

northwestern university
DEPARTMENT OF ART HISTORY

Quarter/Year

Spring 2017

Course Number

ART-HIST 379

Day/Time

TR 11:00-12:20

Instructor

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Course Title

Special Topics in Architecture: East Asian Architecture



This course offers a set of introductions to basic aspects and elements of built environments in China and Japan. It is not a chronological survey. Rather, each of the thematic sections of the course incorporates a variety of perspectives, theoretical and technical, aesthetic and historical.

Our topics will include construction techniques, building material and the notion of change in religious architecture, pilgrimage and sacred geography, landscape design, the politics of urban space, architecture in cinema, and others. No prior knowledge of East Asian art is required.

Required Textbooks

Readings will be made available on Canvas or put on reserve at the main library

Assessments

Class participation; 3 6-7 page papers