Course Prefix and Number:  HIS 254              Credits: 3

Course Title: History of Asian Civilizations II

Course Description:
Surveys the civilizations of Asia (China, Japan, Korea, India, and Southeast Asia – Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam) from the sixteenth century to the present. Part II of II. Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in co-requisites ENG 111 and ENF 3. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose:
This course can be used to satisfy the social/behavioral science requirements of most AA and AS degrees offered by the College or any certificate programs that require a course in the Social Sciences. This course offers students an opportunity to explore East Asian history, thus filling a gap in the Reynolds curriculum.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:
Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in co-requisites ENG 111 and ENF 3.

Course Objectives:
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to
a. Identify and describe the most significant cultural, economic, political, military, religious, social, intellectual, or institutional developments in the regions and periods covered by the course;
b. Identify and describe the chronological context of such developments;
c. Identify and describe the values of other peoples and explain how they differ from the student’s own values in an objective manner;
d. Explain how the history in their textbook is assembled from the selected arguments and interpretations of its authors and express the limitations inherent in its account;
e. Identify and select from the materials offered in this course the relevant information needed to support their own interpretation of a particular historical question;
f. Determine whether certain conclusions or consequences are supported by the information provided;
g. Construct and present historical arguments based the available evidence in good written academic form;
h. Distinguish between primary and secondary sources; and
i. Compare and contrast historical concepts to the present day.

Major Topics to be Included:
a. Primary source analysis and interpretation
b. European-Asian contact, imperialism, and colonization
c. Tokugawa, Shogunate, and Meiji Restoration
d. Growth of nationalism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries
e. The Second World War
f. The Cold War in Asia
   1. Communist control in China
   2. Korean War
g. End of the Cold War and decolonization
h. Modern Asian development

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