



# MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

School of Arts and Sciences

## COURSE SYLLABUS

<b>Course Number</b> POL 386 A	<b>Course Title</b> Politics of East Asia		
<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b> x	<b>Summer Semester</b>	<b>Year</b> 2015
<b>Name of Instructor</b> Chad Rector			
<b>Meeting Day, Time, and Room Number</b> Tuesday, Friday 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m., Rowley Hall, Room G127			
<b>Final Exam Day, Time, and Room Number</b> May 8, 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Rowley Hall, Room G127			
<b>Office Hours, Location, Phone</b> Tues & Fri, 10:10 - 11:30 a.m. & many other times (see <a href="http://cal.chadrector.net">cal.chadrector.net</a> ). IreG108.			
<b>E-mail</b> <a href="mailto:crector@marymount.edu">crector@marymount.edu</a>   <a href="http://worldpolitics.marymount.edu/103">http://worldpolitics.marymount.edu/103</a>			

## UNIVERSITY STATEMENTS

### Academic Integrity

By accepting this syllabus, you pledge to uphold the principles of Academic Integrity expressed by the Marymount University Community. You agree to observe these principles yourself and to defend them against abuse by others.

### Special Needs and Accommodations

Please advise the instructor of any special problems or needs at the beginning of the semester. If you seek accommodation based on disabilities, you should provide a Faculty Contact Sheet obtained through the Office of Student Access Services, located in Rowley Hall.

### Access to Student Work

Copies of your work in this course including copies of any submitted papers and your portfolios may be kept on file for institutional research, assessment and accreditation purposes. All work used for these purposes will be submitted anonymously.

### Student Copyright Authorization

For the benefit of current and future students, work in this course may be used for educational critique, demonstrations, samples, presentations, and verification. Outside of these uses, work shall not be sold, copied, broadcast, or distributed for profit without student consent.

### University Policy on Snow Closings

Snow closings are generally announced on area radio stations. For bulletins concerning Marymount snow or weather closings, call (703) 526-6888. Unless otherwise advised by radio announcement or by official bulletins on the number listed above, students are expected to report for class as near normal time as possible on days when weather conditions are adverse. Decisions as to snow closing or delayed opening are not generally made before 5:00 AM of the working day. Students are expected to attend class if the University is not officially closed.

## 1. BROAD PURPOSE OF COURSE

Examines the systems of government of countries in Latin America – including Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, and South America – and their relations with each other and with major countries outside the region. Prerequisite: a grade of C or better in POL 220 or POL 225, a grade of C or better in POL 250 or any other WI course, or permission of instructor. *Liberal Arts Core/University Requirements Designation: GP, SS-2, WI. (3).*

## 2. COURSE OBJECTIVES/LEARNING OUTCOMES

Course-specific objectives. As a result of taking the courses, students will be able to:

- Identify the major characteristics of contemporary Communist, civilian, and transitional governments, popular movements and political parties, export- and state-led strategies for economic development and modernization, and programs for regional integration in Asia,
- Critically evaluate competing interpretations of the causes of rapid economic modernization and the relationship between economic modernity and political change,
- Apply broader theories of regional security to the particular challenges to stability on the Korean peninsula,
- Engage with contemporary debates about the causes and consequences of the rise of China, and
- Write and present well-reasoned, argumentative essays that defend a specific thesis about particular issues in Chinese and regional politics.

Advanced social science (SS-2) objectives. In this course, students will:

- Critically evaluate competing social scientific theories of institutions, social movements, and intercultural relationships by applying them to specific political contexts,
- Apply conceptual ideas from outside of political science, including models of corruption, trade policy, and social identity to practical questions of economic development, and
- Develop research projects that apply concepts in social science to contemporary societies, using a combination of primary and secondary sources.

Global perspective (GP) objectives. In this course, students will:

- Develop an understanding of the internal logic of the workings of political systems outside of the United States,
- Develop an understanding of similarities and differences in representation and decision-making in countries outside the U.S.,
- Develop a deeper understanding of how societies relate to each other through regional political cooperation, and

- Complete a “global perspectives project” that demonstrates, through a combination of critical engagement with social science concepts and original research, at least one of the above.

