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M.A. (EAST ASIAN STUDIES)

COURSE CONTENTS

SEMESTER I

EA – 101 : CIVILIZATION IN EAST ASIA

1. East Asian civilization: Convergence and divergence
2. East Asian civilization: Textual and archaeological sources
3. Major and minor traditions
4. Ecology
5. Science and technology
6. Art and aesthetics
7. Ethical structures
8. Language

Reading List:

EA - 102: POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS IN EAST ASIA

1. Sources of political legitimacy
2. Structures of authority
3. Statecraft
4. Elite politics
5. Regionalism and centralism
6. The military in East Asian politics
7. State, society and the individual
8. Law and morality
9. Politics of dissidence

Reading List:


EA – 103 : SOCIETY IN EAST ASIA

1. Agrarian structures and social relations
2. Family, lineage and community
3. Modernity and urbanization
4. Social movements
5. Social stratification
6. Gender issues
7. Literacy and education in social transformation
8. Popular religion and culture
9. Ethnicity and Identity

Reading List:


**EA – 104: LANGUAGE (CHINESE/JAPANESE/KOREAN)**

Students will choose any one of the three languages offered by the Department, namely Chinese or Japanese or Korean. She/he will pursue the same language in all four semesters. Since teaching material will include texts from current newspapers and periodicals the content of the course and the reading materials would be decided by the teacher-in-charge concerned at the beginning of each semester.

A) **CHINESE**

Spoken skill  
**Writing:** Phonetic script and about 200 Chinese characters  
**Grammar**  
**Listening exercises**

B) **JAPANESE**

Spoken skills  
**Writing:** Phonetic script (Hiragana and Katakana), about 80 Chinese characters (kanji)  
**Grammar**  
**Listening exercises**

C) **KOREAN**

Spoken skills  
**Writing:** Hanja: 200 words  
**Grammar**  
**Listening exercises**


**SEMESTER II**

**EA – 201: EAST ASIAN ECONOMIES**

1. Pre-modern and modern economic systems  
2. Agrarian economies  
3. Industrial growth and economic development  
4. Commerce and Trade  
5. Revenue systems
6. The structure of East Asian Economies: Contributions to development theory

**Reading List:**


**EA – 202: INTELLECTUAL TRADITIONS IN EAST ASIA**

1. Philosophical and Ethical Schools of Thought
2. Scientific Traditions
3. Intellectual Transitions and Interactions
4. The West and Intellectual Currents in East Asia
5. Nationalism and Socialism
6. Contemporary Critical Thought.

**Reading List:**


**EA - 203 : EAST ASIA AND THE WORLD**

1. The East Asian Order
2. Trade and Diplomacy
3. Continental and Maritime Frontiers
4. Western Colonialism and Imperialism
5. Japan and the Restructuring of the East Asian order
6. East Asia and Cold War System
7. East Asia and the global economy
8. East Asia and global regionalism
9. India and East Asia

**Reading List:**


**EA – 204: LANGUAGE (CHINESE/JAPANESE/KOREAN)**

A) **CHINESE**

*Spoken skills*

*Writing:* about 200 Chinese characters

*Grammar*

*Listening exercises and reading comprehension*

*Teaching material:* Compiled by the Department of East Asian Studies

B) **JAPANESE**

*Spoken skills*

*Writing:* About 150 ~ 200 Chinese characters (kanji)

*Grammar:*
Listening exercises
Reading and comprehension
Teaching material: Compiled by the Department of East Asian Studies

C) KOREAN

Spoken skills
Writing: Hanja: 300 words
Grammar:
Listening exercises
Reading and comprehension
Teaching material:
Bharati Korean Workbook 1,
Bharati Korean Reading Comprehension 1
Korean through English 1
Pathfinder in Korean 1

SEMESTER III

EA-CH – 301 LATE IMPERIAL CHINA

1. Advent of modernity: the Sung era
2. Political innovations
3. Rural China
4. The rise of commerce and urbanization
5. Neo-Confucianism
6. Popular protests
7. Social stratification and gender
8. The tributary system
9. Han and non-Han interactions
10. Art and culture

READING LIST:

7. Elman, Benjamin A. From Philosophy to philology. Intellectual and Social Aspects of Change in Late Imperial China. 1984.

