COQUITLAM COLLEGE
Established 1982

COURSE OUTLINE

Last Revised: May 2014

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): NONE

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

Precluded Courses: N/A

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is a sweeping survey of the histories and cultures of Asia from its pre-historic beginnings to the end of the 18th century. The course is interdisciplinary in nature, which means that students explore Asian civilization using the methods and insights of archaeology, history, geography, sociology, anthropology, philosophy, religious studies, political science, economics, women's studies, art, literary studies and so forth. From a backdrop of historical development, students examine political and social structures, war and military campaigns, court intrigues, philosophical and religious foundations, work and economic changes, geo-political demographics, art, and literary developments. The course focuses primarily on China. Furthermore, the course pays close attention to important figures in the history of Asia such as Quin Shi Huangdi, Empress Wu, Cuanzong, Chinggis Khan, etc.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- To gain an appreciation of the complexity and dynamics of an important civilization
- To gain an appreciation of the various academic methods used in the study of Asia
- To gain an appreciation of the power of historical forces.

INSTRUCTION AND GRADING

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other (*specify):*	
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: 30% *Specify number of, variety, and nature of assignments:*	Lab Work: %	Participation: % *Specify nature of participation:*	Project: % *Specify nature of project:*
Quizzes/Test: %	Midterm Exam: 30%	Final Exam: 40%	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 from primary sources: documents, manuscripts, the Laozi, the Zhuangzi, the Analects etc.

COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	**Topic**
Week 1	Introduction –The Genesis of China – the Archaeological Records
Week 2	The Zhou Dynasty – Transitions
Week 3	Foundations – Confucianism, Daoism, Legalism
Week 4	The Qin and the Western Han Dynasty
Week 5	The Eastern Han Dynasty
Week 6	The Period of Division
	Midterm
Week 7	The Emergence of Buddhism in China
Week 8	The Sui Dynasty & the Tang Dynasty
Week 9	The Northern Song Dynasty & Khitan/Tangut Empires
Week 10	The Southern Song Dynasty & Jurchen Jin Empire
Week 11	The Yuan Dynasty – Mongolian rule
Week 12	The Ming Dynasty & Early Qing
Week 13	The Early Qing Period
Week 14	**Final Exam**

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