



Asian Cultural Engagement Center

ASIAN AND ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES FALL 2022 COURSE GUIDE

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CULTURE (ASIA MINOR: GROUP 2)

ART 1004 (CRN 91135): EAST ASIAN WATER MEDIA**

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W Jung | wonjung@vt.edu | Armory 105 | MW 9:20 AM - 12:05 PM EST | Pathways 6a

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ART 3054 (CRN 90533): ISLAMIC ART AND ARCHITECTURE*

"Broad survey of the visual arts produced in Islamic cultures from its origins through the contemporary period, with focus on analyzing a variety of visual media within stylistic, cultural, geographic, political, and religious contexts."

M Moseley | mymc@vt.edu | Online Asynchronous | Pathways 2 and 6a

ART 4384 (CRN 81292): JAPANESE PRINTS**

"A comprehensive foundation in the object-focused study of Japanese prints and printmaking from the "Golden Age" of the Edo (1615-1868) and Meiji (1868-1912) periods. Course content is a dual program of in-class lecture/ discussion and hands-on work with Japanese prints. The lecture will focus on situating the objects in historical, cultural, and economic contexts. In experiential labs, students will work with Edo and Meiji prints to master the ability to assess papers and printing techniques, cataloging, condition assessment, conservation issues and practices, as well as the basic inscription, subject, and date identifications as part of an introduction to the basic tenets of object handling and collections processes."

M Moseley | mymc@vt.edu | HEND 353 | TR 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM EST | Not a Pathways



CHN 2734 (CRN 82953): CHINESE CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION**

"Survey of Chinese Culture and Civilization. Interactions between major political and historical events, social and artistic movements in China. Chinese literature, art, architecture, film, and theater in the context of Chinese cultural history. Aesthetic and rhetorical strategies. Interpretation of intercultural experiences from different vantage points. Taught in English."

M Teo | mcteo@vt.edu | PAM 1004 | MW 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM EST | Pathways 2

JPN 2744 (CRN 90752): JAPANESE POP CULTURE**

"Analysis of Japanese popular culture through anime (animation), manga (comics), and video games. Introduction of important socio-cultural issues in Japan such as language, ideology, identity, gender, race, class, and nationalism. Exploration of the domestic and global popularity of these mediums and their socio-historical contexts, styles, and characteristics. Fostering of cross-cultural awareness and intercultural understanding by addressing global challenges and opportunities in Japan through popular culture. Taught in English."

J Sather | Jsather@vt.edu | SEITZ 207 | MW 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM EST | Pathways 2

RLCL 2324 (CRN 89543): ISLAM*

"The rise of Islam under the Prophet Muhammad in Arabia and its spread across Asia and Africa. The development of Islam in the Middle Ages and its resurgence in the 20th century."

B Bilgic | bsbilgic@vt.edu | MCB 318 | TR 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM EST | Pathways 2

RLCL/SOC 2514 (CRN 90409): ASIAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

"A critical overview of diverse Asian-American experience, the complexity of minority status, and meaningful citizenship in the USA. Topics include different historical tracks of various Asian ethnicities, experiences of racism, activism, cultural adaptation and conflict, and economic survival and success."

B Singh | bksinghevt.edu | Hybrid, MCB 233 | TR 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM EST | Pathways 3 and 7

RLCL 3214 (CRN 89557): RELIGION AND CULTURE IN INDIA

"Interaction of religion and culture from Indus Valley civilization to the present; Brahmanism and Hinduism, the Buddha and his teachings, Parsis, Jains, Sikhs, and their respective literatures and rituals; modern reforms and recent trends."

Staff | MCB 216 | TR 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM EST | Pathways 2

RLCL 3224 (CRN 90401): RELIGIONS OF CHINA AND JAPAN

"Religious movements in East Asia with reference to specific situations in China and Japan; Confucianism, Taoism, Mahayana, Buddhism, Vajrayana, Shinto, Japanese Folk Religions, the 'New Religions' of Japan; recent trends."

