HIBBING COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE & NUMBER:  Modern Asia: HIST 1400
CREDITS:  3 (3 Lec / 0 Lab)
PREREQUISITES:  College-level reading ability is required.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Modern Asia is a survey of cultural, political, economic, and social developments in modern Asia since the 1600s and provides an introduction to Asian religion, philosophy, and culture. Readings and lectures focus on East (China, Japan, Korea), Southeast (Indochina, Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, Burma), and South (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka) Asia. Recent and contemporary changes in Asia are emphasized.

OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:

I.  Introduction to Asia
   A.  Asia's physical geography
   B.  Asian peoples
   C.  Basic Asian cultural beliefs
   D.  Religions of Asia

II.  Asia meets the west
   A.  Asia in 1600
   B.  The British, French, Portuguese, Spanish, and Dutch
   C.  Cultural clashes
   D.  The inroads of imperialism: Asia in 1800
   E.  Colonialism's impact

III. China, 1800-1931
    A.  The Qing dynasty and its collapse
    B.  The British in China
    C.  The rise of the reformers
    D.  Sun Yat-sen and the Chinese Revolution, 1911
    E.  China during the great war
    F.  The rise of the warlords

IV. Japan, 1800-1931
    A.  The Tokugawa dynasty and the opening of Japan
    B.  The Meiji revolution, 1868
    C.  Japan's modernization, 1868-1900
    D.  Japan's expansion
    E.  Japan, 1914-1931
V. Southeast Asia, 1800-1931
   A. Imperialism spreads, 1800-1900
   B. The U.S. in the Philippines
   C. The French in Indochina
   D. The Dutch in Indonesia
   E. The British in Burma, Malaysia, and Singapore
   F. The kingdom of the Thais

VI. India, 1800-1931
   A. Empire and rule: the British take over India
   B. The Indian political system
   C. The Indian economy
   D. Indian education and culture under the British
   E. The rise of Indian nationalism

VII. Asia in depression and war, 1931-1945
   A. The Great Depression in Asia
   B. Japan's expansion
   C. China's collapse
   D. World War II, 1939-1945
   E. Japan's collapse

VIII. Asia during the Cold War of 1945-1980
   A. The Chinese revolution, 1949
   B. War in Korea, 1950-1954
   C. Revolution in Indochina, 1946-1954
   D. Independence in Southeast Asia, 1945-1954

IX. China in the modern world
   A. Mao's China: from the Great Leap Forward to the Cultural Revolution to detente
   B. China after Mao, 1975-present
   C. Facing the next century: China in the 21st century

X. Japan in the modern world
   A. The Japanese miracle: The American occupation and Japan's economic revival, 1945-1955
   B. Japanese politics
   C. The Japanese economy
   D. Japanese culture
   E. Japan approaches the 21st century

XI. Southeast Asia in the modern world
   A. Indochina's wars, 1954-1975
   B. Indochina since 1975
   C. Mainland Southeast Asia since 1954
   D. Indonesia: political system, economy, and culture
   E. Island Southeast Asia since 1954

XII. India in the modern world
   A. Mohandas Ghandi and Indian independence
   B. India's political system
   C. India's economic system
D. Indian culture since 1945
E. Challenges facing India

XIII. The Pacific Century: Asia in the 21st century

COURSE GOALS/OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES:
Students will
1. describe the similarities and differences between Asia's major belief systems.
2. map Asia's major physical landforms, climate areas, ethnic groups, and linguistic groups.
3. describe what Asia's economy, political structure, and cultural life was like in 1800.
4. explain Europe's impact on Asia during the 1700s and 1800s.
5. identify what occurred in China during the 1800s that weakened imperial rule and led to pressures for reform and revolution.
6. explain how Japan began to modernize in the 1850s and 1860s.
7. explain how Japan became a major political, military, and economic power during the Meiji Era (1868-1912).
8. describe how Southeast Asia was occupied and controlled by European colonial powers during the 1800s and 1900s.
9. explain the economic and political impact that a century of colonial rule had on Southeast Asia.
10. explain how the British controlled India from 1857 to 1945.
11. compare and contrast British and French colonial policies in India and Indochina.
12. explain the impact of the Depression and World War II on Asia.
13. describe how the Cold War affected Asia and its relationship with the rest of the world.
14. explain how China, Japan, Southeast Asia, and India have modernized and developed since 1954.
15. describe how Southeast Asia’s political and economic atmosphere has changed since 1975.
16. explain the challenges facing Asia in the Pacific Century (the 21st century).

MNTC GOALS AND COMPETENCIES MET:
History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences,
Global Perspective

HCC COMPETENCIES MET:
Communicating Clearly & Effectively
Thinking Creatively and Critically

STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS:
Students are expected to attend class regularly, participate in class discussions, and complete all assigned work. Students can expect to complete much of their assigned work outside of class.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT SHALL TAKE PLACE USING INSTRUMENTS SELECTED/DEVELOPED BY THE COURSE INSTRUCTOR.

SPECIAL INFORMATION: (SPECIAL FEES, DIRECTIVES ON HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, ETC.):

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