CEAS155 Fictional Japan: Introduction to Japanese Literature and Culture
This course will explore the evolution of Japanese fictional narrative, from Japan’s first encounter with ‘modern’ literary forms in the late 19th century to postmodern digital discourses advanced through anime and gaming. In so doing, we will discuss the ways in which Japanese theories of literature intersect with notions of national identity, modernity, and Westernization. How does the Japanese novel participate in the modern process of nation building, and how is it used to situate Japan’s position in East Asia and the world? We will also consider fictional works from marginalized groups in Japan to address how notions of gender and ethnicity serve as an intervention into traditional discourses on Japanese literature. Finally, we will explore new iterations of Japanese fiction in the form of digital media and database narratives. Does advanced technology fundamentally change how we produce and consume narratives and, therefore, view the world around us? How do these new forms impact constructions of national history and identity? Is this phenomenon somehow unique to Japan, or a simple product of globalization?
Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS157F Legacies of WWII in Postwar Japan (FYS)
In 1956, The Japanese Economic Planning Agency famously declared that ‘the post-war is over.’ Indeed, by that time, the national economy had made a remarkable recovery since the end of WWII. Others place the end of the ‘post-war’ with Emperor Hirohito’s death in 1989. Still, was the ‘post-war’ truly over for Japan? This seminar aims to tackle this dilemma of the ‘post-war’ and assess how the war and the American occupation are remembered by the Japanese, as well as Americans and Asian neighbors, and how they continue to reverberate politically and culturally, seventy-odd years after the conflict’s ostensible end. The course will begin with some history of WWII and the American occupation. Film, literature, and popular media, along with secondary scholarship, will energize discussions about topics such as the rise of anime and otaku culture, Orientalism, gendered racism in Japanese-American relations, the 1964 and 2020 Tokyo Olympics, American bases in Japan, and North Korea.
Offering: Host
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS158F Literary Pop Culture: The Tale of Genji and The Story of the Stone (FYS)
This first-year seminar addresses two of the great East Asian novels, ‘The Tale of Genji’ (from Japan) and ‘The Story of the Stone’ (also known as Dream of the Red Chamber) (from China), and their afterlives in modern and premodern popular culture. Topics of discussion include adaptations of both novels as literature and in other media forms (drama, film, TV, etc.); the two novels in painting/prints, games, fan fictions, etc.; shared themes such as family, romance, and power; and social issues including class, gender, and intergenerational conflict. No previous background in East Asian studies required.
Offering: Host
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS160 Social and Political Changes in Korea
Korea is currently the only divided country in the world, with two different political systems—democracy and dictatorship. This course explores developments on the Korean peninsula in the modern to contemporary period. We will examine social change, demography, culture, politics, and economy, as well as various social and cultural issues facing Korean society today.
Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-CEAS
Identical With: GOVT280
Prereq: None

CEAS180 Japan Rocks: Music in/as Contemporary Japanese Studies
This course aims to consider topics in modern and contemporary (understood as post-War) Japanese society through the lens of musical expression. By attending to specific instances of musical expression in modern and contemporary Japan, we will strive to understand not only the songs themselves but the contexts within which they were produced. This course aims to take music not merely as an object of study/analysis but as a means by which we might both critique and build upon the discipline of Japanese studies and area studies in general.
Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS181 Chinese Pop Culture
Popular culture is closely associated with our daily life and ways of thinking, seeing, and connecting with the world. This course will introduce select aspects of modern and contemporary Chinese-language popular culture and its circulation among Chinese-speaking sites, including China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. We will mainly focus on forms that have circulated and continue to circulate from the modern to the contemporary period, including movie musicals, martial arts, Internet culture, and singing contests. We will also study how Chinese pop culture has influenced audiences and (re-)construct their identities, as well as explore how cultural producers in Chinese language have engaged with issues of fandom, gender and sexuality, ethnicity, and material life through a variety of pop cultural forms. Throughout the course, we will discuss theories of pop culture and analyze primary materials to understand the production and circulation of Chinese pop culture. This course is taught in English.
Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS185 Introduction to Japanese History: A Manga Artist’s Life in 20th-Century Japan
This course uses the four-volume autobiographical manga of Mizuki Shigeru (1922-2015) entitled ‘Showa: A History of Japan’ both to survey most of 20th-century Japanese history and to introduce some basic concepts and methods of historical inquiry. Mizuki is most famous for manga that depict supernatural figures—yōkai—based on Japanese folk tales. One, ‘GeGeGe no Kitaro,’ became a wildly popular animated series (check it out on YouTube). We will use that four-volume series, together with various primary sources and other materials, to track the trajectory of 20th-century Japan from democracy to militarism back to democracy again in the lives of ordinary Japanese people.
Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-HIST
Identical With: HIST180
Prereq: None

CEAS201 Proseminar
This seminar explores some of the key tenets and methodologies of the academic discipline broadly known as ‘area studies,’ with the aim of further preparing students to pursue their chosen avenues of research as scholars of East Asian Studies at Wesleyan University. It is required of all CEAS majors in their sophomore year, and is also open to CEAS majors in their junior or senior years who may have been unable to take the seminar previously. The specific topics and concerns addressed by the seminar shift from year to year and according to the instructor, but may include questions of geopolitics, Orientalism, modernization and modernity, and productive approaches to grappling with written, musical, and filmic texts in disparate contexts and historical moments.
Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS202 Narrating China: Introduction to 20th- and 21st-Century Chinese Literature
This survey course introduces students to major literary movements in 20th- and 21st-century China through selective works by representative authors. It has two major aims: (1) It invites students to explore how individual authors--at different historical moments and in different social positions--have responded to historical changes that radically unsettled their senses of self and nation and also how their literary expressions may reveal the shifting subjectivity of modern China and Chineseness. (2) At the same time, it introduces students to the academic discipline of literary criticism, develops or deepens students’ critical close reading and textual analysis, and invites them to discover the joy and reward of plunging into a reading experience and coming out with interpretations of their own making.

While the course does attend to important historical flash points unique to Chinese history, it also explores literary themes that resonate globally, beyond the context of modern China. Varying slightly by semester, these themes could include the relation between politics and literature, revolution and revolutionary arts, alternative modernities, writerly authority and the individual self, gendered authorship, memory and trauma, ethnic governance and resistance, class divisions, ecological damages, labor migration, etc. This course assumes no prior knowledge of China or Chinese language, and all texts will be taught using English translations.
Offering: Host
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Identical With: WLT223
Prereq: None

CEAS203 Faces of Korea
This course addresses multiple topics that span both traditional and modern Korean culture, ranging from traditional cuisine, dance, music, art, architecture, and the modernization of Korea in the 20th century to Korean films, social issues, religion, and the Korean Wave.
Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS204 Chinese Media in Chinese: Star, Fandom, and Identity
This course is conducted in Mandarin Chinese and designed to supplement the standard English-language Chinese Pop Culture (CEAS 181) course. The course will have two main foci: (1) introducing students to Chinese-language scholarship on Chinese media, particularly pop culture and its flow within East Asia, and (2) analyzing and discussing Chinese media in-depth in Mandarin Chinese.

Both advanced learners of Chinese (fourth-year level or above) and native speakers are welcome. All the reading materials will be in Mandarin Chinese, and we will have oral presentations in Chinese and some written work in English. Evaluation will be tailored to each student’s language background. If you are unsure whether your language background is sufficient for the course, please contact the instructor.
Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS205 Democracy and Social Movements in East Asia
Despite East Asia’s reputation for acquiescent populations and weak civil society, the region has been replete with social movements. This course assesses the state of civil society in East Asia by surveying contemporary social movements in the region. We will examine the rise of civil society and its role in political and social changes in both authoritarian and democratic societies in East Asia.
Offering: Host
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-CEAS
Identical With: GOVT281
Prereq: None

CEAS206 Korean Politics Through Film
This course explores the contemporary politics of Korea. Through course readings, films, and documentaries, we will examine how the tumultuous history of modern Korea has contributed to present political conditions in South and North Korea. Topics covered include Japanese colonialism, the Korean War, modernization, dictatorships, democratization, globalization, and inter-Korean relations.
Offering: Host
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-CEAS
Identical With: GOVT295
Prereq: None

CEAS207 Foundations of East Asian Cultures
This course introduces some of the cultural foundations of East Asia and how they have continued to resonate through history. We will be examining translated primary texts in history, literature, philosophy, and religion, mainly from China, Korea, and Japan. We will also be working with other media such as film and art. The course attempts to equip students with a basic fluency in interpreting ancient and modern materials from East Asia and identifying its cultural contexts. Some potential themes are: dilemmas of love, the role of government, the methods and aims of education, social inequality, and notions of illness and healing. This course does not aim to be exhaustive, but seeks to enlarge narrow conceptions of Asian cultures and to offer tools for future exploration.
Offering: Host
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS208 Modern Chinese Literature
This course introduces the history of modern Chinese literature from the republican era (early 20th-century) to the contemporary era. By discussing selected literary works, it serves an overview of the styles and features of modern Chinese literature in each time period and also introduces students
to major themes from China’s tumultuous 20th century. Topics will include the cultural transformations of the May Fourth movement, modernity, war, revolution, root-searching, and body writing. All readings will be in English translation.

Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS210 From Tea to Connecticut Rolls: Defining Japanese Culture Through Food
This course explores Japanese food traditions as a site in which cultural values are sought, contested, and disseminated for national consumption. Through an examination of various components of Japan’s culinary practices such as the tea ceremony, sushi, whaling, and fusion cuisines, we uncover the aesthetics, religious beliefs, politics, environmental issues, and intercultural exchange that characterize Japanese history.

Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Identical With: WLT225
Prereq: None

CEAS211 Food in Japanese Media (CLAC.25)
This 0.25 CLAC section is conducted in Japanese and will feature Japanese-language media (documentaries, films, TV shows, anime, and some texts such as news articles and manga). It is designed to supplement CEAS 210: From Tea to Connecticut Rolls: Defining Japanese Culture Through Food. All materials and discussion will be in Japanese. There may be some writing assignments depending on ability. The section is open to anyone with Japanese-language ability, from beginners to native speakers. With the instructor’s approval, this section may be taken independently of the parent course. Evaluation will be primarily based on participation, effort, and completion of assignments.

Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.25
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Identical With: CGST221
Prereq: None

CEAS212 Introduction to Korean Cinema
During the last few decades South Korean cinema has taken center stage in world cinema with the phenomenal success of its film industry and critical acclaim in the global context. However, Korea has boasted a thriving film culture and aesthetics since the ‘golden age’ of the 1950s, of which renowned contemporary directors such as Bong Joon-ho and Park Chan-wook have claimed they are the inheritors. This course introduces Korean cinema from its beginnings in the colonial era to its recent achievements. While learning the concepts and theories of film studies as well as the cultural and political contexts to which Korean film culture has responded, students will explore films by key directors that constitute the crucial ‘moments’ of South Korean cinema. We will examine the main topics in Korean cinema, including colonial production, the liberation and Western influence, nation and nationalism, modernity and women, gender politics, realist and modernist cinema, popular cinema and cultural depression, the Korean New Wave, democratization and political cinema, the Korean blockbuster, the questions of ‘Koreanness,’ and the ‘Korean Wave’ in the global film market.

The course also seeks to establish a balance between understanding Korean cinema as both a reservoir of historical memory and as an example of evolving world cinema. Through engagement with methodological issues from film studies in each week’s readings, including the question of archives, national cinema discourse, feminist film theory, auteurism, and genre studies, students in this course will learn to analyze Korean filmic texts not only as a way to understand the particularity of Korean cinema but also as a frontier of cinematic language in the broader history of film.

Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS213 The Chinese Canon and Its Afterlife
This course is an exploration of canonical works in Chinese literature, religious texts, historical narratives, art, and movies, with an emphasis on their aesthetic and cultural implications. Topics include Confucianism, Daoism, and Buddhism; folk religions and shamanism; cultural identity and self-cultivation; sexuality, cross-dressing, and gender politics; nature and utopias; emperors, scholars, and musicians; hermits and knights-errant; learned women poets and courtesans; drunken poets and Zen masters; fox spirits and ghosts; portraiture and representations of bodies; and secret societies and avant-garde artists. All readings are in translation. Although some Chinese characters will be introduced in calligraphy, no knowledge of Chinese is required.

Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS

CEAS214 History and Geography
Maps are part of a broader family of value-laden images. This is a research seminar about the global history of cartography from 1490s to the recent past. We will study maps from the early modern and modern world and examine how maps were used as instruments of political power, shaped the imagination of peoples around the world, and inspired new ways to imagine our self-identity.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-HIST
Identical With: HIST399, ENVS399, SISP399
Prereq: None

CEAS215 The Legacy of World War II in Postwar Japan
In 1956, the Japanese Economic Planning Agency famously declared, ‘The ‘postwar’ is over.’ Indeed, by that time, the national economy had made a remarkable recovery since the end of World War II. Others place the end of the postwar with Emperor Hirohito’s death in 1989. The new Reiwa era might be another marker. Still, was the postwar truly over for Japan? This seminar aims to tackle this dilemma of the postwar and assess how the war and the American occupation are remembered by the Japanese, and how they continue to reverberate politically and culturally, nearly 70 years after Japan regained its independence.

Offering: Host
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Identical With: WLT321
Prereq: None

CEAS216 History of Japanese Cinema
During the last several decades, Japanese cinema has won international acclaim for its artistic achievement in form and content while gaining commercial dominance over the power of Hollywood films in its domestic film market. What have been the driving forces for the development of Japanese cinema as both art and industry? How have Japanese filmmakers contributed to the creation and advancement of new cinematic languages and genres that appealed not only to
of identity? How do they struggle with the ideas of exile, diaspora, colonization, deliberately record, or even create, their own unique and place-based senses that are distinct from those from mainland and Han-dominated China (i.e., the might their places of production bring about literary and cultural subjectivities? Manchurian, or Mongolian authors and artists? Are they Chinese? Or not? How do we study literary and cultural products created in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Kingdom

CEAS218 Sinophone Articulations: Literatures and Cultures Beyond the Middle Kingdom
How do we study literary and cultural products created in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, and those created by Chinese-educated Tibetan, Uyghur, Manchurian, or Mongolian authors and artists? Are they Chinese? Or not? How might their places of production bring about literary and cultural subjectivities that are distinct from those from mainland and Han-dominated China (i.e., the conventional domain of Chinese humanities studies)? How do writers and artists deliberately record, or even create, their own unique and place-based senses of identity? How do they struggle with the ideas of exile, diaspora, colonization, decolonization, autonomy, assimilation, resistance--both in relation to China and within global geopolitics--while also striking out on their own to depict the joys and sorrows of human everydayness?

This discussion-heavy course introduces students to a representative set of 20th- and 21st-century literary and cultural texts from some of these locales under the umbrella concept of the Sinophone. As Shu-mei Shih defines it, Sinophone aims to describe 'Sinic-language cultures and communities on the margin of China and Chineseness' where these cultures and communities engage in their own place-based cultural productions. It alerts us to the heterogeneity in the 'Chinese-speaking world' and the relations of power that effected such heterogeneity. Students will read literary texts alongside relevant theoretical and historical writings, and parts of the course may include film and other cultural products as objects of critical examination. The course will be conducted in English, and all reading materials will be in English translation.

Offering: Host
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Crosslisting: RELI207F, SISP285
Identical With: RELI207F
Prereq: None

CEAS221F Who is the Dalai Lama? (FYS)
This First Year Seminar introduces the institution of the Dalai Lama of Tibet and the individuals who have filled that role from a wide range of sources and perspectives. Topics include regional histories of Buddhism; the unique Tibetan tradition of recognized reincarnations (tulkus) and the Buddhist philosophical principles that support it; and a survey of prominent Dalai Lamas from the 15th century to the present day. The seminar examines the activities of the current Dalai Lama in his role as traditional Buddhist teacher, political leader, and international superstar, through the lenses of the PRC government media, Indian exile communities, and the modern West. Later classes will also address issues of Western and Chinese forms of Orientalism and myth-making about Tibet. Readings include the writings of past and current Dalai Lamas as well as supporting secondary literature.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-RELI
Identical With: RELI207F
Prereq: None

CEAS221 Introduction to Premodern Chinese Literature
This course is an introduction to premodern Chinese literature that focuses on the role Chinese literary texts have played in defining selfhood, creating self-image, and articulating the place of the individual in relation to community and state. The arrangement of the course is primarily chronological, from the first millennium BC to the end of the Qing Dynasty in 1911, though texts that cut across history are also juxtaposed to show differences and continuities from a larger perspective. The course contains canonical pieces of the Chinese literary tradition that address similar issues or respond to each other. Besides literary texts, painting, music, and material culture are also incorporated to help students visualize the tradition. Students are encouraged to think about the close relationship between Chinese literati’s creation of self-image and political trauma they experienced during dynastic changes.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-HIST
Identical With: HIST386, SISP285
Prereq: None

CEAS222 China as Scientific Powerhouse
Science, technology, and medicine played an integral role in the China’s transition to modernity and inspired dramatic economic, social, and political transformations. As scholars of modern China developed a keen interest in transnational histories and comparative methodologies, they have paid closer attention to the histories of science, technology, and medicine. This course introduces students to this emerging field of study. It examines broad philosophical questions that motivate the research in history of those areas. We will learn to explore science, technology, and medicine in China on ‘its own terms’ by understanding how the unique political and social challenges of modern China shaped Chinese science.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-RELI
Identical With: RELI207F
Prereq: None

CEAS223 Traditional China: Eco-civilization and Its Discontents
This course introduces students to the history of China from ancient times to the middle of the Ming Dynasty circa 1450. This is a period when China invented and reshaped its cultural identity by moving into new frontiers and creatively incorporating foreign ideas with indigenous practices. It is also a period when...
the natural environment was drastically transformed by agrarian civilizations and nomadic neighbors.

The course places concepts of sustainability in the center of the history of traditional China. We will draw on translations of Chinese literary texts including poetry, classical prose, and novels to explore the relationship between power and social inequities as we explore the everyday politics of agrarian civilizations through China’s transformation from feudal ages to the imperial period. Did competing regimes/dynasties create a sustainable political and economic system? Did bureaucrats improve the well-being of the population and maintain the balance of the ecosystem? Or did they deplete natural resources to meet their short-term needs? How did Confucian, Legalist, Buddhist, and Daoist teachings alter the dynamics of production and consumption? To what extent did traditional Chinese philosophies promote the ethos of ecojustice?

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-HIST
Identical With: HIST223, ENV5223, WLIT224
Prereq: None

CEAS224 Modern China: States, Transnational, Individuals, and Worlds

This course examines China’s turbulent transition to modernity. It covers the Ming-Qing transition, Manchu conquest of central Eurasia, China’s conflict and engagement with the West, birth of China’s first republic, and the People’s Republic of China under Mao Zedong, Deng Xiaoping, and his successors.

The dramatic transformation of China spanning the late 19th century to the present day is the focus of this course. The Chinese people today continue to deal with the legacy of these reforms, wars, and revolutions, as China’s leaders and people dealt with unprecedented challenges. The three central themes of this course are (1) the reconstitution of (a somewhat) unified China after decades of political upheaval, (2) China’s vulnerabilities in the face of domestic troubles and threats from abroad, and (3) the challenges of maintaining a high-growth economy with scarce resources.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-HIST
Identical With: HIST224
Prereq: None

CEAS225 Introduction to Chinese Poetry

This course explores various styles of traditional and modern Chinese poetry from the archaic period to the 21st century, with an emphasis on the range of ways in which poetry has been implicated, to a degree unknown in the West, in the political, spiritual, and aesthetic movements in China over the last three millennia. Topics include ‘The Book of Songs,’ ‘Nineteen Ancient Poems,’ the ‘Music Bureau’ ballads, Six Dynasties poetry, the great Tang masters, the Song lyrics, women poets, and religious poets. Although some Chinese characters will be introduced in the unit on calligraphy, no knowledge of Chinese is required; all readings will be in English translation.

Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS226 Japan and the Atomic Bomb: History, Myths, and Mysteries

Even today, when discussing the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, newspaper and other media sources often refer to ‘Truman’s decision’ to drop the bomb, the idea that these bombings conclusively brought an end to World War Two, arguments that they saved more lives than they killed, and assertions that the United States would not have dropped the bomb on Germany since its citizens were white. But what do the historical sources actually say on these and other related points? This course emphasizes the use of archival sources to address these and many other issues. It establishes the historical context for the atomic bombings of Japan by tracing events that led to the War in the first place, how civilians became the targets of mass bombings, and the scientific discoveries that made nuclear weapons possible. It also examines how after the War the American press and government strove to establish a particular perspective on the atomic bombings of Japan. By the end of this course students will have a much better idea about the historical facts, the popular myths, and remaining mysteries related to the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-HIST
Identical With: HIST256, SISP257
Prereq: None

CEAS228 Zen Buddhism Across East Asia: Teaching and Practice

In this course, we will examine Zen/Chan Buddhism in history and in its contemporary practice. We will trace how Zen Buddhism sprouted from Chinese religious traditions in the Tang Dynasty (618-907), flourished in the Song Dynasty (906-1279), and then spread to other East Asian countries such as Japan and Korea. Then, we will pay attention to the ways in which Zen Buddhism found its way to modern Western society, through figures such as D. T. Suzuki and Okakura Kakuzo since the 19th century.

Course readings consist of primary sources of Zen Buddhism, which are available in English translation. A wide range of texts will be read closely, from early manuscripts discovered in Dunhuang to contemporary works inspired by Zen Buddhism, supplemented by secondary scholarship. We also investigate how Zen Buddhism has been expressed in garden designing, poetry, tea ceremony, and as a way of life in contemporary Western society. A field trip to a Zen meditation center will be organized during the course.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-RELI
Identical With: RELI224
Prereq: None

CEAS229 Performing Indonesia

This course will examine the theater, dance, and puppetry of Indonesia in the context of its cultural significance in Indonesia and in the West. Students will read a variety of texts related to Indonesian history, myth, and religion. Students will also read books and essays by anthropologists Hildred Geertz, Clifford Geertz, and Margaret Mead to understand how the arts are integrated into the overall life of the island archipelago. Artifacts of physical culture will also be examined, including the palm-leaf manuscripts that are quoted in many performances; the paintings that depict the relationship between humans, nature, and the spirit world that are the subject of many plays; and the masks and puppets that often serve as a medium for contacting the invisible world of the gods and ancestors. Translations of Indonesian texts will be analyzed and adapted for performance. The direct and indirect influence of Indonesian performance and history on the West will be discussed by examining the work of theater artists such as Robert Wilson, Ariane Mnouchkine, Lee Breur, and Julie Taymou, who have all collaborated with Balinese performers.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-THEA
Identical With: THEA220, DANC220
Prereq: None
CEAS231 Introduction to Asian American Literature
This course introduces students to Asian American literature, literary criticism, and culture by surveying how meanings of ‘America’ have long depended on ‘Asian America.’ Conventional understandings of this relationship in US literature and history tend to emphasize Chinese Americans in California, Asian exclusion laws, model minority myths, changing patterns in Asian immigration following relaxed restrictions between 1965-68, and the institutionalization of Asian American studies in higher education in the 1970s. We will pay attention to these contexts, but we will also focus on emergent trajectories, including representations of Asian Americans in the South, critical refugee studies, and how global cultures such as breakdancing stage Asian American self-representation. By examining a range of genres and the critical apparatuses that these works have generated, we will explore how representing Asian America has shaped the making of American culture.
Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-ENGL
Identical With: ENGL230, AMST264
Prereq: None

CEAS232 Introduction to Chinese Film
This course introduces contemporary Chinese cinema in both national and international senses. We will learn the basics of film history in the PRC, Taiwan, and Hong Kong through four major genres: family melodrama, martial arts, action, and musical. Our engagement with these selected films will provide insights into fundamental issues such as family, history, nationalism, transnationalism, identity, gender, and sexuality. The goal of this course is to demonstrate how Chinese cinema has developed in the PRC, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and transnationally to refine students’ abilities to analyze and write about film critically.
Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-FILM
Prereq: None

CEAS233 Transnational China: Writing and Screening Chinese Immigration
Migration is a crucial issue for centuries, and people move around the world involuntarily or voluntarily due to political force, economy, technology, and globalization. Chinese immigration to the world has its long history, and the dispersion of Chinese populations has contributed to the formation of Chinese-speaking sites globally and brought about the construction of Sinophone culture in various geographical locales.
This course will introduce the discourse of the Sinophone, a linguistic-oriented term that defines cultural productions with Sinitic languages in Chinese-speaking sites around the world and its relation to Chinese immigration, transnationalism, and heterogeneity. The critical questions we will explore in this course include (1) What is the relationship between the Sinophone (roughly, Chinese language users) and China, Chineseness, Chinese diaspora, and overseas Chinese studies? (2) What is China in the lens of Chinese immigrants? (3) How do cultural producers represent Chinese immigrants’ lived experiences? We will read novels/novellas and watch films from writers and filmmakers who have experienced diverse migratory trajectories to get a picture of how they represent Chinese immigrants’ identity formation and negotiation with local societies, as well as their roots of origin/homeland. Through reading scholarship on Sinophone and primary texts, students will understand the relationship between physical migration and cultural production and become acquainted with various forms of place-based cultural productions in three Sinophone spheres, including the United States, Taiwan, and Malaysia.
Offering: Host
Grading: A-F

CEAS234 Modern Korea in Film and Fiction
How have writers and film directors responded to the rapid transformation of Korean society? In what ways have their works shaped the experience of Koreans and constructed Koreas’ notion about the nation and the self? This course examines how Korean literature and film have acknowledged and represented the diverse political, social, and cultural changes that have occurred on the Korean Peninsula in the modern era. It also aims to build an understanding of the ways in which Korea has built the close historical, political, and cultural relationships with other East Asian countries.
Through selected literary and cinematic texts by prominent masters, students will investigate the critical moments of modern history that have deeply affected and altered social practices and the actual lives of twentieth-century Koreans. While observing the flow of change in Korean society, students will examine how gender, class, ethnicity, and generation profoundly impact one’s sense of the nation and the self. The class consists of occasional in-class film screenings, lectures, student presentations, and discussions.
Offering: Host
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS236A Curatorial Workshop: Images of the Floating World
This course will provide students with practical training in the design and development of a gallery installation in the Davison Art Center (DAC). The theme for this semester is Japanese woodblock prints. We will carry out the many and diverse components involved in creating a gallery installation, from conception to execution, including concept development, catalog and label entries, accessibility, layout, and design. The course will culminate with an installation at the DAC, which will include an accompanying publication as well as permanent online catalog entries for individual prints on the DAC’s website.
Images of the floating world, or ukiyo-e, refers to a genre of Japanese art that emerged in the 17th century to depict the pleasures of life of that period—beautiful women, famous kabuki actors, views of famous places, and erotic pictures, among other subject matter. In most cases, these are woodblock prints, images produced by craftsmen from woodcuts based on originals painted by artists. Because they could be produced quickly, cheaply, and in large numbers, woodblock prints were exceptionally well-suited for the representation of the latest fashions or politics. Ukiyo-e prints made their way to Europe in the 19th century and remain the most popular form of East Asian art in the West. The Davison Art Center has around 600 Japanese woodblock prints in its collection, ranging in date from the 17th to 20th centuries and including works from all the major artists of the Edo period (1615-1868).
Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-ART
Identical With: ARHA263A
Prereq: None

CEAS238 Wartime Film Culture in the Japanese Empire
Just as in many other countries, cinema, within a short time of its emergence, became the most popular entertainment in modern Japan. Mindful of this, the Japanese government tried to turn the country’s film industry into an arm of its propaganda machine to support its imperial program, especially the military component. This began with Japan’s invasion of the Chinese continent in 1931 and lasted through the end of World War II in 1945. How did Japan’s private film studios respond to such governmental efforts? How did wartime Japanese
cinema manage to strike a balance between being entertainment and political texts? What are the characteristics of Imperial Japan's wartime film culture, and how are they different from the counterparts in other countries? Was the campaign to support war via movie productions in Japan successful, in terms of providing seamless propagandistic messages? What kind of legacy has the wartime film culture left in contemporary Japan and East Asia?

In order to answer these questions, this course explores film culture of Imperial Japan and its territories during the wartime era, spanning roughly from the early 1930s through 1945. We will watch wartime films, and at the same time examine the ways in which the film culture coexisted along with other forms of visual propaganda practice and political discourses. While probing how the films reflect the 'virtues' of wartime conservatism, patriotism, perseverance, and self-control, this course will explore topics that include the propaganda culture of wartime Japan as a whole, Nazi propaganda and Japan, cultural films, monumental cinema, films featuring Japan-China or Japan-Taiwan romances, children-centered films, 'kokumin eiga,' films of volunteers and Japanese Spiritism, 'Military Mothers' and gender, and the defeatist aesthetics and cracks in Imperial Japanese cinema. While we will for the most part watch and discuss films directed by the Japanese of mainland Japan, including such prominent directors as Mizoguchi Kenji and Kurosawa Akira, the films produced in the Japanese colonies of Korea, Taiwan, and Manchuria--whether independent productions or collaborative efforts--will also be examined. Film production in colonial Korea, in particular, was quite vibrant, relative to the cinematic output of Taiwan and Manchuria. We will observe how the films made in Japan's colonies joined the empire-wide filmic war-mobilization campaign, presenting their own justifications for war cooperation. Ultimately, this course will ask what kind of relationship Japanese cinema has had with the state and Japanese nationalism during the mid-century of Japan's tumultuous modern history.

Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS241 Visualizing Japanese-ness: Transnational Cinema in Modern Japan
This course is designed to interrogate evolving notions of transnationalism in Japanese cinema, from the prewar avant-garde to the postcolonial present. We will use the assigned films and supplementary readings as a means to explore concepts of Japanese nationalism and uniqueness (nihonjinron), colonial memory, hybridity, multiculturalism, neoliberalism, and creolization, among others. We will then use this theoretical foundation to analyze representations of Japanese minority groups (such as zainichi Koreans) to inquire into the possibility of obtaining a transnational or hybrid identity in the global era. How do these films 'visualize' Japan and/or transnational identity, and are these visions seen as compatible? In what ways and to what extent are these films engaged in a dialogue with theoretical concepts of postcoloniality and ethnicity?

Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS243 Theater/Drama Traditions of China and Japan
This seminar offers a window into Chinese and Japanese drama and theater traditions from their beginnings to the 20th century. We engage issues of dramatic texts as well as performance practices; thus, the course draws on material from theater history, performance and acting conventions, and the literary history of drama. Readings and discussions span major genres of dramatic writing and their different modes of performance, including the Chinese dramatic genres of zaju and chuandqi; Chinese performance styles of Beijing opera and Kunqu; and Japanese dramatic genres and performance practices of noh, kyogen, kabuki, and puppet theater. Throughout the course, we engage closely with dramatic texts as literature, giving detailed thematic readings to some canonical and non-canonical plays. We also consider how dramatic writing and theatrical performance relate to broader trends in sociopolitical history and literary history, exploring how dramatic texts and theatrical performance embody a multivalent and multisensory space that is unique among creative enterprises. We deal with both the actor and the text, and consider how each are conditioned by modern and premodern contexts. No prerequisites are required, although some prior knowledge of China or Japan is helpful.

Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Identical With: THEA243, WLIT222
Prereq: None

CEAS244 Delicious Movement: Time Is Not Even, Space Is Not Empty
Taught online by NYC-based artist Eiko Otake of Eiko & Koma, this course contemplates metaphorical nakedness and human and bodily experiences of time and space through interdisciplinary discourse. Students will examine how being or becoming a mover reflects and alters each person's relationships with challenges of the current world, with environment, with history, and with other beings. Topics of study and discussion include atomic bomb literature, postwar Japan, environmental violence such as Fukushima nuclear explosions, death, and pandemic. Together we will acknowledge how distance is malleable and how going to places is an act of choreography and self-curation. Through movement study, reading, writing, drawing, and discussion, the class will be a place of collective learning. Reading, film viewing, movement reviews and journal entries are required every week. Final Project will include an in-class presentation and final paper. Journals are graded by quality of thinking/writing and how they reflect homework assignments. The instructor is available for individual consultation throughout the course. Students are strongly encouraged to nurture their own rigor.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Identical With: DANC244
Prereq: None

CEAS246 Eccentricity, Gender, and Occidentalism in Edo-Period Art (1615-1868)
This course will explore painting, textiles, prints, and ceramics of Edo-period Japan (1615-1868), with a focus on those produced in Kyoto and Edo (Tokyo). In addition to formal examination of the material and expressive qualities of the works of art under investigation, we will consider how other factors such as location, social background, religious faith, and degree of literacy of Edo-period artists found expression in their work.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-ART
Identical With: ARHA276
Prereq: None

CEAS248 South Korean Cinema: Re/imagining Modern History on Screen
From its first productions during the colonial period to contemporary mainstream hits, South Korean cinema has been a contested sphere of the popular imagination regarding gender politics, modern Korean history, and political change. This course explores the films by the main directors of Korea to interrogate key problematic subjects in South Korean cinema, which include the discourse of modernity, the representation of historical and political trauma, the problems surrounding gender roles, and practices of film culture and industry. The film texts examined in this course include not only the breakthrough masterpieces of prominent film auteurs but also popular genre films that enjoyed box-office success. Through these examples, students will examine how
the most influential popular art form in South Korea has recognized, interpreted, and represented the Korean societal issues on screen.

This course also seeks to establish a balance between understanding South Korean cinema as both a reservoir of historical memory and as an example of evolving East Asian films and world cinema. Through engagement with methodological issues from film studies in each week’s readings, including the question of archives, national cinema discourse, feminist film theory, auteurism, and genre studies, students will learn how to analyze Korean filmic texts not only as a way to understand the particularity of South Korean cinema and history but also as a frontier of cinematic language in the broader history of film. In addition, students in this class will be encouraged to perform the comparative studies with other East Asian cinema in their short papers or the final projects.

Offering: Host
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS251 Japanese Economy
This course will use modern macroeconomics and economic history of Japan to shed some light on important questions in macroeconomics. Students will read empirical macroeconomics research not only on the Japanese economy but also on the United States and other countries to develop a sense of empirical research in macroeconomics. The course will also emphasize the major developments of macroeconomic policy in Japan since the Meiji Restoration to appreciate the role of history in understanding contemporary macroeconomic policy debates.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-ECON
Identical With: ECON362
Prereq: ECON301 OR ECON302

CEAS252 Global Philosophy
Philosophy is not now, nor has it ever been, narrowly confined to one culture, tradition, or civilization. As European and then American power reached around the world in recent centuries, so too have Euro-American philosophical traditions acquired a global audience, but other philosophical traditions did not disappear. These other ways of approaching philosophy have been re-emerging or reconstituting themselves—sometimes drawing on and sometimes contesting assumptions from the Euro-American traditions—in what can loosely be called our post-colonial world. This course asks what ‘philosophy’ means in these different contexts and explores how philosophy was and is done within various traditions. In addition, we probe and assess distinct approaches to making philosophy more global, which at the very least must mean more cognizant of the presence of multiple ways of doing philosophy.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-PHIL
Identical With: PHIL222
Prereq: None

CEAS253 Living a Good Life
For many philosophers, Eastern and Western, philosophy has been more than an effort to answer fundamental theoretical questions. It has been an activity aimed at changing one’s orientation to the world and, thus, how one lives one’s life. We will explore Chinese, Greco-Roman, and contemporary versions of the idea that philosophy should be seen as a way of living a good life. How does philosophical reasoning interact with lived practice? How do views about metaphysics or psychology lead to ethical commitments? Despite their differences, Confucians, Daoists, Aristotelians, and Stoics all agreed that philosophy should aim at making us better people. Can such an idea still get traction in today’s world?

This course will typically have two 80-minute lecture/discussion sessions each week in which the texts and ideas of major philosophers will be discussed, supplemented by smaller weekly student-led dialogue sessions. Please note that the locations for the different sections of this course are NOT accurately listed below. For details of the locations of each class session and breakout section, please see the course website: https://livingagoodlife.wescreates.wesleyan.edu/.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: Cr/U
Gen Ed Area: SBS-PHIL
Identical With: PHIL210
Prereq: None

CEAS254 Breaking the Waves: The Japanese and French New Wave Cinemas and Their Legacy
While the French and Japanese New Wave(s) existed as largely contemporaneous cinematic movements, rarely are they discussed together, instilling the impression of two parallel streams, never to converge or intersect. This course hopes to serve as an intervention into this perceived divide through close readings of these groundbreaking cinematic works and an examination of their revolutionary content in the interest of articulating shared philosophical concerns. In many cases, New Wave filmmakers worked as writers and critics before producing films themselves, a fact that speaks to the intensely theoretical nature of their cinema. This course will therefore examine critical writings published in the space of Cahiers du Cinema, Film Art, and other journals as a means of better understanding the thought process that underlies these films. How do these films figure as a response to that of the previous generation and how did they hope to revolutionize cinematic praxis? What was their relationship to political activism and the events of 1968? Finally, we will consider the legacy of these cinemas: What is the prevailing influence of the New Wave on Hollywood and global cinema? What aspects of the movement have been retained and what has been lost along the way?

Offering: Host
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Identical With: RL&L254
Prereq: None

CEAS255 Irreducible Distance: Japan-Korea Relations through Literature and Visual Media
Despite physical proximity and shared cultural origins, the specter of imperialism and constant influence of economic competition has seemingly resigned Japan and South Korea as two nations that remain forever ‘close and yet so far.’ Beginning with the colonial period (1910–1945) and ending with the current day, this course examines works of literature and visual media from both the Japan and Korea sides that address issues of intercultural relations and communication. What position does Japan for Korea and Korea for Japan occupy in the cultural imagination and how has this image shifted since the end of the colonial period? What role does Japan have in the formation of the North Korean state and articulation of ideology? How do political developments and ongoing issues of war responsibility (e.g., comfort women) continue to dictate the state of Korea-Japan relations? This course will also examine the influence of peripheral spaces (such as Jeju Island) and marginalized groups (such as the Korean minority in Japan) have in mediating discourse between these nations. Finally, recent cinematic works such as Assassination (2015) and Spirits’ Homecoming (2016) have witnessed a rekindled interest in the colonial period. We will thus discuss how these films constitute an effort to reexamine and reconstruct these historical events and how they view them as relevant to an understanding of the present day.
Cultural Revolution era become popular songs in the 21st century? How do underground rock and punk bands negotiate their existence? How is rap in China different from that of the US or anywhere else? How do Chinese artists deal with political censorship, social justice, (trans)gender, ethnic minority identity, and environmental issues in popular music? What future is there for China's burgeoning 'network songs'?

Knowledge of Chinese language is not necessary. Music materials in the course are drawn from the Sinophone world (mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and the Chinese diaspora).

