The Overall Idea
This course will survey some of the most important international issues in Asian. Our focus will be on Pacific Asia, including China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Southeast Asia, but also including India, and the as yet dominant power in the region, the United States. Inasmuch as this region has become the engine of the world’s economy and contains some volatile security conflicts, understanding this region is essential to understanding the world we live in. We will also discuss relevant issues in international relations theory and strive to improve fundamental liberal arts skills in reading and research, written and oral communication, and critical reasoning.

Assignments and Grading
2. Short essays (45%). Students will write five short essays due as specified below. Essay questions will be distributed about a week before the dues dates and will concern major issues discussed in class and the required readings. Essays may not exceed three pages, should demonstrate knowledge of ideas and information covered in readings and lectures, and should present a logical and persuasive answer to the question. Reading beyond the required readings is not mandatory but may help.
3. Term Paper (45%). Approximately 15 pages on a theme related to the International Politics of Asia. Requires significant original research. Proposals and drafts are required by not graded. A short paper proposal is due on April 7. Initial drafts will be due April 23. The final draft is due on the day scheduled for the final.
4. Participation (10%). Students are expected to attend regularly and to be prepared to discuss the readings, questions raised in lectures, and current events. Includes the ability to answer questions asked in class about assigned readings. Grades will be informed by peer and self assessment.

Notes
1) Students are required to monitor the email address they have listed in CheckMarq as the instructor may send updated information about deadlines and requirements to that address. 2) All written work will conform to normal academic style, e.g., typed, 10-12 point fonts, standard margins, double-spaced, consistent system of footnotes, bibliography, etc. 3) Students who miss deadlines will only be allowed to make-up the work if the circumstances are truly exceptional, tragic and/or beyond their control. Some leniency may be shown if problems are discussed in advance. 4) Regular attendance is expected as specified by university policy and failure to attend regularly may be sanctioned as specified by university policy. 5) Academic dishonesty may receive the harshest sanctions allowed by university policy. 6) Students may improve their grade by completing extra assignments or revising papers, but must first consult with the instructor. 7) Students seeking honors credit and/or graduate students will be required to complete additional assignments and should consult with the instructor.
Tentative schedule of lectures and reading assignments

Additional readings available upon request.

I. Jan. 13 & 15: Introduction

II. Jan. 20 & 22: Rise and Fall of the Sinocentric World

III. Jan. 27 & 29: Cold War

IV. Feb. 3 & 5: Return of East Asia

V. Feb. 10 & 12: Washington
   1st Essay due Feb. 12

VI. Feb. 17 & 19: Beijing
   Guogang Wu, “From Post-imperial to Late Communist Nationalism: Histocial Change in Chinese Nationalism from May fourth to the 1990s” Third World Quarterly 29:3 (April 2008) 467-82.

VII. Feb. 24 & 26: Tokyo
VIII. March 3 & 5: Korea

- **2nd essay due March 5**

Spring Break

IX. March 17 & 19: Taiwan

- **2nd essay and paper proposal due March 11**
  - Alan D. Romberg, “Cross-Strait Relations: First the Easy Steeps, Then the Difficult Ones” *China Leadership Monitor* 26 [http://www.hoover.org/publications/clm/issues/27770534.html]

X. March 24 & 26: ASEAN

- **3rd Essay due March 26**

XI. March 31 & April 2: India


XII. April 7 (Easter Break) TBA

- **4th essay and paper proposals due April 7**

XIII. April 8 & 10: Burma

XIII. April 14 & 16: Africa

XIV. April 21 & 23: Global Video Culture term paper drafts due April 23

XV. April 28 & 30: Conclusion

term paper and 5th essay due on the day scheduled for the final