Z Ni | nizhange@vt.edu | MCB 204 | MWF 9:05 AM - 9:55 AM EST | Pathways 2

ECONOMICS

ECON 1204 (CRN 91665): ECONOMICS OF RACE*

"Causes and consequences of racial disparities in economic outcomes including education, health, housing, entrepreneurship, and earnings. Tools in microeconomics and statistics as applied to the study of racial issues. Historical and institutional contexts of racial problems. Change in racial gaps across generations. Impact of public policies to address racial discrimination in labor markets. Does not count toward ECON major."

Staff | PAM 3010 | MW 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM EST | Pathways 3 and 7

ECON 4144 (CRN 90532): ECONOMICS OF CHINA

"Evolution of the Chinese economy since 1949. Exposition of alternative economic systems, the commune, incentive problems, and state-owned enterprises. Analysis of recent reforms and their effects on economic efficiency; and key issues of economic transition related to Russia and other East European countries."

S Ge | gesevt.edu | Pamplin 1008 | T R 11:00-12:15 PM EST | Not a Pathways

FOUNDATIONAL (Asia Minor)

RLCL 1904 (CRN 89536): RELIGION AND CULTURE IN ASIA

"Historical and geographical overview of diverse religious/cultural traditions in Asia, such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Confucianism, Daoism, and Shinto. Investigation of the categories 'religion' and 'culture' and their interactions in Asia. Examination of different methodological and interdisciplinary approaches and their integration, with emphasis on critical thinking about the complexities of studying religion and culture in Asia. Asia on a global stage, including Western views of Asia and Asian views of the West."

P Schmitthenner | pschmitt@vt.edu | MCB 323 | MWF 10:10 AM - 11:00 AM EST | Pathways 2

HIST 1354 (CRN 86061): CONFLICT AND SECURITY IN EAST ASIA

"Survey of the 20th-century history of five states in northeast Asia, People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Japan, North and South Korea, and the connections between them. Causes and consequences of war, colonization, and nationalist movements and their implications for contemporary regional and global relations. Emphasis on cultural concepts, political ideologies, social relations, and historical conflicts as background to current security concerns."

F Skiles | fskiles@vt.edu | Online Synchronous | MWF 10:10 AM - 11:00 AM EST | Pathways 2 or 3

HIST/RLCL 2394 (CRN 90863/91597): FROM TOFU TO TIKKA: ASIAN FOOD HISTORY***

"Exploration of the evolution and alterations of food and cuisines throughout Asian history. Examination of the economic, geographical, political, philosophical/religious, and social underpinnings of food in premodern Asian societies; influence of the Columbian Exchange of Asian and global cuisines; Euro-American imperialism's impact on food and society in Asia and in the European and American metropoles; emergence of national cuisines in Asia; and Asian food in the post-colonial diaspora."

Co-taught: P Schmitthenner and H Schneider | pschmitt@vt.edu, hms@vt.edu | MCB 216 | MW 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM EST | Pathways 2

HISTORY (ASIA MINOR: GROUP 1)

HIST 3254 (CRN 90865): THE VIETNAM WAR

"A critical study of the causes and consequences of the Vietnam War, 1945–1975. Analysis of America's strategic and military objectives, the nature and conduct of the war, and the growth of the antiwar movement at home."

A Demmer | demmer@vt.edu | MCB 240 | TR 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM EST | Not a Pathways

HIST 2355 (CRN 86078): HISTORY OF CHINA

"China from prehistory to the late imperial period (1800). This course gives special attention to political, social, economic, and cultural developments in defining China's identities. It also examines the interactions between Chinese and non-Han peoples in East Asia."

H Schneider | hms@vt.edu | MCB 226 | MWF 10:10 AM - 11:00 AM EST | Not a Pathways

HIST 2124 (CRN 86071): TS: SE ASIA AND THE WORLD **

"This course examines the histories of Southeast Asia and the world. It will primarily examine how the world related to Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Viet Nam. The course will also think about transoceanic connections before and during the period of capitalist empires, specifically across the Indian and Pacific Oceans. The course will focus on key theoretical themes: imperialism and religion; transformations in local and regional economies; the formation of modern colonial states; the increasing global circulation of commodities and labor; the eruptions of revolutions; and the emergence of particular racial forms and nationalisms. Finally, this course will examine how Southeast Asians were shaped by, and simultaneously challenged, regimes based on gender, sexuality, religion, disability, and class."