Writing intensive (WI) objectives. In this course, students will:

- Produce written work appropriate to the discipline through a process that involves drafting and revision based on feedback,
- Produce focused and coherent texts that address a specific audience, move effectively between generalizations and details, make honest use of sources, and engage complex ideas without distortion,
- Produce texts that show careful attention to fluent sentence structure, grammatical correctness, and proper documentation, and
- Identify a suitable subject for scholarly inquiry in the discipline, analyze appropriate primary and secondary source materials, and support a focused thesis or argument in a clear and coherent product.

### 3. TEACHING METHOD

Classes are a combination of lecture and discussion; student participation is a requirement. All course information is posted on the web site - <http://worldpolitics.marymount.edu/386>.

I am available to meet with students in my office in Ireton Hall G108 on Tuesdays and Fridays between 10:10 and 11:30 a.m. and on many other rotating times as well; you should feel free to come by during the T/F times without an appointment if you wish, but at other times it is generally best to make an appointment. Times and appointment slots are listed [at cal.chadrector.net](http://cal.chadrector.net). You must be logged in to gmail or Marymount email. Scroll to the right to see future weeks.

### 4. GRADING POLICY

Final course grades will be determined on a fixed scale, not on a curve. Each assignment is worth a fixed number of points, listed below; these add up to 100. Each assignment will be returned with a numerical score. Course grades will be based on the total number of points out the 100 possible, with 90-100 an A, 80-89 a B, 70-79 a C, 60-69 a D, and 59 and below an F.

Course grades will be based on:

- Term paper. 65%. Term papers are at least 4000 words long (about 16 pages), and explore in depth a political issue involving one or more countries in East Asia. Components of the assignment are due in several steps, emailed to me. Unless otherwise specified, assignments are due at midnight at the end of the day. Each of these five components is a specific course requirement – failure to complete any of the five will result in failure of the course.
  - Topic paragraph. 5%. Due February 28.
  - Summaries of three scholarly articles. 10%. Due March 23.
  - Summaries of two scholarly books. 10%. Due March 30.
  - Initial draft. 20%. Due April 6, 8:00 a.m.

- Final draft. 20%. Due May 11.
- Peer reviews. 10%. Due April 13. Two reviews (5% each) of other student drafts, following an assigned format. I will assign papers to review on April 7. You may write up to 2 additional high-quality reviews, for up to 3% in extra credit points each, by contacting me no later than April 9.
- Class presentation, sometime between April 24 and the day of the final exam. 5%. A 10-minute oral presentation, using slides and a formal outline, on the topic of your final paper, following an assigned format.
- Midterm exam. 10%. February 17. In-class blue book exam on key concepts in Asian politics.
- Korean politics paper. 5%. Due March 4.
- Korea blog posts. 5%. Due by March 20 at the latest. Field notes from travel, following a specified format I will distribute before the trip, on a blogging platform chosen by the class.

There are substantial opportunities for extra credit:

- Class participation. Students may earn up to 5% for sustained, constructive contributions to class discussions.
- DC event. 5% for a first event and 3% for a second. Attend an event in the DC area on the subject of East Asia and write a blog post summarizing your experience. Specific instructions about attending and reporting on events are on the web site. Posts must be well-written to receive credit; I will send back poorly-written posts for revisions before they are accepted. You will receive 5 extra credit points for one event and post, and 3 points for a second. All events must be completed by April 30 and blog posts submitted for final approval by May 3. (Blog posts are kept private by default, but we may make selected posts public by mutual agreement.)
- Additional peer reviews. Up to 6% for additional, high-quality peer reviews.

Some additional course requirements are mandatory but do not count for any points:

- Map test. A test of basic East Asian geography. Fill in the names of China (PRC), Mongolia, North and South Korea, Japan, and Taiwan (ROC) on a blank map, and identify properly 10 selected cities. The test will be administered at the beginning of each class starting the second week. You may take the test as many times as you wish until you pass, up to once per class meeting including the midterm exam. Any student who fails to pass the test by February 17 will automatically fail the course. The answers to the map test are at the end of the syllabus and on the web site.
- Attendance. A student will automatically fail the course by missing 7 or more class sessions, or failing to attend a site visit while in Korea after first having been warned, or creating a major disruption on a site visit in Korea.

