

Geography 466(G) World Regions: Monsoon Asia – Fall 2005



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Prerequisite Two courses in Geography or
consent of instructor

Required Textbook

Weightman, Barbara. 2002. *Dragons and Tigers: A Geography of South, East and Southeast Asia*. John Wiley & Sons.

Collinwood, Dean. 2006. *Japan and the Pacific Rim*. Dushkin Publishing Co. 8th ed.

Ogden, Suzanne. 2006. *China*. Dushkin Publishing Co. 11th ed.

Reserved Book

Borthwick, Mark. 1998. *Pacific Century: The Emergence of Modern Pacific Asia*. 2nd ed. Westview Press.

Neher, Clark D. 2004. *Asia in the New Millennium*. College Publishing, Glen Ellen, VA.

Course Objectives

The main objective of this class is to help students to understand global interdependence and the emergence of Pacific Asian nations, namely China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea and southeast Asian nations. Globalization of economy, faster telecommunications, and Internet made these nations closer to our daily lives. It is the purpose of this class to provide students with an acute awareness of the increasing importance of this region to their daily lives in the political, economic, and cultural aspects. We will explore the meanings and processes of development in the context of globalization and regionalism. Is the world increasingly similar or is the world becoming more fragmented with the competitive advantages? Is Japan still the leader of flying geese economic pattern of Asia? These are the some of the questions to be addressed.

Course Requirements

A mid-term, final exam and a research paper are required for the class. There will be two map quizzes and home work assignments. The text of the final research paper should be a minimum of 10-pages with a map and a bibliography attached. The paper topic is a comparative study of the U.S. and an Asian country or countries on a particular topic of your choice, such as population, ethics, economy, politics, urbanization, environmental problems, health, ethnicity, tourism or gender issues. On Thursdays the class will view and discuss video tapes of the film series *The Pacific Century* or other relevant film throughout the semester and submit weekly homework review comments or answers. Graduate students are required to write a book review from the provided reading list.

Course Grading: Your final grade will be calculated accordingly.

Country Report	50 points
Map Test on Landform	25
Map test on Cities	25
Chinese Poetry Exercise	10
Journal "Literature and Society"	20
Research Paper	50
Midterm Exam	50
Final Exam	50
Homework (weekly video review)	100 points
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Total	380

Bonus points: Asian student Conversation partner
 (Contact: Center for International Studies) 30 points
 Bonus points (Asian Movie Reviews) 5 points/movie

Class Schedule

Date	Topic
Week 1	Introduction and Invitation to Monsoon Asia - <i>Pacific Century</i> , Chapter 1, - <i>Dragons and Tigers</i> , Chapter 1 - <i>Creation Mythology of Asian countries (web site)</i>
Week 2	Cultural Background of Pacific Rim Asia - <i>Pacific Century</i> , Chapter 1 (cont'd) - Collinwood, <i>Japan and the Pacific Rim</i> , "The Pacific Rim", pp.3-12. - Pacific Century Film #1 "The Two Coasts of China"
Week 3	Recent History of Asia, Opening Doors to the West - <i>Pacific Century</i> , chapter 3 "History of Japan: Meiji" Collinwood, country report on Japan - Pacific Century Film #2 "The Meiji Revolution" The Rise of Nationalism and Communism - <i>Pacific Century</i> chapter 4, 9 - Collinwood, "Country Report on China and Korea" - Pacific Century Film #3 "From the Barrel of a Gun"
Week 4	Physical Geography of Asia - <i>Dragons and Tigers</i> , chapter 2, "Environments and People" and "Physical Geography of East Asia" on reserve.

Sept. 22

Map Quiz on land form

Week 5

Population and Quality of Life

- *Dragons and Tigers*, chapter 3, "Population, Agriculture and Social Disparity" pp.49-78.
- Population Reference Websites of Asian countries

Week 6

Urbanization and Development

- *Dragons and Tigers*, chapter 4, "Development, Urbanization, and Quality of Life" pp. 80-102

Oct. 20

Map Quiz on Cities of Asia

Week 7

Asian Literature and Society

- **Handout instruction for the assignment**
- *Pacific Century*, chapter 4,5
- Pacific Century film #4 "Writers and Revolutionaries"

Week 8

Post World War II Asia

- *Pacific Century*, "Confucianism and Economic Miracle" (Chapter 5, 6)
- "Building the New Asia" pp.132-7 in Collinwood
- Pacific Century film #5 "Reinventing Asia"

Week 9 (Oct. 15,17)

Dragons and Tigers chapter 9, "East Asia: Center of the World"
pp217-248

Miracle by Design: The Postwar Resurgence of Japan

Pacific Century chapter 6

Pacific Century film #6 "Inside Japan, Inc."

Oct. 24

Due date to submit a paper on "Literature and Society"

Oct. 27

Midterm Exam

Week 10

The New Asian Capitalists

- *Pacific Century* chapter 7
- Collinwood, "Building the New Asia" pp.132-7
- Pacific Century film #7, "Big Businesses and the Ghost of Confucius"

Week 11

Dragons and Tigers chapter 10, "China: Great Dragon Rising"
pp. 249-285

China, Hong Kong, Mongolia

Pacific Century: Democracy in Asia (Chapter 8)

Pacific Century film #8, "The Fight for Democracy"

Week 12

Dragons and Tigers, chapter 11, "East Asian Tigers: Japan, Korea, Taiwan,
Pacific Century film #9, "Sentimental Imperialist"

Week 13 Southeast Asia
- *Dragons and Tigers* chapter 12, "Southeast Asia: Transition among the Nagas" PP.315-341
- *Dragons and Tigers*, "Mainland Southeast Asia: Turmoil and Peace" Thailand, Myan Mar, Vietnam
- "Insular Southeast Asia" Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines
Collinwood, Country Report

Week 14 Pacific Century: The Regional Perspective
- *Pacific Century* chapter 13
- Major Issues in Asia and the U.S.
- Pacific Century film #10 "Pacific Century: The Future of the Pacific Basin"

Nov. 21-25 Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 6 Research Paper Due

Week 15 (Dec. 6, 8) Presentation of Paper

**Dec. 13 (Tues.) 3 Final Exam
PM**

* These dates are approximate and subject to change with advance notice during the semester.