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-MUSC
Identical With: MUSC127
Prereq: None

CEAS260 From Archipelago to Nation State: An Introduction to Japanese History and Culture

How did a string of islands on the eastern edge of Eurasian landmass become today's Japan, an economic and cultural superpower? Starting with prehistoric times, this course looks at how the early cultures and peoples on the Japanese archipelago coalesce to become 'Japan' for the first time in the late seventh century and how those cultures and peoples adopt new identities, systems of power relations and economies up to the present. This course reveals the big picture, but to understand it, the factual pixels that constitute it are examined in some detail. Students are expected to think of the course as comprehensive in the same way as mathematics or a language course.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-HIST
Identical With: HIST260
Prereq: None

CEAS261 Classical Chinese Philosophy

Topics in this critical examination of issues debated by the early Confucian, Daoist, and Mohist philosophers will include the nature of normative authority and value, the importance of ritual, and the relationship between personal and social goods.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-PHIL
Identical With: PHIL205, RELI228
Prereq: None

CEAS262 Human Rights Across Cultures

Are human rights universal? Do cultural differences matter to judgments about human rights? We will look at the current international human rights institutional framework and at theoretical perspectives from Europe and America, China, and the Islamic world. We will look primarily at philosophical materials but will also pay some attention to the premises of international legal documents like the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to the assumptions behind activist organizations such as Amnesty International.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-PHIL
Identical With: PHIL272
Prereq: None

CEAS263 China's Economic Transformation

China is a country that is both transitioning to a market-oriented economy and developing rapidly into a global economic power. As such, it has characteristics...
of both an emerging market economy and a developing country. China is large enough to create its own institutional infrastructure to support a third way between capitalism and socialism. This course examines in detail China’s great economic transformation beginning in 1978 in what is often described as a ‘gradualist’ transition to market economy. In the past three decades, the speed of China’s development and its growth rates of GDP are without precedent in history. The course concludes by addressing the incompleteness of China’s transition to a mature, developed market economy and by probing the issue of what is left to be done to create a harmonious society.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-ECON
Identical With: ECON263
Prereq: ECON110 OR ECON101

CEAS264 Modern Chinese Philosophy
We will critically examine Chinese philosophical discourse from the late 19th century to the present, including liberalism, Marxism, and New Confucianism. Topics will include interaction with the West, human rights, the roles of traditions and traditional values, and the modern relevance of the ideal of sagehood.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-PHIL
Identical With: PHIL263
Prereq: None

CEAS265 Japan Since 1868: Society and Culture in Modern Japanese History
This course examines the history of Japan from roughly 1800 to the present. With a broad-ranging observation covering politics, economy, society, culture, and foreign relations, we will look at a variety of historical events that the Japanese people experienced. Our goal is not only to understand what happened when, but also to be concerned with how people at different historical stages saw the world around them. Major historical events, trends, ideas, and people will constitute the vital part of the course; however, we will also inquire into everyday life of ordinary people, whose names do not remain in historical records. We will use a wide range of materials including written sources available in the English language, films, literature, and comics.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-HIST
Identical With: HIST207
Prereq: None

CEAS266 Modern Korean Women’s Literature and Film
What are the salient issues addressed in Korean literature and film by female writers and directors? In what ways have Korean women intellectuals constructed their own identities in their literary and cinematic representations? How do female-authored works present women’s problems in a light that differs from the predominant perspectives of their male counterparts? This course explores the female voice in novels, short stories, poetry, documentaries, and fiction films by Korean women from the 1910s to the present. Through selected works, we examine the struggles of early modern Korean feminists, women’s lives in postwar society, and the female experience of displacement and belonging in contemporary Korea. In addition, the class occasionally questions how the Korean women’s cinema and literature show the similarity with and/or difference from Chinese and Japanese counterparts in order to better contextualize the Korean cases within the East Asian and even broader world history and culture.

In this class, students will gain an understanding of the ways in which women come to a recognition of the problems they face and articulate these specific issues via their unique ways of representation. Through what are largely self-reflective narratives, students will explore how Korean women dealing with an oppressive political and cultural environment that had a variety of manifestations—such as colonialism, dictatorship, national division, and traditional patriarchy—tried to make heard and seen women’s voice and vision and present their gendered experience as a critique of the male-centered society. The class consists of occasional film screenings, lectures, presentations, and discussions.

Offering: Host
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS267 Philosophy and Culture of Traditional Korea
Today, Korean studies is a viable subject in leading American institutions, mainly due to the nation’s rising to the world power in the fields of economy and pop culture. Korea is also proud of its long history of intellectual tradition, which, compared with that of China and Japan, is never far behind in depth and breadth. This course is designed to introduce students to the rich culture and philosophy of traditional Korea. More specifically, we will touch upon various schools or branches of thought that had been prevalent from the latter half of the 14th century to the early 20th century. Among these are Buddhism, Zen Buddhism, Confucianism, Neo-Confucianism, Taoism, and other native schools of thought. We will explore issues surrounding social structure, social and familial ethics, gender politics, legal and penal systems, and values and attitudes of the pre-modern Korean society, which was made up of the major dynasty, Joseon (1392-1910).

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be expected to have acquired enough knowledge about the culture and taste in traditional Korean philosophy and culture to serve as a prerequisite for the further exploration of in-depth Korean studies. Also, students will have an opportunity to compare and contrast the unique cultures of three Far Eastern countries: China, Japan, and Korea.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-PHIL
Identical With: PHIL257
Prereq: None

CEAS268 Music and Modernity in China, Japan, and Korea
This course examines the relationships between music and modernity in China, Japan, and Korea and the interactions between the impact of Western music and nationalism and contemporary cultural identities. In particular, it explores the historical significance of the Meiji restoration on Japanese music tradition; the Japanese influence on Chinese school songs; the origins of contemporary music in China, Japan, and Korea; the adaptation and preservation of traditional music genres; and the rise of popular music and the music industry. We will focus on the cultural conflicts encountered by East Asian musicians and composers and their musical explorations and experiments in searching for national and individual identities in the processes of nation-building and modernization. The course aims to provide knowledge on East Asian music genres, insight on the issues of global/local cultural contacts, and a better understanding of music’s central role in political and social movements in 20th-century East Asia.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-MUSC
Identical With: MUSC261
Prereq: None

CEAS269 Chinese Cities
More than half of China’s population now resides in cities. Within the next few years, China plans to accelerate the rate of urbanization by building sprawling cities and relocating more people into urban areas.

This course explores the history of Chinese cities from the imperial to modern age. Cities were centers of commerce, intellectual activity, and, in the words of historian and political scientist David Strand, ‘storehouses of political technique, strategy, and sentiment open to anyone with the understanding and the will to inventory to exploit them.’ We will study how cities supported massive populations with limited resources, inspired new forms of social organization, and transformed the political and social order of China.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-HIST
Identical With: HIST117
Prereq: None

CEAS271 Political Economy of Developing Countries
This course explores the political economy of development, with a special focus on poverty reduction. We discuss the meaning of development, compare Latin American to East Asian development strategies (focusing on Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, South Korea, and Taiwan), examine poverty-reduction initiatives in individual countries (including Bangladesh, Chile, and Tanzania), and evaluate approaches to famine prevention and relief. Throughout the course, we pay close attention to the role of procedural democracy, gender relations, market forces, and public action in promoting or inhibiting development.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-GOVT
Identical With: GOVT271, LAST271
Prereq: None

CEAS272 Disease and Health in Modern Asia
While this course might seem highly focused and specialized at first glance, it is intended for students of all majors and backgrounds. It has two main goals. The first is to explore the influence of epidemics and diseases more broadly over the course of East Asian history while keeping a global context in mind. The focus is on China and Japan, but Korea will be included when possible. The second is to consider how historically, diseases and epidemics are best understood through multiple disciplinary approaches, including biology, epidemiology, anthropology, sociology, and iconology. Colonialism and empire—both Western and Japanese—are, of course, underlying themes throughout. We will examine several important historiographical and methodological approaches as well as some basic issues in the history of science and some important examples of specific diseases such as cholera, tuberculosis, and plague from different approaches using both secondary and primary sources.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-HIST
Identical With: HIST370, SISP370
Prereq: None

CEAS273 Environmental Politics in East Asia
This is an upper-division course on the environmental politics of East Asia. It will focus on the major environmental issues of our time (pollution, conservation, energy, waste, environmental justice, etc.), and how East Asian countries are coping with them from both policy and politics perspectives. It will cover both transnational and international efforts, as well as national and local initiatives.

The course will require that students ‘do’ environmental politics as well as study environmental politics through a civic engagement component.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-GOVT
Identical With: GOVT273, ENVS273
Prereq: None

CEAS274 Modern East Asia’s Maritime Borderlands
This course offers a perspective of East Asian history from the sea. Between the 17th and mid-20th centuries, port cities of Batavia, Canton, and Nagasaki, as well as the islands of Taiwan, Tsushima, and the Ryukyus, were situated at the crossroads of global trade networks and became sites of political contestation. Mariners, traders, and adventurers from different parts of the world converged on East Asia to profit from trade and military conflict. As a Chinese saying goes, ‘The mountain is high, and the emperor is far away.’ As the land-based empires on the Eurasian continent fade into the background, we begin to see the integral role of islands and port cities in shaping the economic and political order of the modern world.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-HIST
Identical With: HIST225
Prereq: None

CEAS277 Gender and Sexuality in Chinese Narrative
This course pays particular attention to gender relations and representations of sexuality in Chinese narrative. This course will require close readings of translated Chinese novels, short stories and movies. We will explore themes and motifs such as gender roles in Confucianism, female chastity, same sex desire, cross-dressing, masculinity and femininity, manhood and misogyny, eroticism, the cult of qing (passion), the New Woman, socialist and post-socialist desires, and writing bodies in the era of globalization. In addition to providing a platform for appreciation of the aesthetic beauty of Chinese narrative, the course encourages students to think about how representations of gender and sexuality incorporate or confront the mainstream moral values and social principles in China.

All readings are in English, no prior knowledge of Chinese language or culture is required. No text book requirement.