**EA-CH – 302  CHINA: IMPERIALISM AND REFORM (1840-1911)**

1. The Opium War and the establishment of the treaty port system
2. Early reform efforts
3. Agrarian unrest and the mid-century crisis
4. Finance imperialism and economic changes
5. Intellectual ferment
6. China and the West
7. China and East Asia
8. Decline of the Ch‘ing monarchy
9. The shifting base of Chinese politics

**Reading list:**


**EA-CH- 303  CHINA: NATIONALISM AND COMMUNISM (1911-1949)**

1. Post-1911 political transitions
2. The May Fourth Movement
3. Social change: the peasantry, industrial labour and the bourgeoisie
4. The emergence of political parties: the Chinese Communist Party and the Guomindang
5. External influences: the Comintern and the United States
6. Domestic political fragmentation
7. The period of long strife: the Japanese Aggression, the II World War and the Civil War
8. The political strategies of the Guomindang and the Chinese Communist Party
9. The nature of Chinese Communism
Reading list:


EA-CH – 304 CHINA’S POLITICAL DYNAMICS POST-1949

1. The Party State in China
2. The Constitution of the PRC: Political Institutions and Decision making
3. The CCP and its transformation
4. The National People’s Congress: Shifting structures of authority
5. Changes in the PLA and its role in Chinese politics
7. Reform Ideology: Deng Xiaoping and his successors
8. From the Plan to the Market: paradigm changes in policy
9. Forms of political representation
10. The direction of Chinese politics

Reading list:

EA-CH – 305  CHINA’S FOREIGN POLICY AFTER 1949

1. Determinants of China’s foreign policy: Concepts, goals and strategies
2. Strategic culture and military doctrines
3. The Chinese foreign policy making elite: the CCP, the PLA, think tanks, the provinces.
4. Ideology and pragmatism during the Cold War
5. China and the great powers
6. China’s neighbourhood policy
7. Multilateralism and regionalism
8. Aid, investment and trade in China’s foreign policy: Africa and Latin America
9. China’s strategic environment and strategic policy
10. Non-military threats to security
11. China as an emerging power

Reading list:


EA-JP – 301  PRE-MODERN JAPAN (1550-1868)

1. Political turmoil and the emergence of Japan as a unified state
2. Consolidation of Tokugawa political authority
3. Sankin Kotai system and its impact on Japan’s economy and politics
4. The revenue system and rural transformation
5. Interaction with the world
6. Peasant protests
7. Major intellectual currents
8. Education and the spread of literacy
9. Attempts at economic reform
10. Domestic and external challenges and the Meiji restoration
11. Rise of commerce and urbanization
12. Trends in art and culture

Reading List:


1. Meiji Restoration and the transformation of Japanese political structure
2. Popular resistance
3. Economic transformation: Tax reform and the role of the state
4. Social and cultural transformation:
5. Political Transformation: New political debates and political alternatives
6. Parliamentary democracy and the rise of political parties 1890-1925
7. Role of the military in politics 1925-1945
8. Business conglomerates and Japanese politics
9. Industrialization, urbanization and the formation of a labour class
10. Modernization and women
11. Education and modern Japan
12. Japan’s experience of modernization

**Reading List:**


EA-JP – 303  JAPAN’S FOREIGN RELATIONS (1868 TO THE PRESENT)

1. The determinants of Japan’s foreign policy
2. Japan’s foreign policy making elites
3. Unequal treaties
4. Emergence of Japan as a great power
5. Japanese imperialism
6. Japan’s China policy
7. Militarism, aggression and the II World War
8. Occupation and Japan-US Relations
9. Economic interdependence
10. Multilateralism
11. India-Japan relations
12. Current concerns in Japan’s foreign policy thinking

