

This class is about the geography of Asia. We will talk a lot about people and place, about climate and economies and about what people do there. Maps and map use will be introduced to the student in this course. A guided research project is an important part of this course.

Tentative Plan:

Week/Date	Topics
1 1/10, 1/12	Intro to the regions climate and weather (paleo-climate)
2 1/17, 1/19	Intro to the regions geology, natural resources, cultural heritage
3 1/24, 1/26	Russia/Siberia
4 1/31, 2/2	Japan
5 2/7, 2/9	Korea
6 2/14, 2/16	PRC: economy and politics
7 2/21, 2/23	PRC, Taiwan, Singapore - choke points, territorial conflicts
8 2/28, 3/2	Philippines, S.E. Asia
9 3/7, 3/9	Pakistan, Afghanistan, Research Papers Due
10 3/14, 3/16	India, Nepal ---video
11 3/21	finals week

Skills You Will Use:

Note taking (very important during class, as there is no textbook)
Map reading and interpretation (a critical skill in geography)
This is not an internet class, you will need to attend most classes in person.
Critical thinking – examine both sides of an issue
Independent research, writing and analysis

Required Textbook = none, notes taken in class are very important

Grading:	Midterm =	50 points
	Final =	50 points
	Map Projects or Video projects (4) =	40 points
	Research Project =	40 points
	Class participation =	20 points
	•	<i>Grades based on total points earned, no grading curve.</i>

*** scoring for late papers = 10 points off for each week past due date.**

Office/Contact: IA-220 (before/after class), office hours TBA and email is: bellj@linnbenton.edu
Email is the best way to reach me. Office hours tba.

Instructor Expectations: Arrive on time for class, do not leave early.
Turn off cell phones and laptops (except with instructor permission)
Keep talking to a minimum, do not disrupt the class.
If you have problems or issues with the course, please notify the instructor.

If you have a medical problem, please let the instructor know.
There will be limited time for acceptance of any late materials/works.
Please let the instructor know by email if you are ill or unable to come to class.

Research Project:

1. the research topics must be related to Asian geography and approved by the instructor.
2. The research paper must be at least 8 pages long, with one-inch margins and with 10-12 sized font. Maps, diagrams and pictures will not count as a page.
3. Please indicate all sources used, and use APA style, no footnotes are required.
4. All research papers require student critical thinking and a self-reflective/opinion page.
5. Late papers may not be graded in time for final grade deadlines.
6. Submit only your work to the instructor, and sign/date all work that you submit to the instructor. Do not submit someone else's work, do not submit research that is just a print-out from a website. Please do not plagiarize or submit other people's work.

Scoring for Research Papers:

This scoring guide will be used to grade your papers; your paper is worth 40 points.

**this research paper is due week 9.*

Scale: 4= excellent, 3= adequate, 2= meets basics, 1 = lacks depth/effort, 0= absent

a. On-time and readable	4	3	2	1
b. meets minimum length (8 pages)	4	3	2	1
c. describes topic well	4	3	2	1
d. adequate sources	4	3	2	1
e. student provides their insights	4	3	2	1

subtotal = ____ times 2 = _____ score for paper

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