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GLOBAL AWARENESS [G]

Rationale and Objectives

Human organizations and relationships have evolved from being family and village centered to modern global interdependence. The greatest challenge in the nuclear age is developing and maintaining a global perspective which fosters international cooperation. While the modern world is comprised of politically independent states, people must transcend nationalism and recognize the significant interdependence among peoples of the world. The exposure of students to different cultural systems provides the background of thought necessary to developing a global perspective.

Cultural learning is present in many disciplines. Exposure to perspectives on art, business, engineering, music, and the natural and social sciences that lead to an understanding of the contemporary world supports the view that intercultural interaction has become a daily necessity. The complexity of American society forces people to balance regional and national goals with global concerns. Many of the most serious problems are world issues and require solutions which exhibit mutuality and reciprocity. No longer are hunger, ecology, health care delivery, language planning, information exchanges, economic and social developments, law, technology transfer, philosophy, and the arts solely national concerns; they affect all the people of the world. Survival may be dependent on the ability to generate global solutions to some of the most pressing problems.

The word university, from universitas, implies that knowledge comes from many sources and is not restricted to local, regional, or national perspectives. The Global Awareness Area recognizes the need for an understanding of the values, elements, and social processes of cultures other than the culture of the United States. Learning which recognizes the nature of others cultures and the relationship of America's cultural system to generic human goals and welfare will help create the multicultural and global perspective necessary for effective interaction in the human community.

Courses which meet the requirement in global awareness are of one or more of the following types: (1) in-depth area studies which are concerned with an examination of culture-specific elements of a region of the world, country, or culture group, (2) the study of contemporary non-English language courses that have a significant cultural component, (3) comparative cultural studies with an emphasis on non-U.S. areas, and (4) in-depth studies of non-U.S. centered cultural interrelationships of global scope such as the global interdependence produced by problems of world ecology, multinational corporations, migration, and the threat of nuclear war.

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Proposer: Please complete the following section and attach appropriate documentation.

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\boxtimes		Studies must be composed of subject matter that addresses or leads to an understanding of the contemporary world outside the U.S.	Syllabus
		2. The course must match at least one of the following descriptions: (check all which may apply):	
×		a. In-depth area studies which are concerned with an examination of culture-specific elements of a region, country or culture group. The area or culture studied must be non-U.S. and the study must contribute to an understanding of the contemporary world.	Syllabus
		b. The course is a language course for a contemporary non- English language and has a significant cultural component.	
		c. The course is a comparative cultural study in which most, i.e., more than half, of the material is devoted to non-U.S. areas.	
×		d. The course is a study of the cultural significance of a non-U.S centered global issue. The course examines the role of its target issue within each culture and the interrelatedness of various global cultures on that issue. It looks at the cultural significance of its issue in various cultures outside the U.S., both examining the issue's place within each culture and the effects of that issue on world cultures."	

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Course Prefix	Number	Title	Designation
HST	303	Modern China: Violence	Global Awareness (G)

Explain in detail which student activities correspond to the specific designation criteria. Please use the following organizer to explain how the criteria are being met.