Papers will be marked down one point for each day (or fraction of a day) late. Any assignment or paper that is turned in on time may be rewritten for partial credit, but the grade after revision cannot exceed a B-. Students who miss the exam will have one chance to take a makeup and will be marked down unless they have a valid medical or university business excuse. Students will not be penalized for missing a class assignment for a recognized religious holiday. The exam will be written in class without books, notes, computers, phones, audio devices, or other aids.

Friday, February 6, 2015, is the last day to withdraw from a class without academic record.

Friday, March 20, 2015, is the last day to withdraw from a class with a grade of W.

I do not, in general, grant extensions on major assignments. If you think you have gotten an extension from me, you probably haven't. Like, if you tell me in person that your paper is late, and I say "okay" or I give you advice on how to complete it, that isn't me giving you an extension – that's me saying that I understand that your paper is going to be late. It is only an "extension" – a promise from me that you may turn in a paper late without being penalized – if I have said so, explicitly, in an email message.

I may, at my discretion, check any written assignments for plagiarism at any time during or after the semester, using electronic or other means. Students found violating the Marymount principles of Academic Integrity will fail the course and be formally charged through the University's Academic Integrity process. By accepting this syllabus and enrolling in the course, students acknowledge that they have reviewed the University's standards of academic integrity.

## 5. CLASS SCHEDULE

Readings should be completed before the class session under which they are listed. "Chapter" refers to a chapter in the assigned textbook. Readings outside the textbook are linked via the web site. Some readings on current events are marked TBA and will be assigned during the semester.

Listed by each class meeting day is a reading assignment. Complete the reading before the class meeting. There is a large amount of Korea-specific reading; you should start those readings well before the deadlines.

### Part 1: China, Taiwan, and Japan

Tuesday, January 13  
China: history and basic institutions

Friday, January 16  
China: review of authoritarian institutions and initial site visit briefing  
Read: China's Political Development preface through chapter 3

Tuesday, January 20  
China: party rule and political change  
Read: China's Political Development chapters 5, 6, 8, and 9, and "Tales..."

Friday, January 23  
China: economic development  
Read: China's Political Development chapter 12 and TBA

Tuesday, January 27  
China: foreign policy  
Read: TBA

Friday, January 30  
Taiwan: identity, political system, and foreign policy  
Class ends at 2:45 today  
Read: TBA

Tuesday, February 3  
Japan: history and political culture  
Read: Contemporary Japan chapters 1-4

Friday, February 6  
Japan: party system and elections  
Read: Contemporary Japan chapters 5-6

Tuesday, February 10  
Japan: political economy  
Read: Contemporary Japan chapters 7-9

Friday, February 13  
Review and second site visit briefing

Tuesday, February 17  
Midterm Exam

## Part 2: Korea

Friday, February 20  
Political development  
Read: The Park Chung-hee Era chapters 4-8

Tuesday, February 24  
Economic development  
Read: The Park Chung-hee Era chapters 9-13

Friday, February 27  
Social and political identity  
Final site visit briefing  
Read: Korea: The Impossible Country chapters 1-12

Topic paragraph due February 28

Tuesday, March 3  
Institutions  
Read: Korea: The Impossible Country chapters 13-18 and 24-27

Korean politics paper due March 4

Friday, March 6 (no regular class today; class meets in transit)  
North Korea  
Read: Witness to Transformation

Part 3: Trip to Korea, March 6-15 (Specifics to be posted in January)

Part 4: Research projects

Tuesday, March 17 - Meet in library  
Library workshop

Korea blog posts due March 20

Friday, March 20 - Meet in library  
Library workshop

Summaries of three scholarly articles due March 23.

Tuesday, March 24  
Research methods and inference

Friday, March 27  
Logic and evidence

Summaries of two scholarly books due March 30.