A Lumba | lumba@vt.edu | MJWM 334 | MW 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM EST | Pathways 2

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Co-taught: P Schmitthenner and H Schneider | pschmtt.edu, hms@vt.edu | MCB 216 | MW 2:30 PM- 3:45 PM EST | Pathways 2



LANGUAGE (ASIA MINOR: GROUP 3)

CHN 1105 (CRN 82946): ELEMENTARY CHINESE

"Fundamentals of the Chinese language with emphasis on developing proficiency in practical language use and cultural competency. 1105 is for students with no prior knowledge of the language."

R Chang | rebecc2@vt.edu | PAM 1001 | MWF 12:20 PM - 1:10 PM EST | Not a Pathways

CHN 1105 (CRN 82947): ELEMENTARY CHINESE

"Fundamentals of the Chinese language with emphasis on developing proficiency in practical language use and cultural competency. 1105 is for students with no prior knowledge of the language."

R Chang | rebecc2@vt.edu | PAM 1010 | MWF 10:10 AM - 11:00 AM EST | Not a Pathways

CHN 1105 (CRN 82948): ELEMENTARY CHINESE

"Fundamentals of the Chinese language with emphasis on developing proficiency in practical language use and cultural competency. 1105 is for students with no prior knowledge of the language."

R Chang | rebecc2@vt.edu | PAM 1010 | MWF 11:15 AM - 12:05 PM EST | Not a Pathways

CHN 1106 (CRN 82949): ELEMENTARY CHINESE

"Fundamentals of the Chinese language with emphasis on developing proficiency in practical language use and cultural competency. 1105 is for students with no prior knowledge of the language."

R Chang | rebecc2@vt.edu | MAJWM 532 | MWF 1:25 PM - 2:15 PM EST | Not a Pathways

CHN 2105 (CRN 82950): INTERMEDIATE CHINESE

"Emphasizes comprehension of written and spoken Mandarin Chinese, communication in Chinese; study of some literature and culture of the Chinese people. CHN 2105 is for students who have completed 1105 and 1106 or equivalent."

J Huang | jjhuang@vt.edu | MAJWM 434 | MWF 12:20 PM - 1:10 PM EST | Not a Pathways

CHN 2105 (CRN 82951): INTERMEDIATE CHINESE

"Emphasizes comprehension of written and spoken Mandarin Chinese, communication in Chinese; study of some literature and culture of the Chinese people. CHN 2105 is for students who have completed 1105 and 1106 or equivalent."

J Huang | jjhuang@vt.edu | DER 1084 | MWF 1:25 PM - 2:15 PM EST | Not a Pathways

CHN 3105 (CRN 82956): ADVANCED CHINESE

"Reinforcement of oral proficiency, reading, grammar, and writing skills, allowing students to explore a broad range of texts of general and professional interest. Not recommended for native speakers."

M Teo | mcteo@vt.edu | WMS 209 | MWF 12:20 PM - 1:10 PM EST | Not a Pathways

JPN 1105 (CRN 86796): ELEMENTARY JAPANESE

"Fundamentals of the Japanese language, with emphasis on developing proficiency in practical language use and cultural competency."

Staff | LITRV 1770 | MWF 9:05 AM - 9:55 AM EST | Not a Pathways

JPN 1105 (CRN 86797): ELEMENTARY JAPANESE

"Fundamentals of the Japanese language, with emphasis on developing proficiency in practical language use and cultural competency."

T Mercer | teruyo95@vt.edu | SAUND 408 | MWF 12:20 PM - 1:10 PM EST | Not a Pathways

JPN 2105 (CRN 86803): INTERMEDIATE JAPANESE

"Emphasizes comprehension of written and spoken Japanese, communication in Japanese; study of some literature and culture of the Japanese people."