Criteria	How course meets spirit	Please provide detailed evidence of
(from checksheet)	(Contextualize specific examples in next column)	how course meets criteria (i.e., where in syllabus)
SAMPLE:	SAMPLE:	SAMPLE:
1. Studies must be composed of subject matter that addresses or leads to an understanding of the contemporary world outside the U.S.	The course gives an overview of China's modern history and how it shapes contemporary China as well as its relationship with the rest of the world today. Eschewing theories developed from Western contexts, we seek theoretical insights from China's historical and cultural grounds. This course helps students explore many elements of China's distinctive culture.	This course has seven sections dealing with natural disasters, crimes, wars, terrorism, communism, revolutions, and epidemic. Such historical developments in China from the seventeenth century onward shape China today. All these topics are relevant and help students understand the contemporary world in China and Asia more broadly.
2a. In-depth area studies which are concerned with an examination of culture-specific elements of a region, country or culture group.	The course examines the political cultural, social, and economic history of China from the seventeenth to the twentieth century.	The seven sections deal with specific historical developments in China. The weekly readings of primary and second sources around these topics help students engage China from a global and comparatively perspective. Students will read eight book-length works that provide in-depth examination of China.
2d. The course is a	The global significance of this course is its focus	In Section I, natural disasters such as
study of the cultural	on violence. Specifically, this course studies	drought and flood at the scale of
significance of a non-U.Scentered	modern China with a focus on various elements of violence caused by nature, the political	millions of deaths are not Section II examines the justice system that has
global issue. The	system, cultural practices, and economic	been completely different from the
course examines the	infrastructure. All of these issues have	US. system. Section III touches upon
role of its target	implications for other cultures and societies in	wars at the scale of tens of millions of
issue within each	Asia and beyond. Many regions and world	deaths. Section IV addresses terrorism
culture and the	cultures have experienced and continue to	under the Japanese occupation.
interrelatedness of	experience similar developments as China, for	Section V introduces violence during
various global	example, natural disasters brought by climate	communist revolutions. Section VI
cultures on that	change, violence caused by oppressive political	delves deeper into economic, social,
issue. It looks at the	systems, etc. This class invites students to not	and cultural revolutions throughout
cultural significance	only think about the uniqueness of China's	China. Section VII discusses the
of its issue in	issues of violence but also contemplate on the	AIDS epidemic in the 1990s in rural
various cultures outside the U.S.,	effects of these specific issues in other parts of the world. The forms of violence explored in the	China.
both examining the	intertwined histories of China in the age of semi-	
issue's place within	colonialism and global wars are not marginal to	
each culture and the	the political violence, but constitute critical	
effects of that issue	dimensions of individual and societal	
on world cultures.	experience, both firsthand and memorially.	

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HIST 303 Modern China – Violence

Course Description & Learning Outcomes:

This course introduces you to the history of China from the seventeenth century to twenty-first century with a thematic focus on "violence." Rebellions, conflicts, and revolutions characterized these centuries. We will grapple with the question of what is violence. Eschewing theories developed from Western contexts, we seek theoretical insights from China's historical and cultural grounds. Rather than focusing on episodes of overt brutality, we focus on particular imprints of violence in practices and memories. This course will help you understand how violence is related to the deprivation of cultural and social subjectivities in the environs of political conflicts, and how such subjectivities can be uncovered in a wide range of mediums — court records, government documents, memoirs, and photographs. The forms of violence explored in the intertwined histories of China in the age of semi-colonialism and global wars are not marginal to the political violence, but constitute critical dimensions of individual and societal experience, both firsthand and memorially.

Skills developed in this class include forming critical questions, conducting historical research, making public presentations, managing long-term projects, and writing analytical essays.

If you look for background reading on Chinese history, I recommend Jonathan Spence's *The Search for Modern China*.

Class Format:

Classes will feature a combination of lecture and discussion. Come to class prepared to talk about the readings each time, and bring **hard copies** of that day's readings with you. If you choose to buy electronic versions of the books, you will have to print them out and bring them to class.

Assignments:

Attendance & Participation: 20% (No more than one unexcused absence is allowed.

Each additional absence will result in a grade reduction of 1%. Active participation in class activities is required.)

Sets of Questions: 5% x 4 times = 20% (Each student will post 3-4 questions

on blackboard 24 hours before class meetings. These questions will facilitate our class discussions. These

questions must be thoughtful and able to induce debates.)

Midterm: 30% (Midterm will include identifications and a short

essay.)

Final: 30% (Final will be in the essay format, including in-class

and take-home portions. Questions are NOT posted in

advance. Notes are permitted.)

Grades will be in the full range of pluses and minuses.

You will complete all reading assignments before class and will participate in all class sessions. Participation in class discussions is an essential part of our course. Discussion should be informed by your understanding of the historical events based on the textbook readings, the primary sources and research literature outlined in the syllabus (rather than solely your personal opinion or current events). The quality of your participation and their relevance to the course material are taken into consideration for your participation grade.

The exams will be based on readings, class discussions, and lectures. No make-up exams will be given except by order of the chair of the history department, after presentation and verification of documents detailing the emergency. It is important that you check Blackboard frequently for readings and assignments, and that you are able to receive class e-mails and announcements.

