

# Grading guidelines EAST4540 spring 2024

The exam is a term paper (ca 10 pages, ca 2300 characters per page) plus list of references on a subject approved by the teacher. Front page and list of references come in addition. The paper should be partly based on sources in the original languages (Chinese, Japanese or Korean).

Students must pass all compulsory activities in order to qualify for the exam.

The term paper will be evaluated and graded, A (best) to F (fail), based on the following criteria (this is not a graded list, all issues will be considered on a holistic basis):

- Is there a clearly defined topic, with clearly formulated research question(s)?
- Is the scope of topic and focus realistic considering the required length of the paper?
- Is the chosen methodology and choice of sources compatible with the topic and research question(s)?
- Has the candidate identified and read essential literature (at least a couple of academic sources, preferably more) for the term paper?
- Does the paper base its arguments and claims in existing literature (with references in the text indicating the relevant page numbers)?
- Does the paper attempt to answer the research question(s) asked?
- To which extent does the paper demonstrate theoretical and methodological awareness?
- To which extent does the paper attempt independent analysis?
- Is there a clear structure in the text that makes it easy to follow the argumentation?
- Are there references in-text (with page number reference when needed, following one given reference style in a consistent way) and a list of literature used?
- Is the language of the text comprehensible (it does not need to be in perfect English or a Scandinavian language, but grades will be negatively influenced by incomprehensible parts of text)?