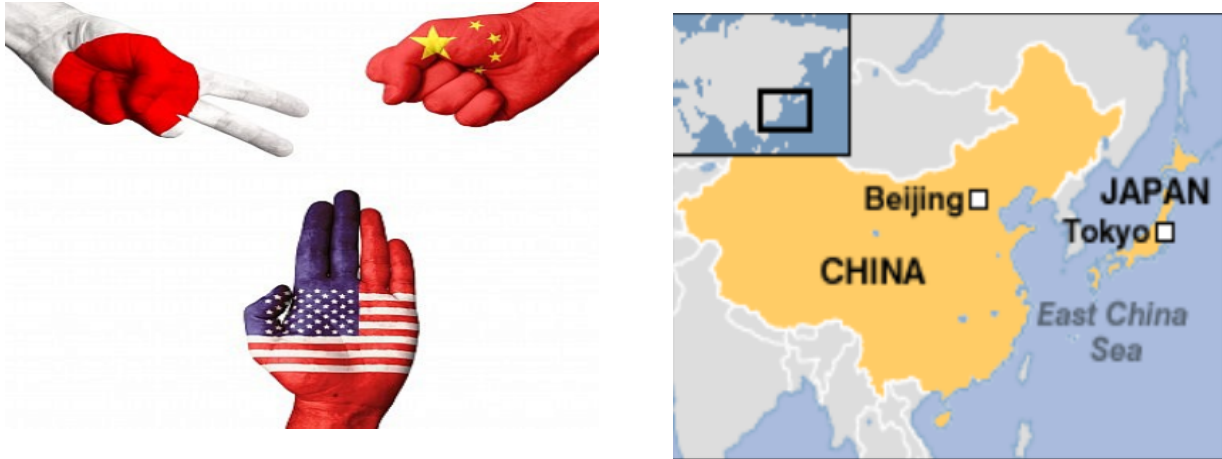


# **EA 102 East Asian Civilization**

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*SIU Core Curriculum (Humanities)*



As two of the world’s largest economies and the United States largest trading partners, China and Japan play a major role in the modern global economy and political scene. The U.S. government’s policy on the “Pivot to Asia” underscores the importance of East Asia and the relationship between these two major countries and the United States.

*This course suits you well, if...*

- You want to understand the history, philosophy, and cultural traditions of China and Japan.
- You want to understand how Eastern values and belief systems differ from those of the West and shape modern society.
- You want to be able to fairly interpret the political and social events occurring in these two nations.

This course will introduce the history and belief systems of China and Japan, with emphasis on major transformations in these cultures and societies from the Middle Ages to the present. The objectives are to understand these two civilizations and how they differ from the West as well as to be able to apply this knowledge in an analysis of historical and modern events. Course material will come from book chapters, journal articles, and films.