

HTST 317 Modern East Asia, 1800-present

Fall Session 2013

Tuesdays-Thursdays, 2:00-3:15

EEEL 161

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This course will provide an introductory survey of some main themes in East Asian history from approximately the end of the 18th century to the present. East Asia is most frequently defined as the cultural area in which traditional elites were literate in Chinese characters, which corresponds to modern-day China (including Taiwan), Japan, Korea, (and often Vietnam, though it will not be covered.) Frequently throughout the course East Asia as a region and the individual countries within it will be treated in a comparative perspective, where the regional historical record is analyzed in terms of similarities and differences with overall regional and global history.

Required textbook: Holcombe, Charles. *A History of East Asia: From the Origins of Civilization to the Twenty-First Century*. 2011