From the thirteenth through the early twentieth centuries, China, Japan, and Korea experienced the height of their magnificent ancient civilizations, and were eventually transformed, through dramatically different paths, into modern nations. This course traces the historical paths of their modern transformations in the context of East Asia’s encounter with the West, examining tensions and conflicts, changes and continuities in the political systems, social and economic lives, and international relations.

TEXTS*
Liu T’en-yūn. The Travels of Lao Ts’an. (1990)

Additional required reading materials are on electronic reserve in the SSH library. To view (download or photocopy) the materials on campus, log on to the UCSD library website [http://libraries.ucsd.edu/](http://libraries.ucsd.edu/), click on “Reserves,” and follow the instructions there (password w111). If you need to access the e-reserve materials off campus, you may need
to set up a proxy account. Instructions are available at the circulation desk of the SSH library.

*The textbooks are on reserve in SSH library.

REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

Students are responsible for readings and all other materials covered in lecture and section, including visual materials. Attendance at lecture and participation in discussion sections are mandatory. Plan carefully so that you will have adequate time to complete reading and writing assignments. Contact the instructor or your section TA if you have any questions or concerns regarding the course.

Your course grade will be based on the following:

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* In-class exercises will be given randomly during class throughout the quarter. You will be asked to answer basic factual questions from readings, lectures, and visual materials viewed in class. No preparation is needed as long as you attend class and discussion section regularly and keep up with the readings. No make-up in-class exercises will be given except in case of documented illness or emergency.

NOTE: Papers are due in class. Give them to your section TA before class on the due date. Only hardcopies will be accepted. Late papers without instructor’s approval will be lowered 2/3 of a letter grade each day that they are late (for example, if the original grade for the paper is a B, it will be marked a C+ if turned in one day late). In case of illness or emergency, contact the instructor BEFORE the assignment is due and submit documentation (for example, a doctor’s note) when you return to class. Arrange your time carefully to meet the deadlines.

Academic Honesty

Your work in this class is expected to be the product of your own efforts. Plagiarism in writing assignments (i.e., copying from articles, books, internet papers, and other students' work, without specifically acknowledging the source) will not be tolerated and will lead to serious consequences. For more information on the UCSD policy on academic dishonesty, visit: [http://students.ucsd.edu/academics/academic-integrity/index.html](http://students.ucsd.edu/academics/academic-integrity/index.html).
# SCHEDULE OF LECTURES AND ASSIGNMENTS

## Week 1
- **1/8** Introduction
- **1/10** The Cultural heritage of East Asia

## Week 2
- **1/15** China under the Mongol Rule
- **1/17** Reordering the Han Empire: The Ming  
  Reading: *East Asia*, 226-251, 269-289.  
  Documents #1, 2, 3, and 4 (on E-Reserve)

## Week 3
- **1/22** High Qing
- **1/24** Late Imperial Society  
  Reading: *East Asia*, 308-330.  
  *Celebrated Cases of Judge Dee* and Document #5 (on E-Reserve)

## Week 4
- **1/29** Medieval Japan
- **1/31** The Tokugawa Order  
  Reading: *East Asia*, 252-268, 331-347.  
  Document #6 and 7 (on E-Reserve)

## Week 5
- **2/5** The Yi Dynasty
- **2/7** Choson society  
  Reading: *East Asia*: 290-306, 348-364 (E-Reserve)  
  Document #8, 9, and 10 (on E-Reserve)

## Week 6
- **2/12** **Mid-term Examination**
- **2/14** The Opium War (1839-1841)  
  Reading: *East Asia*: 366-385.  
  Documents #11, 12, and 13 (on E-Reserve)

## Week 7
- **2/19** The Taiping Rebellion
- **2/21** The Meiji Restoration  
  Reading: *East Asia*: 397-430.  
  Documents #14, 15, and 16 (on E-Reserve)

## Week 8
- **2/26** Inventing the Modern Nation State (Japan)
- **2/28** Empire-building  
  Reading: *East Asia*: 465-483.
Discourse by Three Drunkards on Government.

### Week 9

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| 3/7  | Self-strengthening and Late Qing Reforms  
Reading: *East Asia*: 431-446, 385-396.  
*The Travels of Lao Ts’an*, Introduction to chapter 10. |

### Week 10

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| 3/14 | East Asia: Review  
Reading: *East Asia*: 448-452.  
Finish *The Travels of Lao Ts’an*. |

**Final Exam:** Thursday, March 21, 11:30-2:30 in this room.