Offering: Host
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Identical With: FGSS288
Prereq: None

CEAS279 The Making of Modern Japan, 1500 to Present
In a global context, Japan emerged as a major player on the world stage after 1500. While in the midst of what later was called the Warring States Period (sometimes dated 1468–1600), Japanese traders and others maintained a broad network of commerce that included not only Korea and China but spread to Southeast Asia. Europeans first reached Japan in 1543, and it was soon obvious that no European state had the military might to colonize Japan. These are the roots from which a modern Japan appeared that in the 19th and early 20th centuries militarized and set upon an imperial project until defeated at war in 1945. Since then, Japan has emerged as a postmodern, highly technological, pop culture-oriented, and aging country. One theme that will be examined across the semester is environmental change over the long term.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
CEAS280 Losers of World War II
This course explores the experiences of Germany and Japan in the postwar era. These countries faced the dual challenge of making political transitions to democratic government and recovering from the economic ruin of World War II. Japan and Germany both were occupied and rebuilt by the United States, and both were blamed for the devastation of the war. How did Japan and Germany respond to being cast as worldwide villains? How strong were the democracies that developed? This course explores these questions by comparing the culture, history, and institutions of these two countries.
Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-CEAS
Identical With: HIST279
Prereq: None

CEAS282 Place and Space in Literary Hangzhou
The city of Hangzhou is unique in the Chinese cultural imagination. As a former dynastic capital, Hangzhou is saturated with the intrigues of China’s turbulent political and social history. But the city is also famous as a literary and cultural center—a prime leisure location along the Grand Canal; the site of the famous West Lake (just as famously compared to the mythically beautiful Xi Shi); and the setting for numerous poems, short stories, and dramas.

This seminar explores the literary culture situated in and around Hangzhou, considering topics such as food, folklore, and tourism, in addition to the city’s depiction in poems, short stories, and dramas. Our aim is to explore how the Chinese cultural imagination about Hangzhou—part of a broader imagining of the southern region of Jiangnan (‘South of the Long River’)—is built through these many layers of texts, histories, and spaces. With Hangzhou as our geographical focus, we consider materials from a range of genres (poems, short stories, dramas, folktales, historical anecdotes) and time periods (Song to late Qing, with reference to the present as well). We consider how the image of Hangzhou is built up throughout time, and how the literary culture in and of Hangzhou is interwoven with the ‘real’ experience of the city as a space/place.
Offering: Host
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Identical With: WLIT221
Prereq: None

CEAS284 Buddhist Art and Architecture in East Asia
Visual imagery plays a central role in the Buddhist faith. As the religion developed and spread throughout Asia, it took on new forms. This class will first examine the appearance of the earliest aniconic traditions in ancient India, the development of the Buddha image, and early monastic centers. It will then trace the dissemination and transformation of Buddhist art as the religion reached Central Asia and eventually East Asia. In each region, indigenous cultural practices and artistic traditions influenced Buddhist art. Among the topics the class will address are the nature of the Buddha images, the role of the images in the visual arts of Buddhist art, the development of illustrated hagiographies, and the importance of pilgrimage, both in the past and the present.
Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-ART
Identical With: ARHA284
Prereq: None

CEAS285 Pop Music Revolutionaries in Modern Japan
This course addresses topics in popular music expression in modern and contemporary Japan, and considers trends and topics in modern Japanese society through the lens of different forms of popular music. It pays particular attention to instances of musical expression that can be understood as critical in nature, and addresses musical responses to moments of crisis, upheaval, and precarity in modern Japan. It also emphasizes the work of artists who have been at the forefront of various developments in Japan’s popular music world. Our aim, in short, is to understand not only the songs and artists themselves, but also the historical, social, and political contexts within which they were produced. The course will thus approach music not merely as an abstracted object of study/analysis, but as a medium by which we might both expand our understandings of modern and contemporary Japan, and critique and build upon the discipline of area studies, as well.
Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS290 Unearthing Early China: Art and Archaeology
This course introduces early China by examining major archaeological discoveries from prehistory through the second century CE. We will analyze the formal and material features of early Chinese artifacts from important archaeological excavations at sites such as Liangzhu, Anyang, Zhouyuan, and Mancheng. We will discuss the ways in which these artifacts and archaeological sites demonstrate early Chinese cosmological beliefs and ritual practices, especially notions related to heaven, afterlife, and the transition from ancestor worship to the pursuit of personal welfare in immortality. In addition, we will study the iconography and symbolism of objects found in these archaeological discoveries, which would serve as a foundation for the inception of visual arts in the later periods of Chinese history.
Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Identical With: ARCP290
Prereq: None

CEAS291 East Asian Archaeology
This course will introduce students to remarkable archaeological discoveries from East Asia, focusing on the archaeology of ancient China, but also including finds from Japan, Korea, and Mongolia. Beginning with ‘Peking Man’ and Asia’s earliest hominin inhabitants, we will explore the lives of Paleolithic hunter-gatherers, the origins of domestic rice and pigs, the emergence of early villages and cities, the origins of writing, ancient ritual systems, long-distance interactions through land and maritime Silk Roads, and the archaeology of Chinese diaspora populations living in the 19th Century United States. We will also consider the current state of archaeological research in East Asia, focusing on site preservation, cultural heritage management, and the political roles of archaeology.
Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-ARCP
Identical With: ARCP291, ANTH291, ENVS291
Prereq: None

CEAS295 In Search of the Good Life in Premodern Japan
This course presents works of literature from premodern Japan to consider how people conceptualized and struggled to attain the good life. How did people’s evocations of their ideals and desires reflect and engage with the historical reality? How did their social status (such as a Buddhist monk, samurai, or a lady-in-waiting), occupation, and gender contribute to their aspirations as well as...
struggles? What were their strategies for not just survival but for fulfillment in periods of warfare or disasters? Works will encompass diary literature, essays, fiction, and poems from a variety of authors across most of Japanese premodern history. Practices such as the tea ceremony and works of art will also be discussed to fill out the cultural context.

Offering: Host
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS296 Japanese Politics
This introductory course in Japanese politics begins with an overview of the Japanese political system: its historical origins, institutional structures, and main actors. The course then moves on to explore specific policy areas such as industrial and financial policy, labor and social policy, and foreign policy. The course culminates in student research projects presented in an academic conference format of themed panels.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-GOVТ
Identical With: GOVT296
Prereq: None

CEAS297 Chinese Politics
This introductory course in Chinese politics begins with an overview of the Chinese political system: its historical origins, institutional structures, and main actors. The course then moves on to explore specific policy areas such as industrial and financial policy, labor and social policy, and foreign policy. The course culminates in student research projects presented in an academic conference format of themed panels.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-GOVТ
Identical With: GOVT297
Prereq: None

CEAS300 Literatures of the Japanese Empire
This course will survey select works of literature that were produced during Japan’s Imperial period, in disparate locations across the Empire (including Korea, Taiwan, and the ‘home islands’ of Japan itself). It will also grapple with literary reflections on the experience of Empire, penned in the wake of Japan’s defeat in 1945. We will conceive of ‘literature’ broadly, including under this heading not only texts in the traditional sense, but other forms of media, as well. By considering a selection of texts from this period, we will strive to attend to some of the contested and competing desires of individuals and entities seeking to navigate conditions of empire, colonialism, and war.

Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS301 Modern China and the World Since 1945
This class will tackle key international problems in modern China’s history over the past 70 years, beginning with the civil war; the Korean war; the Great Leap Forward; the Cultural Revolution; Deng Xiaoping's economic reform; Tiananmen 1989; Hong Kong’s reversion to the PRC; democratization movements in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan; and cross-strait relations over the years. We will explore China’s recent assertiveness on territorial issues, as well as the reaction over time to Chinese foreign policy by the United States, Russia, Japan, India, and other key players.

In addition to lectures and discussion, we will engage in some role-playing, with students taking various national and bureaucratic positions in mock negotiations and international exchanges. The goal will be to gain a better understanding both of Chinese options and the role of international players during key moments in modern China’s history.

Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS302 Minority Voices in Japanese Film and Literature
Although there is no such thing as a ‘homogeneous nation’ in the world, Japan often has been falsely regarded as a country of a singular ethnicity and civilization. Is Japan a nation-state of one race and unified culture? Who are the voices in Japan defying this kind of Japanese myth? How do they claim their rights and agencies as members of Japanese society? What peoples have been discriminated against by other communities, despite their indigenous Japanese roots? What kind of relationship do these internal ‘others’ have with the Japanese state?

This course explores Japan’s domestic minorities as depicted in Japanese literature and film, whose stories and images have been largely untold and invisible in the mainstream culture. Among the various minority groups in Japan, we will pay special attention to four groups: (1) the country’s culturally defined minority group since the feudal era, burakumin (the untouchables); (2) the country’s oldest and biggest foreign ethnic group, Koreans (‘zainichi’), and other Asians; (3) the people of Japan’s internal colony, Okinawa; and (4) Japan’s medical outcasts, the victims of atomic disasters in Hiroshima and Fukushima. Students will deal with materials about the specified groups produced by prominent figures in Japanese literary and cinema history. At the same time, students will examine materials created by the otherized subjects themselves to probe how marginalized beings represent themselves in ways that are different from the dominant media portrayals.

Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS304 Environmental Politics and Democratization
This course explores the role that environmental movements and organizations play in the development and transformation of democratic politics. It examines the political role of environmental movements in nondemocracies, transitioning democracies, and advanced democracies.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-GOVТ
Identical With: GOVT304, ENV304
Prereq: None

CEAS310 CEAS Senior Seminar
This CEAS senior seminar is limited to CEAS majors. It is intended to be the other half of their proseminar experience, allowing majors to reconnect with their CEAS cohort, reflect on how their study abroad experience has influenced their understanding of East Asia, and facilitate the process of planning their capstone projects.

Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 0.50
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None
CEAS320 Literature and Media in China: From Inscriptions to Print Culture to New Media
What is the relationship between literary texts and ‘books’? How did people read before the advent of print, and in what forms/contexts did this reading take place? How does the format of a text shape the ‘message’ that text conveys? How have new forms of media, such as digital technologies and the internet, changed how literature is understood and consumed? And how did all of these questions play out in the history of Chinese literature, specifically?

