**COURSE INFORMATION**

**Course Title:** Introduction to Traditional Asia

**Course Number:** ASIA 200

**Credits:** 3

**Total Weeks:** 14 (Fall, Spring)  
12 (Summer)

**Total Hours:** 39

**Course Level:**  First Year  Second Year  
 New  Revised Course  
 Replacement Course

**Department:** Humanities

**Department Head:** P. Best

**Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable):** N/A

**Pre-requisites (If there are no prerequisites, type NONE):** Minimum of 3 social science and/or arts courses

**Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE):** NONE

**Precluded Courses:** N/A

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is a survey of primarily the history of China in relation with India and other cultures of inner Asia from the premodern era to the mid 17<sup>th</sup> century. The aim of the course is to allow the students to have knowledge of the cultures and historical events, as well as international relations, which took place between the territories and people of inner Asia and China proper. It also has the scope to examine the cultural, geo-political and religious development of China proper and will focus on events and historical figures relative to Inner Asia history and there will be parallels with the history of India in premodern times as well.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- To gain an appreciation of the complexity and dynamics of important civilizations and their similar/dissimilar development.
- To gain the methods on how to do a research-based paper/presentation.
- To gain ability in finding historical resources.

**INSTRUCTION AND GRADING**

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other ( <i>specify</i> ):	
Total	39

**Grading System:** Letter Grades  Percentage  Pass/Fail  Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  Other

**Specify passing grade:** 50%

**Evaluation Activities and Weighting** (total must equal 100%)

Assignments: 20% <i>Specify number of, variety, and nature of assignments: 2 Quizzes</i>	Lab Work: 2 midtem exams 15 %	Participation: 5% <i>Specify nature of participation: class discussions</i>	Project: 20% <i>Specify nature of project:</i>
Quizzes/Test: 20%	Midterm Exam: 30%	Final Exam: 25%	Other: %

**TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS**

Provide a full reference for each text and/or resource material and include whether required/not required.

Harold Tanner, *China: A History, Volume One* (Indianapolis/Cambridge: Hackett Publishing Co. 2014)

Extra readings will be assigned for the comparative history of India: excerpts from various books, documents, video etc.

**COURSE TOPICS**

List topics and sequence covered.

- Week 1 Introduction – the cultures of the Chinese Neolithic era
- Week 2 The Zhou dynasty, Religions/Hindus valley Civilizations-Aryan invasion
- Week 3 The Qin and Western Han dynasties (Quiz 1)
- Week 4 The Eastern Han dynasty/Period of divisions/The Nandas and Maurya dynasties
- Week 5 Buddhism and Sui Dynasty/Principates in Northern India
- Week 6 The Sui and Tang Dynasties (Midterm Exam 1)
- Week 8 The Northern Song, Kithan and Tangut Empires/The Kushan Empire and Northern Invaders
- Week 9 The Southern Song, Jurchen and Jin Empires (Midterm exam 2)
- Week 10 The Mongol Yuan Dynasty (Quiz 2)
- Week 11 The Collapse of the Mongols(Paper due)
- Week 12 The Ming empire and its collapse/The Mughal Empire until Shah Jahan
- Week 13 Review
- Week 14: Final Exam Week

**NOTES**

1. Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
2. To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: [bctransferguide.ca](http://bctransferguide.ca)

**Last Reviewed:** September 2024

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