Reading List:


EA- JP – 304  POLITICS IN CONTEMPORARY JAPAN

1. Occupation and Japan’s new political environment
2. Political Reforms: the Constitution of 1946
3. Japan’s political economy post II World War
4. Growth of constitutionalism in Japan: the rise and decline of the Liberal Democratic Party
5. Opposition Politics in Japan
6. Local self government and grassroots politics
7. Political corruption
8. Constitutional debates
9. Bureaucracy and decision-making
10. Civil Society movements
11. The politics of educational reforms
12. Political dynamics in Japan

Reading List:

1. Broadbent, J. Environmental Politics in Japan: Networks of Power and Protest

**EA-JP – 305 JAPAN: INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS (FROM 1946 TO THE PRESENT)**

2. Resource diplomacy
3. Technology transfers
4. Export led economic growth and trade competitiveness
5. Trade friction and the Japanese response
6. Appreciation of the Yen and its impact on the economic relations with the trading partners
7. Overseas investment patterns: policies, strategies and prospects
8. Foreign Aid Diplomacy
9. Japan and the ASEAN countries
10. Japan and the WTO

**Reading List:**


**EA-KR – 301  PRE-MODERN KOREA**

1. Establishment of the Choson dynasty and the creation of the Yangban socio-political order
2. Land Revenue system of the Yi dynasty - Rank Land Law system of the early Choson period and the Uniform Land Tax Law system of 1608, Agricultural technology and the impact of the commerce and trade
3. Social Structure – Origins, role, socio-legal status, and its changes
4. The growth of economy and the emergence of the merchant class
5. Breaking down of traditional tributary system and opening of Korea
6. New intellectual currents
7. The growth of mass–communication and literary attainments
8. Tonghak peasant movement: etiology and ideology
9. Decline of the Choson dynasty: internal and external pressures
10. Growth of education and role of Christian missionaries

**Reading List**


1. Japanese annexation of Korea
2. Law, administration and political repression
3. Education, mass media, censorship and mass indoctrination
4. Land reform, agrarian relations, industrialization and mobilization of economic resources and labour
5. Cultural colonization and attempted assimilation
6. Economic transition during the colonial period
7. March First Movement – Emergence of Korean nationalism, and cultural renaissance
8. Korean National Movement (Moderates) – Programs of social, cultural and economic regeneration
8. Korean National Movement (Extremists) – Programs to overthrow the colonial government, Korea’s Communist Movement
9. Politics of decolonization in Korea (1940-45)

Reading List


EA-KR – 303 POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH KOREA (1953- TO THE PRESENT)

1. Genesis of Korean War and Division of Korea
2. USAMGIK and establishment of democratic system
3. Military in politics (1961-87) – Authoritarianism, suppression, and subversion of democracy
5. Political processes – Opposition politics, reforms and democratization in the post-1987 period
6. Political processes – Patrimonial politics of the three Kims and shaping of Korean politics
7. Bureaucracy and governance of S. Korea
8. Chaebol in politics
9. Imperatives and politics of reunification - Sunshine Policy

Reading List:


EA-KR - 304 POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN NORTH KOREA (1953 TO THE PRESENT)

1. Salient features of the Socialist constitutions of the DPRK
2. Evolution of DPRK’s Communism and the ideology of Juche
3. Socialist institutions and practice
4. The emergence of the cult of Kim Il-sung: Notions of leadership
5. Politics of dissidence
6. State, economic enterprise and Chollima movement
7. Military and politics
8. Cultural control
9. Socialist Reconstruction – Kim Il-sung’s Three Revolutions

Reading List:

EA-KR – 305 FOREIGN POLICY OF SOUTH KOREA (1953 TO THE PRESENT)

1. Determinants of foreign policy
2. Foreign policy making institutions
3. Historical legacies: Korea and the world
4. Korea and cold war
5. Authoritarianism, the developmental state, and foreign policy behavior
6. North East Asia’s strategic environment and S. Korea
7. S. Korea and India : Emerging relationship
8. Globalization (segyehwa), multilateralism, and regionalism
9. Unification and north-south relations
10. Current concerns and future directions