This course takes these questions as a starting point to examine the relationship between Chinese literary writing and the media forms in which this writing has circulated over time. The course is divided into three chronological units, based around the following core topics: (I) the material cultures of writing and reading in premodern China; (II) the advent of print and early modern Chinese textual cultures; and (III) forms of new media in modern Chinese literature. We begin each unit by studying some key methodological approaches to Chinese literature and its media forms. We then take up specific texts, examples, and case studies that explore the range of Chinese literary media. For the purposes of this course, the terms ‘literature,’ ‘media,’ and ‘text’ are all broadly defined. Indeed, a primary goal of this course is to work toward a concept of Chinese literature that takes issues of media, such as materiality, circulation, reading habits, and the process of writing into account.

Offering: Host
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Prereq: None

CEAS327 Progressive Confucianism and Its Critics
Contemporary ‘Confucianism’ designates a diverse set of philosophical, social, political, and religious approaches that are rooted in traditional East Asia and are playing significant—and increasing—roles in the modern world. ‘Progressive Confucianism’ designates a subset of these approaches, emphasizing the ways that the Confucian tradition has developed throughout the centuries and arguing both that modern Confucianism must continue to develop, and that a properly developed Confucianism has much to contribute to contemporary philosophy and to modern societies. This seminar will explore the background out of which progressive Confucianism has emerged; its distinctive approach and key contributions to Confucianism and to global philosophy more generally; and central criticisms that it has faced, with sources ranging from more conservative (or even fundamentalist) Confucians to liberals and progressives.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-PHIL
Identical With: PHIL327
Prereq: None

CEAS334 Native Matters: Materiality in Indigenous Literatures Across the Pacific
This seminar contemplates the function and representation of materiality in contemporary indigenous literatures. It highlights the centrality of embodied practices in indigenous cultural lives. The primary texts for the course will be literary texts (novels, short stories, essays, and poems) from different indigenous communities, including from North America, East Asia, Austrasia, and Oceania. We may also deal with non-textual materials such as artifacts, maps, clothes, video games, etc. Readings will also include theoretical or philosophical works from indigenous and non-indigenous thinkers on the subject of materials and materiality.

The course will thematize materiality in two ways: the first is to understand materiality as a way for indigenous authors to represent or construct various understandings of indigeneity, either in traditional lifeways, modern indigenous realities, or indigenous futurisms, both within and between specific indigenous communities. The second is to engage with thing theory and materiality as a method of literary analysis.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CHUM
Identical With: CHUM334, WLIT325
Prereq: None

CEAS338 Comparative Political Philosophy
Undertaking ‘comparative philosophy’ means to do philosophy by drawing on multiple philosophical traditions. In this course, we will study key topics in political philosophy, such as the justification of political authority, the legitimacy of public critique of social rituals, and the scope of liberty and rights—from both modern Western and contemporary East Asian perspectives. We will examine potential obstacles to comparative theorizing, as well as benefits that can arise both for currently dominant traditions (e.g., Western liberalism) and for alternatives to liberalism such as Chinese and Korean Confucianism.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-PHIL
Identical With: PHIL338
Prereq: None

CEAS340 Reading Theories
In this survey of theories that have shaped the readership of literature and the analysis of culture, emphasis is on key concepts—language, identity, subjectivity, gender, power, and knowledge—and on key figures and schools such as Marx, Freud, Nietzsche, Saussure, Barthes, Gramsci, Benjamin, Althusser, Foucault, Lacan, Deleuze, Jameson, Berlant, Moten, postmodernism, and U.S. feminism.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-ENG
Identical With: ENGL295, COL339, CCIV393, RL&L290, GRST231, RUSS340, RULE340, REES340
Prereq: None

CEAS343 Tibetan Religion
This course serves as an introduction to major themes of Buddhist thought and practice within the cultural and historical framework of Tibet and the wider Himalayan world. In doing so, it examines various approaches to the study of religion and questions traditional definitions of categories such as ‘religion’ and ‘Buddhism’ themselves. Beginning with a close study of Patrul Rinpoche’s classic 19th-century guide to Tibetan Buddhism, the early part of the course focuses on the doctrinal foundations of the tradition. This is followed by a historical and more critical examination of Tibetan religious history, proceeding from Buddhism’s Indian antecedents and its initial arrival in Tibet during the seventh century through the present day. The course will explore a wide range of Tibetan religious cultures and practices including Buddhist ethics, systems of monastic and ascetic life, ritual activities, sacred geography and pilgrimage, lay religion, as well as the status of Tibetan Buddhism under Chinese occupation and in the West. The majority of readings will consist of primary texts in translation, and will concentrate on Tibet’s rich narrative literary tradition. These will be supplemented by secondary literature on the study of religion and Tibetan Buddhism.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-RELI
Identical With: RELI329
Prereq: None
CEAS344 Religions of China: The Ways and Their Power
In this course, we examine the religious worlds of China from antiquity to the present. Not only will we read key works of Chinese philosophy from the Confucian, Daoist, and Buddhist traditions, we will also investigate how these traditions find expression in art and architecture, poetry and prose, and in the lived realities of Chinese history.

In this exploration of Chinese religions, we will pay special attention to the question of what ‘counts’ as religion, to the role of the state in defining and establishing Chinese religions, and to the power of new religious movements to intervene dramatically (and sometimes violently) in Chinese history.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-RELI
Identical With: RELI232
Prereq: None

CEAS345 Ethics and Action in the Buddhist Cosmos
We often think about nirvana, or ‘enlightenment,’ as the ultimate goal of Buddhist practice. But the reality is much more complex. Buddhist traditions imagine a huge range of positive outcomes for moral behavior: immediate material benefits, rebirth in a better body or in a wealthier family, and enjoyment of gold-paved heavens or eternally blissful Pure Lands.

In this seminar we will read Buddhist scriptures, commentaries, biographies, narrative anthologies, and scholarly works that trace the many ways of thinking about ethics, action, and rebirth in the vast Buddhist cosmos. We will tour Buddhist heavens and hells, Pure Lands and political dystopias, as well as the complex worlds of Buddhist modernity. Along the way we will begin to think about key issues in the study of religion: narrative and ethics, magic and material culture, cosmology and sacred presence, modernity and globalization.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-RELI
Identical With: RELI315
Prereq: None

CEAS346 Contemporary East Asian Cinema
This is a seminar on comparative narrative and stylistic analysis that focuses on contemporary films from Hong Kong, Taiwan, China, South Korea, and Japan, regions that have produced some of the most exciting commercial and art cinema in the past 30 years. We will begin by examining narrative and stylistic trends at work in the region and by considering individual films in a historical and industrial context. We will then develop our film analysis skills via formal comparison of the aesthetics of individual directors working in both popular and art cinema traditions. The films of Wong Kar-wai, Tsai Ming-liang, Hou Hsiao-hsien, Kitano Takeshi, Kore-eda Hirokazu, Lee Chang-dong, Wang Xiaoshuai, Tian Zhuangzhuang, Johnnie To, Edward Yang, Yuen Kuei, Hong Sang-soo, Tsui Hark, Peter Chan, Lee Hyun-ju, and others will be featured.

Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS

CEAS355 Between Asia and Asian America
In this seminar, we will critically examine the relationship between East Asia and Asian America, and explore the disjunction and connection between the two as geopolitical entities, historical concepts, academic fields, and sites of cultural expressions and political identity. Inquiring into key issues such as colonization, diaspora, race and ethnicity, Pacific and the transpacific, etc., this seminar seeks productive engagement between the disciplines without erasing their differences.

Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS
Identical With: AMST355
Prereq: None

CEAS361 After Orientalism: Asian American Literature and Theory After 2000
From early articulations of cultural nationalist pride to today’s transnational, intersectional, deconstructive, feminist, and queer critiques, Asian American studies is a field that has radically expanded and transformed since its original emergence out of the Third World and student strikes of the late 1960s. This course seeks to take the temperature of Asian America today by exploring a range of contemporary works published after the millennium, more than 30 years after the field’s inception. Alongside a selection of novels, poetry, short stories, and graphic novels by some of the most acclaimed contemporary writers in America, we will also consider critical and theoretical texts that offer different perspectives on our contemporary historical moment, exploring frameworks of modernity, postmodernity, neoliberalism, and the university as ways of situating contemporary Asian America’s aesthetic innovations.

Though not required, it is strongly recommended that students have taken ENGL230 Introduction to Asian American Literature or a comparable substitute prior to enrolling.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-ENGL
Identical With: ENGL361, AMST313
Prereq: None

CEAS362 Sumi-e Painting II
Sumi-e Painting II is an advanced class for which Introduction to Sumi-e Painting (ARST 260) is a prerequisite. In this course, foundation techniques will be expanded upon. We will re-examine traditional techniques and composition, and there will be exploration of new contemporary techniques. There will also be experimentation with tools beyond the brush. This course will introduce a concept based approach to narrative and content. Students will be encouraged to develop a personal style and method.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-ART
CEAS363 Microfoundations of Growth in China

The rise of China is one of the most remarkable, if not miraculous, economic events in recent history. The course seeks to present a comprehensive overview of the transition challenges China faces as it continues to move from a centrally planned economy to adopting a greater reliance on market-based mechanisms. By reviewing the microeconomic literature on China’s recent economic and institutional transformation, the class hopes to provide a general analytical framework for understanding the economic implications of the process.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: SBS-ECON

CEAS379 Visionary Journeys through Sacred Landscapes: Japanese Art of Pilgrimage

This course examines the ways in which religious paintings were used and viewed in medieval Japan. Emphasis will be laid on images of sacred landscapes and the visionary journeys they inspired. Though primarily conceived as fundraising tools and advertisements aimed at inspiring viewers to undertake a physical journey to the illustrated site, these images became sacred in their own right and were approached by worshipers as one would approach the enshrined deity of the represented site. They also allowed spiritual travel through the images, providing virtual pilgrims with the karmic benefits of actual pilgrimage without the hardships of travel.

