This course is designed as an introduction to the prehistoric and early historic societies in East Asia, mainly China, Korea, and Japan. Archaeological discoveries demonstrate a shared heritage of great historical depth in East Asia. Students will gain knowledge of the cultures and histories of each region under study, as well as broad-ranging subjects, including technological development, cultural exchange, state formation, and issues of identity in archaeology. Students will be challenged to critically review issues on human adaptation, cultural diversification, ethnicity, and social interactions across East Asia.