Reading List:

**EA – 306: LANGUAGE (CHINESE/JAPANESE/KOREAN)**

**CHINESE**

Spoken skills
Writing: about 300 Chinese characters
Grammar
Listening exercises and reading comprehension
Short essay writing
Teaching material: Compiled by the Department of East Asian Studies

**JAPANESE**

Spoken skills
Writing: About 200 Chinese characters (kanji)
Grammar:
Listening exercises
Letter writing
Reading and comprehension
Teaching material: Compiled by the Department of East Asian Studies

**KOREAN**

Spoken skills
Writing: Hanja: 300 words
Grammar:
Listening exercises
Reading and comprehension: upto the intermediate level.
Teaching material:
*Bharati Korean Workbook 1,*
*Bharati Korean Reading Comprehension 1*
*Korean through English 1*
*Pathfinder in Korean 1*
SEMESTER III

EA-CH – 401  CHINA: INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS (1949 TO THE PRESENT)

1. China and the global economy: wealth, power and hegemony in the seventeenth century
2. Restructuring economic relations under imperialism and colonialism (1840-1950)
3. The imperatives of a modern state: Cold War constraints and the direction of trade and aid
4. Targeting the Four Modernizations: the ‘Open Door’ to the world
5. Economic integration and the management of political disputes: bilateral and regional issues
6. Strategic concerns: trade and investment in military technology
7. Participation and influence in global institutions: China’s role in the KIEOs (WB and IMF)
8. China in the WTO: implications for a “just and fair economic order”
9. Energy policy and the “great game” in Central Asia and the Middle East
10. Discovering India: economic relations and political dialogue

Readings:


EA-CH – 402  CHINA-INDIA RELATIONS (FROM 1949 TO THE PRESENT)

1. The historical environment for India-China relations
2. Geopolitics and the making of an international border
3. Nehru’s strategic vision and India’s China policy: 1947-55
4. Post- Bandung: Tibet and the China-India war
5. The uneasy peace
6. Changes in the external and domestic environment: the thaw in India –China relations
7. China in India’s neighbourhood: political and strategic issues
8. India’s Asian initiatives and the Chinese response
9. China-India relations and the major powers
10. Strategic concerns and India-China relations
**Reading List:**


**EA-CH – 403 CURRENT ISSUES IN CHINESE ECONOMY**

1. Legacy of the Maoist economy – Centralized Planning, production and distribution in primary and secondary sectors
2. Reform and the Open Door Policy: FDI’s, SEZs and Trade
3. Liberalization of Chinese agriculture – Household Responsibility System, Quota and Price reform, TVEs
4. China’s industrial policy– SOEs and private enterprises 
5. Labour migration and labour market issues
6. Financial sector and fiscal reforms
7. China and the WTO
8. Economic policy and legal reforms
9. FDI and its role in the development of China’s economy
10. Regional and income disparities
11. The environment and economic growth
12. China’s trade performance and domestic growth

**Reading List:**


**EA-CH- 404 CHINESE SOCIETY**

1. Philosophical ideas and social institutions in Imperial China
2. The agrarian basis of Chinese society: family, kinship and lineage in China
3. Popular religion and social networks
4. Cultural praxis and Buddhism
5. Intellectual currents and social change in the 19th and 20th centuries
6. Communist social organizations: the Danwei and the Commune
7. Changing gender relations
8. Social hierarchies and a new youth culture
9. The dynamics of social stratification in the reform era
10. Race and ethnicity
11. Critical representations of Chinese society in contemporary art and culture