Tuesday, March 31  
Writing workshop

Easter Break

Initial draft due 8 a.m. Monday April 6

Tuesday, April 7; Friday, April 10; and Tuesday, April 14  
Workshops

Reviews due April 13

Friday, April 17 - No class meeting

Tuesday, April 21  
Writing workshop and discussion of presentations

Friday, April 24; Tuesday, April 28; and Friday, May 1  
Presentations

Friday, May 8 (2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)  
Presentations and 초코파이

Final draft due May 11

## 6. REQUIRED TEXTS

The required textbooks are available for purchase at the bookstore or any online retailer.

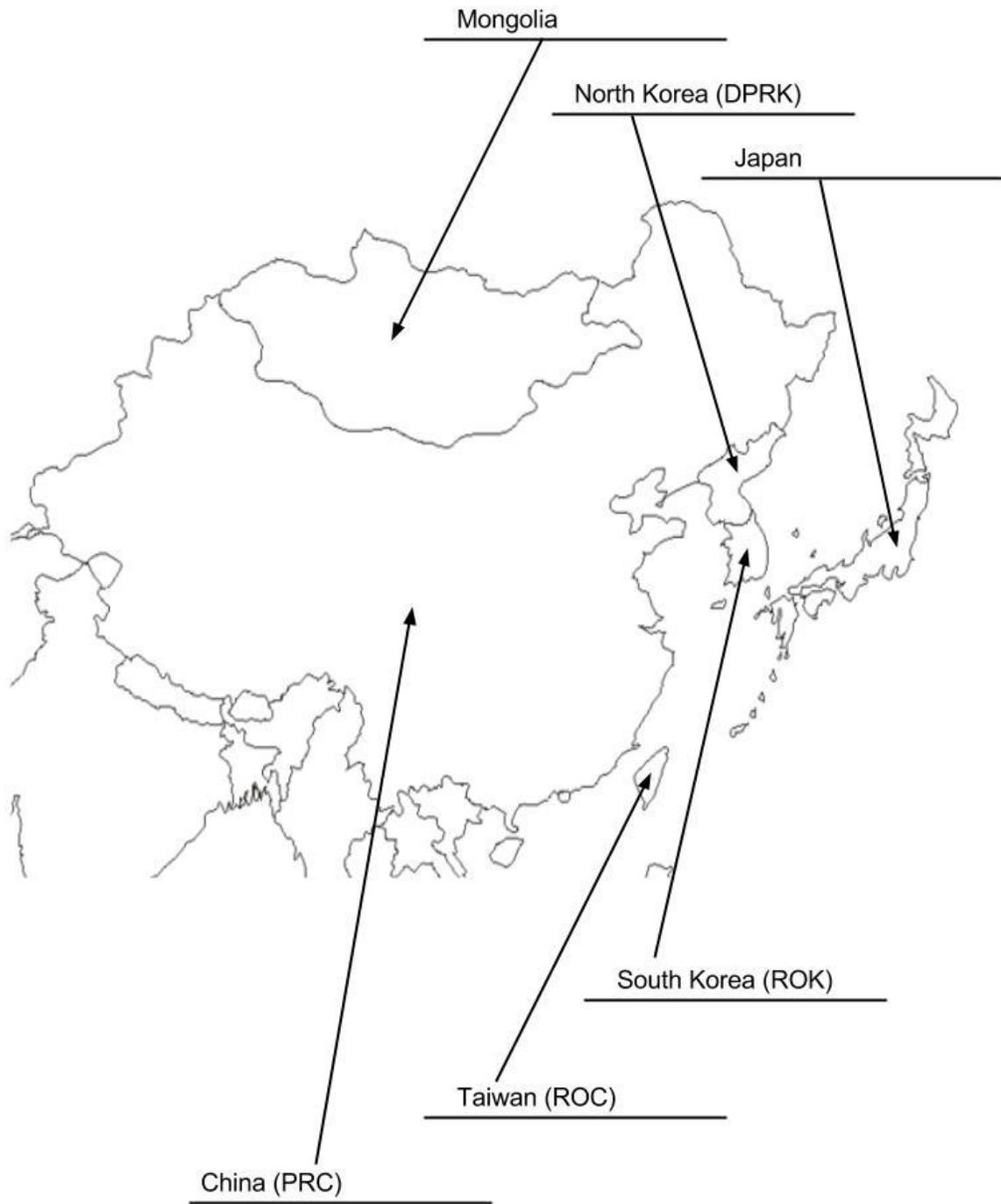
- Contemporary Japan, 3rd edition. Duncan McCargo. Palgrave Macmillan. 9780230248694.
- China's Political Development: Chinese and American Perspectives. Kenneth G. Lieberthal, Cheng Li, Yu Keping. Brookings Institution Press. 9780815725350.
- The Park Chung Hee Era: The Transformation of South Korea. Byung-Kook Kim, Ezra F. Vogel. Harvard University Press. 9780674072312.
- Korea: The Impossible Country. Daniel Tudor. Tuttle Publishing. 9780804842525.
- Witness to Transformation: Refugee Insights into North Korea. Marcus Noland and Stephen Haggard. Peterson Institute for International Economics. 9780881324389.

