

**«Central Asian Studies World Wide»**  
**Course Syllabi for the Study of Central Eurasia**  
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**Central Asia since the Mongols**  
**Syllabus for the course offered in Spring 2001**  
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 CENTRAL ASIA SINCE THE MONGOLS  
 SPRING 2001, T 7:00-9:45  
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Course Overview: This course covers Central Asian history through three historical epochs: medieval, modern, and contemporary. The political and ethnic histories of the Central Asian peoples will be the main focus. In addition, a major theme will be the inter-play of external and internal forces in shaping the development of a Central Asian region distinct from other regional identities. We will address such topics as the imperial legacies of the Arabs, Mongols, and Russians; the emergence of the modern nations of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Iran and Afghanistan; and the role of Islam in the lives of Central Asians.

Written Assignments: A main objective of this course is to provide students with practice in "doing history." Consequently, writing assignments will emphasize the use of primary source materials as much as possible. The graded work will consist of three (3) brief papers based on a topic chosen from assigned lists. In addition there will be an essay final exam. If they prefer, students may substitute a 10-14 page research paper for papers 1 and 3. Students must approve their topics with me in order to pursue the research paper option. There will also be an **optional in-class exam Feb. 18 which students may substitute for the midterm paper.** The assignments will be weighted as follows:

<u>OPTION A</u>		<u>OPTION B</u>	
<b>Feb.</b>	Paper 1 (5-7 pp.) 20%	---	
<b>Feb.</b>	Paper 2 (midterm 4-6 pp.) 25%	midterm (4-6 pp)	25%
<b>Apr.</b>	Paper 3 (5-7 pp.) 25%	research paper(10-14)	45%
<b>Apr.</b>	Final exam 30%	Final	30%

**The Final exam is scheduled for Tuesday April 24, 2001 7:00-9:00 pm.**

Students with disabilities covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act should follow these steps:

1. Provide documentation of your disability to the Student Disability Resource Center (08 Kellum Hall; tel. 644-9566).
2. Bring me a statement from the Student Disability Resource Center indicating that you have registered with them during the first week of class. The statement should indicate the special accommodations you require.

Graduate Students:

**Graduate students** will meet with me for an hour discussion session once a week. **Graduate** students will do paper 1. Also, **graduate** students will write a research paper (15-20pp.) OR historiographical paper on their chosen topics in place of paper 3. Everyone is required to do the midterm paper and the final exam.

## Required Texts:

## AVAILABLE IN BOOKSTORE

Svat Soucek, *A History of Inner Asia*. Cambridge, 2000.

David Morgan, *The Mongols*. Blackwell, 1990.

David Morgan, *Medieval Persia, 1040-1797*. Longman, 1988.

Martha Brill Olcott, *The Kazakhs*. Hoover, 1995.

Mehrdad Haghayeghi, *Islam and Politics in central Asia*. St. Martin's, 1996.

## ON RESERVE AT STROZIER

Photocopies of Primary Source materials.

**WEEK 1.** (Jan. 9) Introduction to the field  
Soucek, pp. 1-45

**WEEK 2.** (Jan. 16) Islamization and Turkization  
Readings: Soucek, pp. 46-101; Morgan, *Mongols*, pp. 32-54,  
Morgan, *Persia*, pp. 1-50  
PRIMARY SOURCES: Dede Korkut. 9-23; 108-132; 190-194  
Sufi Tales: pp. 48-80; 119-144

**WEEK 3.** (Jan. 23) Mongol Conquest  
Readings: Soucek, pp.103-116; Morgan, *Mongols*, pp. 55-198;  
Morgan, *Persia*, pp. 51-61  
PRIMARY SOURCES: Spuler docs. pp. 29-57

**WEEK 4.** (Jan. 30) Ilkhanids, Chagataids and the Timurids  
Readings: Soucek, pp. 117-143; Morgan, *Mongols*, pp. 199-206;  
Morgan, *Persia*, pp. 62-100  
PRIMARY SOURCES: Spuler docs. pp. 59-69; 144-160; 202-207;  
Timur

**WEEK 5.** (Feb. 6) New Regional Order  
Readings: Soucek, pp. 144-175  
Olcott, pp. 3-27; Morgan, *Persia*, pp. 101-142  
PRIMARY SOURCES: Shah Abbas, (McNeil) pp. 373-391  
**Paper 1 due Feb. 6 (5-7 pp)**

**WEEK 6.** (Feb. 13) 17th and 18th Centuries  
Readings: Soucek, pp. 177-193  
Olcott, pp. 28-53; Morgan, *Persia*, pp. 143-161

**WEEK 7.** (Feb. 20) Great Game in Asia (Anglo-Russian rivalry)

Readings: Soucek, pp.195-208 Olcott, pp. 57-82

PRIMARY SOURCES: Rahul, pp. 50-88 (docs.)

**WEEK 8.** (Feb. 27) Colonial society and reactions from within

Readings: Olcott, pp.83-109

**Midterm paper due Feb. 27**

**WEEK 9.** (Mar. 6) Revolutions in Central Asia, 1905-1920

Readings: Soucek, pp. 209-224 Olcott, pp. 109-156;

PRIMARY SOURCES: Rahul pp. 18-33; D'encausse, pp. 194-206

SPRING BREAK March 12-16

**WEEK 10.** (Mar. 20) Creating Soviet Socialist Republics

Readings: Soucek, pp. 225-253 Olcott, pp. 157-223

**WEEK 11.** (Mar. 27) Islamic Revolutions: Iran and Afghanistan

Readings: Hiro, pp. 228-303

**Paper 3 or research paper due March 27**

**WEEK 12.** (Apr. 3) Soviet Central Asia since 1953

Readings: Olcott, pp. 224-246; Haghayeghi pp. 15-39

PRIMARY SOURCES: Rashidov

**WEEK 13.** (Apr. 10) Central Asia under Gorbachev

Readings: Soucek, pp. 254-262; Olcott, pp. 249-268;

Haghayeghi pp. 41-70

**WEEK 14.** (Apr. 17) Decolonization by default

Readings: Soucek, pp. 275-295; 303-315; Olcott, pp.

268-298; Haghayeghi pp. 71-211

**WEEK 15.** FINAL EXAM (Apr. 24)

**FINAL EXAM TUESDAY APRIL 24, 7:00-9:00 pm.**

**Unit 1:** Mongol Empire and its legacy

1. Setting the stage: islamization, Turkization
2. Mongol conquest
3. Timurid Central Asia
4. New Regional order and ethno-political areas

**Unit 2:** 1854-1979: imperialism and modernization

5. Great game in Asia
6. Colonial Society and reactions from within
7. Revolutions in Central Asia 1905-1920
8. Creating Soviet Socialist Republics from Stalin to Brezhnev
9. Shahs and Kings in Iran and Afghanistan 1930-1979

**Unit 3:** Since 1979

10. Iranian Revolution 1979-1989
11. Soviet invasion of Afghanistan 1979-1989
12. Soviet Central Asia under Gorbachev
13. The STANleys: decolonization by default
14. Taliban
15. Central Asia today