

131-076 Asia, the Pacific & the West in History

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Undergraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: This subject is taught online over a 9 week period with one week of orientation exercises; commencement date 15 August (orientation); weeks 1-4 from 1 September to 26 September, one week break from 27 September to 5 October, weeks 5-8 from 6 October to 2 November. Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	Usually 12.5 points of first-year history or Asian studies, or admission to the Universitas 21 Certificate in Global Studies.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	<p><p>For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.</p> <p>It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability</p></p>
Coordinator:	To be advised
Subject Overview:	<p>This subject forms part of the U21 Certificate in Global Issues, which is a multidisciplinary, undergraduate program offered jointly by the Universities of British Columbia, Hong Kong, Melbourne, and Nottingham. It is designed to give a global context to undergraduate degrees through online collaborative learning and student exchange. It can also be taken as part of the standard University of Melbourne degree sequence.</p> <p>From Burma to Japan, Manchuria to Thailand, the Cook Islands to Cambodia and Tibet, this subject will explore histories of Asia, the Pacific and the West's involvement in these areas from the 16th century to the present, with an emphasis on 20th century history. The subject will be divided into three thematic groups: early contact between Asia, the Pacific and the West; colonisation, resistance and the struggles for independence; and the decolonisation process and recent crises in Asia and the Pacific. Questions explored over the course of the subject include: What was the nature of early contact between the West and Asia and between the West and the Pacific? How did contact with the West transform states and societies in Asia and the Pacific? What policies did colonial powers (including Japan) implement? What forms did resistance to these policies take? How did colonisation and eventual decolonisation exacerbate racial, ethnic and national tensions, and how have these factors influence states and societies in Asia and the Pacific today? Finally, we will look at the role (if any), human rights, sanctions, and economic trade have had on the West's relations with countries in Asia and the Pacific today, particularly China (Tibet), Myanmar, Fiji, and Cambodia.</p>
Assessment:	Online class participation, and written work totalling 4000 words comprising a 1000-word radio documentary comparison 30% (due during the one-week break), tutorial participation through online postings equivalent to 500 words 25% (throughout the teaching period) and a 2500-word essay 45% (due one week after the final class).

Prescribed Texts:	Subject readings will be available as downloads form the subject web site.
Breadth Options:	<p>This subject is a level 2 or level 3 subject and is not available to new generation degree students as a breadth option in 2008.</p> <p>This subject or an equivalent will be available as breadth in the future.</p> <p>Breadth subjects are currently being developed and these existing subject details can be used as guide to the type of options that might be available.</p> <p>2009 subjects to be offered as breadth will be finalised before re-enrolment for 2009 starts in early October.</p>
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # demonstrate research skills through competent use of the library and other information sources; # show critical thinking and analysis through recommended reading, essay writing and tutorial discussion, and by determining the strength of an argument; # demonstrate understanding of social, ethical and cultural context through the contextualisation of judgements, developing a critical self-awareness, being open to new ideas and possibilities and by constructing an argument.
Notes:	Students who have completed 131-214 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. The subject dates and HECS/course fee census date for this subject change each year. Check your enrolment record for the correct census date for this subject.
Related Course(s):	<p>Bachelor of Arts</p> <p>Bachelor of Arts(Media and Communications)</p> <p>Diploma in Arts (History)</p> <p>U21 Certificate in Global Issues (Global Business & Intern.Finance)</p> <p>U21 Certificate in Global Issues (Understanding Globalisation)</p>