## 7. REQUIRED OR SUGGESTED READINGS OR AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS

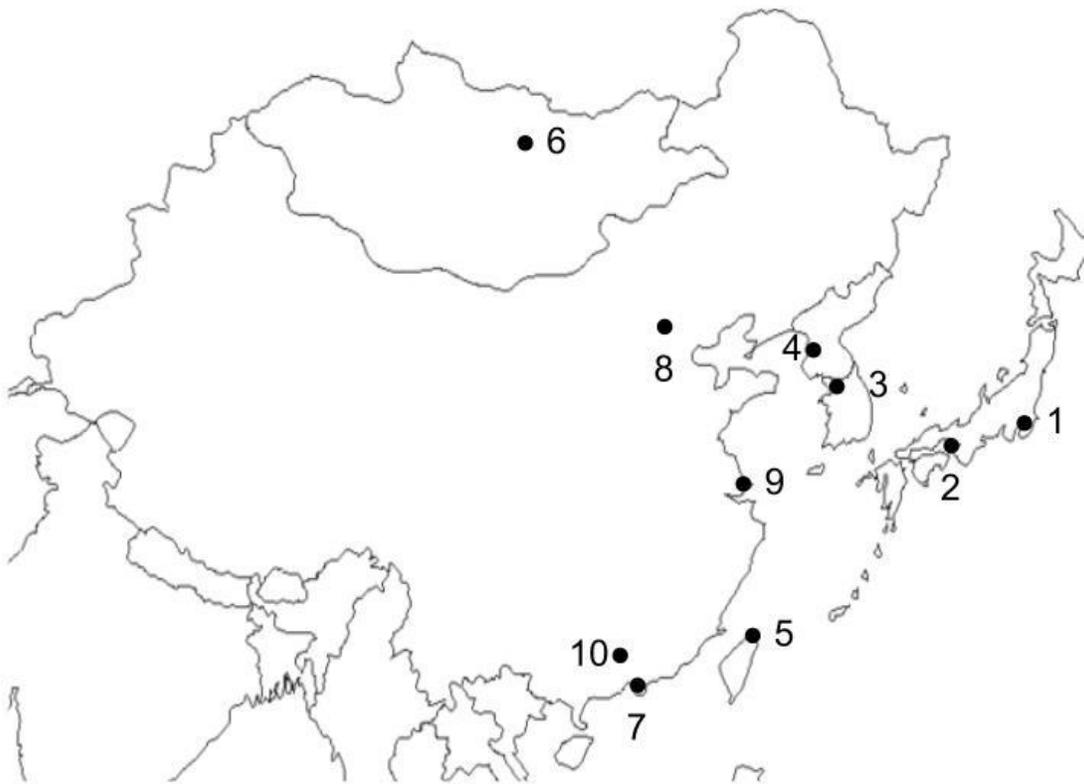
Four more required purchases, about which you have some options, include (I have posted some specific links and suggestions on the web site):

- A travel guide to Korea or Seoul.
- An app with a Seoul subway system map.
- A cached, gps-enabled map for a smartphone or tablet.
- Metal chopsticks, and training chopsticks if necessary.

POL 386 Map quiz  
Part 1: Countries



POL 386 Map quiz  
Part 2: Cities



1. Tokyo
2. Osaka
3. Seoul
4. Pyongyang
5. Taipei
6. Ulaanbaatar
7. Hong Kong
8. Beijing
9. Shanghai
10. Guangzhou