

**NVCC COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
HIS 253-4 – THE HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION I and II (3 CR.) (3 CR.)**

Course Description

HIS 253 Surveys the civilizations of Asia from their origins to the present. Part I of II. HIS 254 surveys South and Southeast Asia from the Indus Valley civilization to the present. Part II of II. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

To provide and develop an understanding of the foundations of Asian civilizations while helping students fulfill the College's general education requirements. Promote an awareness and appreciation of non-Western cultures and the interconnectedness of the world.

Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites

The ability to read and write the English language effectively at the college level is expected.

Course Objectives – HIS 253

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Discuss the spread as well as limitations of Chinese influence throughout East Asia
- Critically analyze the role of social institutions (religions, governments, and economic systems) in the development of East Asia
- Critically analyze the role of gender relations in East Asia.
- Describe the role of East Asia in the greater global environment

Course Objectives - HIS 254

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Describe the cultural and social institutions which form the foundations of South and Southeast Asian civilizations
- Discuss the interactions between the various regions in South and Southeast Asia
- Analyze the ways in which the past has influenced the Post-colonial regions of South Asia
- Describe the effects of nation building on South and Southeast Asian minorities
- Gain a greater understanding of South Asia's role in the greater global environment

Major Topics to be included – HIS 253

- Land and peoples of East Asia
- Social and political organization and religions of traditional China
- Spread of Chinese civilization to Korea and Japan
- Responding to the challenge of the West: China, Japan, and Korea
- Japanese imperialism
- Rise of the Chinese Republic
- East Asia after World War II

Major Topics to be Included – HIS 254

- Indus Valley Civilization
- The Vedic Age
- Rise of Jainism and Buddhism
- The Spread of Indian influence on South East Asia
- Culture, society, and religion of Hindu India
- Impact of Islam and the Mughals
- British India
- Nationalist struggle
- Independent Nations