**Readings:**


**EA-CH – 405 CHINESE LITERATURE**

1. The literary turn and early poetry: the compilation of the Book of Songs
2. Prose traditions: The Historical Records, Philosophical writings and Neo-classical prose
4. Miscellany as literary form: Dictionaries and Encyclopedias, Guwen Essays
5. Classical and popular language and differing traditions: folk tales, stories and novels.
6. Drama and China’s literary tradition: Ballads, Jingju Opera & theatre, Songzaju, Yuanben, Nanxi, Zaju, and Kunju,
7. The May Fourth Movement and the birth of modern Chinese literature
8. Socialist literature and political parameters
9. Post-Mao literature: critical writing and literary alternatives
10. Women writers and feminism in Chinese literature
11. Contemporary literature: new directions

**Reading List:**


**EA-CH-406 TAIWAN**

1. Taiwan under colonial rule
2. The Guomindang regime in Taiwan
3. Political culture under the GMD
4. The emergence of democracy and pluralistic politics
5. Social mobility in Taiwan
6. Rise of Taiwan as an Asian Tiger
7. Ideology, politics and the Two-China Policy
8. Taiwan and the east Asian Strategic framework: the US, Japan and China
9. Taiwan and India
10. Taiwan’s quest for identity in the international arena

**Readings:**


**EA- JP – 401 JAPANESE MANAGEMENT IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE**

1. Socio-cultural roots of Japan’s industrial relations – Transition from merchant houses to zaibatsu (family-owned business enterprises) to multinational companies and the continuity of the Confucian values in management practices
2. Features of industrial relations in Japan – lifetime employment system, hierarchy in decision-making, enterprise unionism
3. Japanese and western practices in work culture – Hierarchy vs. meritocracy, group identity vs. individual identity, generalist vs. specialist, vertical mobility vs. horizontal mobility
4. The Japanese management model and management practices
5. Labour-management relations
6. Management issues in Japan’s financial corporations
7. Gender discrimination in the Japanese management system
8. Transferring and adapting management practices to overseas enterprises
9. Recession in the Japanese economy and its impact on industrial relations in Japan

**Reading List**


**EA- JP – 402 JAPAN-INDIA RELATIONS**

1. The Buddhist link
2. Discovery of sea routes: India as a maritime link between East and West
3. Changing Japanese perceptions of India in the 18th and 19th centuries
4. Indological studies in Japan and Imperial strategies (1885-1921)
5. Early trade links: the 19th and 20th centuries
6. Japan in Indian nationalist discourse
7. Japan and the Indian National Movement
8. Japan and independent India: Political and economic relations
9. Contemporary cultural relations
10. Japan and India: mutual policy concerns

Reading list:


EA-JP – 403 CURRENT ISSUES IN THE JAPANESE ECONOMY

1. Domestic economic recovery
2. The era of rapid economic growth
3. Oil shock and economic slowdown
4. The Plaza Accord and the outward movement of Japanese industry
5. Trade and the direction of the economy
6. Fiscal and monetary policy
7. The bubble economy and the recession of the 1990s
8. Unemployment and the labour market
9. The crisis in Japanese agriculture
10. Japan’s business culture
11. Prospects for the Japanese economy

Reading List:


**EA-JP – 404 JAPANESE SOCIETY**

1. The foundations of Japanese society
2. Family and kinship: traditional images and modern adaptations
3. Group dynamics in Japanese society: individualism vs. collectivism
4. The Japanese value system and social behaviour
5. The dynamics of socialization
6. Changes in rural society
7. Urbanization and its impact
8. Gender relations
9. Marginal social groups
10. Problems of an aging society
11. Education and society
12. The current social crisis in Japan

**Reading List:**


**EA-JP – 405 HISTORY OF JAPANESE LITERATURE**

1. Early literary traditions: the first written chronicles in the eighth century
2. Oral and written traditions in Japanese poetry
3. Monogatari: the Japanese tale as a literary genre
4. Nikki: diary writing as a literary genre
5. Zuihitsu: miscellany as literary form
6. Forms of drama in Japan
7. Literary shifts: from aristocratic to popular literature
8. Western influences, enlightenment ideas and the reinvention of literary forms
9. Literature as social critique: the 20th century
10. Feminist literature in modern Japan