Academic Integrity: Academic honesty is expected of all students in all examinations, papers, laboratory work, academic transactions and records. The possible sanctions include, but are not limited to, appropriate grade penalties, course failure (indicated on the transcript as a grade of E), course failure due to academic dishonesty (indicated on the transcript as a grade of XE), loss of registration privileges, disqualification and dismissal. For more information, see https://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is stealing. Whenever you borrow a phrase, sentence, paragraph — even an idea stated in your own words — from any outside source (news writing, magazine, TV show, book) without giving credit to that source, you have plagiarized. Plagiarism is cheating yourself and someone else. The consequences are severe including failure for the assignment, probable failure for the course, disciplinary referral to the dean and possible expulsion from the

university. Academic integrity is expected of every individual: https://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity

How do I know if it is plagiarized or not?

- If it is exactly like the source I am using is it cited and in quotation marks? If not, then it is plagiarized.
- If I paraphrased it did I change more than a word or two and completely re-write the structure of the sentence? If not, then it is plagiarized.
- Did I follow the reasoning of a larger work in the same sequence as the original? If so it could be plagiarized.
- If something is not common knowledge and I learned it from a source did I cite it? If not, then it could be plagiarized.
- Did I find the answer on the Internet but not cite it or cite it as the reading? If so, then it is plagiarized.

Disability Accommodations: Qualified students with disabilities who will require disability accommodations in this class are encouraged to make their requests to me at the beginning of the semester either during office hours or by appointment. Note: Prior to receiving disability accommodations, verification of eligibility from the Disability Resource Center (DRC) is required. Disability information is confidential. Students who feel they will need disability accommodations in this class but have not registered with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) should contact DRC immediately. Their office is located on the first floor of the Matthews Center Building. DRC staff can also be reached at: 480-965-1234 (V), 480-965-9000 (TTY). For additional information, visit: www.asu.edu/studentaffairs/ed/drc.

Academic Calendar: https://students.asu.edu/academic-calendar

Writing Center: https://tutoring.asu.edu/writing-centers

Classroom Policies: Arrive on time. Do not leave early. Do not disrupt class in any way. You can use computers to take notes. Please do not use your cellphone in class out of respect for yourself, your peers, and your professors.

Books to Acquire:

1. Jonathan Spence, The Death of Woman Wang (Penguin Books, 1978, reprint 1998)

- 2. Robert Hegel, *True Crimes in Eighteenth-Century China Twenty Case Histories* (University of Washington Press, 2009)
- 3. Tobie Meyer-Fong, What Remains: Coming to Terms with Civil War in 19th Century China (Stanford University Press, 2013)
- 4. Frederic Wakeman, *Shanghai Badlands: Wartime Terrorism and Urban Crime, 1937-1941* (Cambridge University Press, 1996)
- 5. Eileen Chang, Naked Earth (Review Books, 1956, 2015)
- 6. Mao Zedong, Little Red Book (available on Canvas)
- 7. Ji Xianlin, The Cowshed: Memories of the Chinese Cultural Revolution (Review Books, 2016)
- 8. Yan Lianke, Dream of Ding Village (Grove, 2011)

Schedule:

M (1/7): Introduction

I. Disaster

Reading: Death of Woman Wang

W (1/9): Life of the Peasantry

Read: pp. 1-76

M (1/14): Traditional Widowhood

Read: pp. 77-139

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Reading: True Crimes in Eighteenth-Century China

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Read: Introduction, Part I

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Read: Parts II, III

M (1/28): (Failure of) Confucian Values

Read: Parts IV, V

W (1/30): Marginalization of Social Groups

Read: Parts VI, VII

III. War

Reading: What Remains

M (2/4): Civil War

Read: Chapters 1-2

W (2/6): Localization of War

Read: Chapters 3-4

M (2/11): Individual Losses

Read: Chapters 5-7

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Reading: Shanghai Badlands

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M (2/18): Terrorism and Urban Crime

Read: Chapters 4-7

W (2/20): Collaboration

Read: Chapters 8-11

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W (2/27): Midterm

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V. Communism

Reading: Naked Earth

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Read: Sections 1-11

W (3/13): Land Reform

Read: Sections 12-22

M (3/18): Freedom

Read: Sections 23-32

Reading: Mao's Little Red Book

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Read: Chapters II and IV

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Read: Chapters V and VI

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Read: Chapters VII and VIII

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Read: pp. 235-341

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M (4/22): Review

W (4/24): In-class portion of the Final (15%): Minimum 5 pages of the blue/green book

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inch margin, Times Roman 12-point font, proper citations.

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