Staff | RAND 121 | MWF 12:20 PM - 1:10 PM EST | Not a Pathways

JPN 3105 (CRN 86808): ADVANCED JAPANESE

"Practice in communication skills in Japanese both orally and in writing, including review of grammar, directed composition, and conversation, with an emphasis on pronunciation, cultural competency, and oral expressions. Not recommended for native speakers. 3106: Reinforcement of oral proficiency, reading, grammar, and writing skills, allowing students to explore a broad range of texts of general and professional interest. Not recommended for native speakers."

Y Kumazawa | yasuko3evt.edu | MCB 318 | MWF 11:15 AM - 12:05 PM EST | Not a Pathways

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J Sather | jsather@vt.edu | HUTCH 207 | MWF 1:25 PM - 2:15 PM EST | Not a Pathways

PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

SPIA 2005 (CRN 89775): INTRO TO URBAN ANALYTICS*

"Introduction to modeling, simulation, and visualization. How models can be used to examine complex urban problems. Ethical issues in the application of computational models. Basic model building without data."

T Lim | tclim@vt.edu | NCB 130A | MWF 12:20 PM - 1:10 PM EST | Pathways 5

SPIA 2006 (CRN 89776): INTRO TO URBAN ANALYTICS*

"Identifying data sources for simulation model building and testing. Developing and using a model to understand a complex urban problem. Manipulating models to achieve desired outcomes. Ethical issues in computational models, including data collection and data use."

T Lim | tclim@vt.edu | NCB 130A | MWF 12:20 PM - 1:10 PM EST | Pathways 5

SPIA 2014 (CRN 89777): URBAN ANALYTICS FOR DECISION MAKING*

"Use and critique of large-scale computational models for urban planning and decision-making. Information synthesis, agent-based simulation, and simulation analytics techniques for analysis of urban and regional systems. Value-sensitive design and ethical use of computational models."

T Lim | tclim@vt.edu | NCB 130A | MWF 12:20 PM - 1:10 PM EST | Pathways 5

SOCIAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL SCIENCES (ASIA MINOR: GROUP 4)

ECON 4144 (CRN 90532): ECONOMICS OF CHINA

"Evolution of the Chinese economy since 1949. Exposition of alternative economic systems, the commune, incentive problems, and state-owned enterprises. Analysis of recent reforms and their effects on economic efficiency; and key issues of economic transition related to Russia and other East European countries." Students without prerequisites will be dropped." (Pre: ECON 3104 or 2025H)

S Ge | ges@vt.edu | PAM 1008 | TR 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM EST | Not a Pathways

PSCI 3584 (CRN 89350): GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF ASIA

"Introduction to governmental institutions, political behavior, and social and economic policy approaches of China and other selected countries in the Asian region."

D Milly | djmilly@vt.edu | MCB 210 | MW 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM EST | Not a Pathways





WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

WGS 3214 (CRN 90386): GLOBAL FEMINISMS*

"The central objectives of the course are: to acquire a theoretical understanding of 'feminisms' and feminist perspectives in particular social, political, economic, and cultural contexts. Is there such a thing as 'global feminisms' or should we say 'feminisms, globally?' We begin with a few (but far from comprehensive) diverse voices addressing feminism, generally, issues and contexts (e.g. in education, and Islam). We then read and discuss feminist perspectives, globally, on experiences related to the pandemic; in environmental initiatives and resistance; and conclude with putting transnational feminism theory to work, in different contexts."

S Samanta | ssamanta@vt.edu | MCB 307 | MW 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM EST | Not a Pathways

GRADUATE STUDENTS

ENGL 5334 (CRN 85002): SPECIAL TOPICS IN LITERATURE*

"Through a study of 20th- and 21st-century ethnic literature, we'll analyze the role of sexuality, race, and queerness in narratives about migration, place, and belonging. The course is designed to introduce students to queer of color critique as an interdisciplinary field and its methodological investments in putting queer studies in conversation with race and ethnic studies."

S Cassinelli | smooncass@vt.edu | SHANK 352 | T 5:00 PM - 7:50 PM EST| Not a Pathways

Headings of groups that are classified as "Asia Minor" are classes that will count for an Asian American Studies Minor.

*These courses include elements of, but are not solely focused on, Asian and Asian American Studies.

**These classes can be substituted for Asian and Asian American Studies minor.

***Note: This is a new class, it can count as a foundational course.

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