Reading List


EA-KR – 401 FOREIGN POLICY OF NORTH KOREA (1953 TO THE PRESENT)

1. Determinants of foreign policy
2. Foreign policy making institutions
3. Historical legacies
4. Establishment of DPRK and socialistic bloc : USSR and making of foreign policy of N. Korea
5. The Korean War : China and post war reconstruction
6. Between the Bear and the Dragon
7. DPRK’s policy towards US – DPRK and America’s strategic presence
8. Geopolitics and geo-economics : policy towards Japan – foreign trade, developmental assistance and security issues
9. North Korea - South Korea relations – Mutual perceptions, bilateral issues and Sunshine Policy
10. North, Korea and the NPT Regime
11. Socialistic transition in N. Korea’s post cold war choices

Reading List:


**EA-KR – 402 DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE OF SOUTH KOREA (1953 TO THE PRESENT)**
1. Land Reform of 1950s and foundations of industrialization
2. Rehabilitation, economic planning and policies
3. The Chaebol and the State
4. Industrialization, industrial restructuring and the role of International financial Institutions
5. Social Impact of industrialization: Urbanization, labor mobility and organization
6. Labor law, labor policies, unemployment and welfare policies in social inequality
7. Korea’s international trade
8. Crisis and reform in financial sector
9. Globalization and regional integration
10. New Korean economy: technology and the service sector

**Reading List:**


**EA-KR – 403 DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE OF NORTH KOREA (1953 TO THE PRESENT)**

1. State planning for socialistic transformation of N. Korean economy
2. Economic Reconstruction in post Korean War
3. Collectivization of agriculture – Four Modernizations
4. Developmental foreign aid and technical assistance: role of the Socialist bloc
5. Foreign trade with USSR, China and the COMECON countries
6. Planning in 1960’s
7. Reorganization of the industrial sector
8. Industrial modernization Plan of 1970s – Relations with the non-socialist countries, oil shocks and failure
9. Debt trap and Economic decline in the 1980s and 1990s
10. Imperatives of development planning in the 21st century

Reading List:


EA-KR - 404 KOREAN SOCIETY

1. Korean Society as a Confucian Society: Origins, adaptations and the present normative pattern
2. Ancestor worship and the forms of popular religions in the past and present
3. Buddhism and its impact on the Korean society
4. Clan, Lineage and Kinship patterns
5. Impact of the West: Christianity as a force in Korean society and culture
6. Family system and social relations: impact of the urbanization and industrialization
7. Japanese Colonial policies and Korea’s Social Institutions
8. Politics, Youth and Violence
9. Education and social change
10. Women: Traditional ideals and current realities

Reading List:


**EA-KR - 405  KOREAN LITERATURE**

1. Introduction to Korean literature
2. Classical traditions: Epics, poetry, prose and criticism
3. The Korean literary tradition: new genres and forms
4. Classical Korean drama: Pansori
5. Modern literature: the impact of the West and the new literary movement
6. Nationalistic literature in the 20th century
7. Korean War literature
8. Contemporary literature: challenges to state and society
9. Women writers and feminist writing
10. Literature in North Korea: the North Korean Federation of Literature and Arts, socialist realism and Han Sorya

**Reading List:**


**SEMESTER IV**

**EA – 407: LANGUAGE (CHINESE/JAPANESE/KOREAN)**

A) **CHINESE**

**Spoken skill:** Ability to converse in Chinese

**Writing:** about 300 Chinese characters
Selected readings from books, journals and newspapers
Ability to analyze and discuss various issues in Chinese
Teaching material:

B) JAPANESE
Spoken skill: Ability to converse in Japanese
Writing: About 300 ~400 Chinese characters (kanji)
Grammar:
Listening exercises
Writing short essays
Introduction to newspaper Japanese

C) KOREAN
Spoken skills: Ability to converse in Korean
Writing: Hanja: 200 words
Number of vocabularies: 400 words
Grammar:
Listening exercises