Each week we will immerse ourselves in a sacred site, reading about its history, deities, religious practices, and unique benefits. We will then look at how these were given visual form and the artistic language developed to endow these visual representations with the power to inspire and move contemporary audiences.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-ART

CEAS381 Relic and Image: The Archaeology and Social History of Indian Buddhism

This course investigates the social history and material culture of Indian Buddhism from the fifth century BCE through the period of the Kushan empire (1st–3rd century CE). The course begins with the examination of the basic teachings of Buddhism as presented in canonical texts and then turns to consideration of the organization and functioning of the early Buddhist community, or sangha. The focus then shifts to the popular practice of Buddhism in early India and the varied forms of interaction between lay and monastic populations. Although canonical texts will be examined, primary emphasis in this segment of the course is given to the archaeology and material culture of Buddhist sites and their associated historical inscriptions. Specific topics to be covered include the cult of the Buddha’s relics, pilgrimage to the sites of the Eight Great Events in the Buddha’s life, the rise and spread of image worship, and the Buddhist appropriation and reinterpretation of folk religious practices. Key archaeological sites to be studied include the monastic complex at Sanchi, the pilgrimage center at Both Gaya (site of the Buddha’s enlightenment), the city of Taxila (capital of the Indo-Greek kings and a major educational center), and the rock-cut cave monasteries along the trade routes of western India.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-ART

CEAS384 Japan’s Nuclear Disasters

The atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 are central to the history of the 20th century. This course examines the scientific, cultural, and political origins of the bombs; their use in the context of aerial bombings and related issues in military history; the decisions to use them; the human cost to those on whom they were dropped; and their place in history, culture, and identity politics to the present. Sources will include works on the history of science; military, political, and cultural history; literary and other artistic interpretations; and a large number of primary source documents, mostly regarding U.S. policy questions. In addition, we will be examining the development of the civilian nuclear industry in Japan with a focus on the nuclear meltdowns in Fukushima and other accidents. This is an extremely demanding course.

This interdisciplinary, experiential, and experimental course combines studio learning (movement studies and interdisciplinary, creative exploration) and seminars (presentations and discussions). No previous dance or movement study is required, and the course is not particularly geared toward dancers or performers. However, your willingness to experiment on and share movement is important. We encourage you to think about movement as a method of accessing human experiences and making distance malleable, a way to explore your own sensations, thoughts, and reactions in learning history.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.50
Gen Ed Area: SBS-HIST

CEAS385 Legacies of Authoritarian Politics

This course explores the challenges and legacies faced by new democracies due to their authoritarian pasts. To examine legacies of authoritarian politics, we will first study the key features of authoritarian vs. democratic states. The second part will look at ‘life after dictatorship’ including authoritarian successor parties, political participation, civic engagement, and policing in the post-authoritarian era.

Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS

CEAS390 Politics and Society in Japanese Women’s Writing

How have some of modern Japan’s most celebrated and insightful authors responded to key events and social conditions in contemporary Japan? What sorts of perspectives have these authors brought to issues of industrial pollution, or to youth crime and social change under capitalism, or to ongoing crises in Okinawa and Fukushima? This course seeks to hear the voices of these authors—and the social actors with whom they engage—by grappling with key modern Japanese literary texts in English translation.

Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-CEAS

CEAS395 From Fascism to Fukushima: Navigating the Everyday in Modern Japan

Terms like ‘fascism’ and ‘nationalism’ have begun to creep into popular and media discourse on contemporary social and political experience, both in Japan and elsewhere. But what do terms like these actually mean? How can we
CEAS08 Senior Tutorial (downgraded thesis)
Downgraded Senior Thesis Tutorial - Project to be arranged in consultation with the tutor. Only enrolled in through the Honors Coordinator.
Offering: Host
Grading: A-F

CEAS09 Senior Thesis Tutorial
Topic to be arranged in consultation with the tutor.
Offering: Host
Grading: OPT

CEAS10 Senior Thesis Tutorial
Topic to be arranged in consultation with the tutor.
Offering: Host
Grading: OPT

CEAS11 Group Tutorial, Undergraduate
Topic to be arranged in consultation with the tutor.
Offering: Host
Grading: OPT

CEAS12 Group Tutorial, Undergraduate
Topic to be arranged in consultation with the tutor.
Offering: Host
Grading: OPT

CEAS13 Korean Drumming and Creative Music
This course is an experiential, hands-on percussion ensemble with the predominant instrument in Korean music, the two-headed janggo drum. Students will learn to play a range of percussion instruments including janggo, barrel drum (buk), hand gong (kwenggari), and suspended gong (jing).

Through the janggo, drumming students gain first-hand experience with the role music plays in meditation and the benefits it offers to develop a calm, focused group experience. In the end they integrate their focused mind, physical body energy, and breathing through a stream of repetitive rhythmic cycles.

The students will be introduced to traditional folk and court styles of janggu drumming. The ensemble plays pieces derived from tradition and new ideas, and creates new works exploring imaginative sounds on their instruments. If there is an opportunity during the semester, the students will have a creative collaboration with a dancer(s) or musician(s) from other cultures. The ensemble will experience a deep respect for the diverse cultural backgrounds of the students developed from the efforts of teamwork and creating music together through Korean drumming. The semester will end with a live performance for the public.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-MUSC
Identical With: MUSC413
Prereq: None

CEAS14 Korean Drumming and Creative Music Advanced
This class offers more advanced techniques for those students who have taken the beginner course or who have some basic experiences in Korean drumming. Attendance and additional practice time is mandatory. In comparison to the beginner class, the advanced class will play rapid, vigorous, and seamless rhythmic patterns on janggu, buk, and kwenggari. Students are expected to be creative in utilizing materials given during the semester.

Each student will focus on a lengthy solo work on any of these instruments, as well as ensemble playing. Students will explore both traditional and new emerging styles of Korean drumming. In the end, they will integrate their solos in the ensemble piece and create a new piece. The ensemble will experience a deeper level of drumming from contributing solo work to the ensemble and
the efforts of teamwork. They will learn about group activity in music-making through sharing ideas and assisting each other. The semester will end with a live performance(s) for the public.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-MUSC
Identical With: MUSC414
Prereq: MUSC413

CEAS416 Beginning Taiko—Japanese Drumming Ensemble
This course introduces students to Japanese taiko drumming. The overarching goal of this class is to gain a broad understanding of Japanese culture by studying the theory, performance practices, and history of various genres of classical, folk, and contemporary music traditions. Students will gain a better understanding of the spirit behind the matsuri (festival) and Japanese performance arts through learning basic taiko technique and one or two pieces on the Japanese taiko drum. Students should wear clothes appropriate for demanding physical activity (i.e., stretching, squatting, various large arm movements).

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-MUSC
Identical With: MUSC416
Prereq: None

CEAS418 Advanced Taiko—Japanese Drumming Ensemble
This course is for students who have taken Beginning Taiko. Acceptance to this class is at the discretion of the instructor. Students will learn more advanced techniques in taiko drumming by learning pieces from the Matsuri and kumi daiko performance repertoires.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-MUSC
Identical With: MUSC418
Prereq: None

CEAS419 Student Forum
Student-run group tutorial, sponsored by a faculty member and approved by the chair of a department or program.

Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U

CEAS420 Student Forum
Student-run group tutorial, sponsored by a faculty member and approved by the chair of a department or program.

Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U

CEAS428 Chinese Music Ensemble
Wesleyan Chinese Music Ensemble is a performance group dedicated to exploring the modern Chinese ensemble and a variety of Chinese music styles. It is made up of a number of traditional Chinese instruments, including plucked lutes and zithers, hammered dulcimer, bowed fiddles, bamboo and reed flutes, and percussions. The course is designed to be hands-on and experiential, encouraging students to explore the basic ideas of Chinese music and culture through weekly rehearsals, practices, and performances. Attendance for the class is mandatory.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-MUSC
Identical With: MUSC428
Prereq: None

CEAS460 Introduction to Sumi-e Painting
We will learn basic technique and composition of traditional Japanese sumi-e painting. Sumi-e is a style of black-and-white calligraphic ink painting that originated in China and was introduced into Japan by Zen monks around 1333. We will concentrate on the four basic compositions of sumi-e: bamboo, chrysanthemum, orchid, and plum blossom. We will also study the works of the more famous schools, such as Kano. Students will create a portfolio of class exercises and their own creative pieces.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-ART
Identical With: ARST260
Prereq: None

CEAS461 Alternative Printmaking: Beginning Japanese Woodblock Technique
Students are taught traditional Japanese techniques for conceptualizing a design in terms of woodcut, carving the blocks, and printing them, first in trial proofs and editions. After understanding how both of these methods were originally used and then seeing how contemporary artists have adapted them to their own purposes, both for themselves and in collaboration with printers, students will use them to fulfill their own artistic vision. Considerable use is made of the Davison Art Center collection of traditional and contemporary Japanese prints as well as many European and American woodcuts.

Offering: Crosslisting
Grading: OPT
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: HA-ART
Identical With: ARST261
Prereq: None

CEAS467 Independent Study, Undergraduate
Credit may be earned for an independent study during a summer or authorized leave of absence provided that (1) plans have been approved in advance, and (2) all specified requirements have been satisfied.

Offering: Host
Grading: A-F
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

CEAS469 Education in the Field, Undergraduate
Students must consult with the department and class dean in advance of undertaking education in the field for approval of the nature of the responsibilities and method of evaluation.

Offering: Host
Grading: Cr/U
Credits: 1.00
Gen Ed Area: None
Prereq: None

CEAS491 Teaching Apprentice Tutorial
The teaching apprentice program offers undergraduate students the opportunity to assist in teaching a faculty member’s course for academic credit.

Offering: Host
Grading: OPT

CEAS492 Teaching Apprentice Tutorial
The teaching apprentice program offers undergraduate students the opportunity to assist in teaching a faculty member’s course for academic credit.

Offering: Host
Grading: OPT