

## 131-463 World War Two in Asia and the Pacific

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| <b>Credit Points:</b>                    | 12.50   |
| <b>Level:</b>                            | 4 (Undergraduate)   |
| <b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>            | This subject is not offered in 2009.  |
| <b>Time Commitment:</b>                  | Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: Total of 8.5 hours per week.  |
| <b>Prerequisites:</b>                    | Usually admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in history (or in a relevant program) or enrolment in a relevant coursework Masters program  |
| <b>Corequisites:</b>                     | None  |
| <b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b> | None  |
| <b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>             | None  |
| <b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>  | <p>&lt;p&gt;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.&lt;/p&gt;         &lt;p&gt;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: &lt;a href="http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability"&gt;http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;</p>   |
| <b>Contact:</b>                          | Charles Schencking<br>j.schencking@unimelb.edu.au   |
| <b>Subject Overview:</b>                 | This seminar examines the Second World War in Asia and the Pacific fought between Japan and the Allies from the start of Japanese aggression against the Western powers in December 1941 to surrender in 1945. The primary aim of this subject is to explore the larger strategic, political, economic, military, diplomatic, social, technical, and human factors that influenced the course and eventual outcome of the conflict. The impact that the war had on the states and individuals, both soldiers and civilians, involved in the conflict will also be examined over the course of the seminar. Finally, significant attention will be paid to the important historiographical issues associated with the Pacific War such as the dropping of atomic bombs on Japan, the question of race and the conduct of the war, and the role of intelligence and logistics played in the war, some of which have become controversial in light of recent scholarship both in Japan and the West. |
| <b>Objectives:</b>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># have a knowledge of the larger strategic, political, economic, military, diplomatic, social, technical, and human factors that influenced the course and eventual outcome of the conflict between Japan and the Allies in Asia and the Pacific from 1941 to 1945;</li> <li># have a knowledge of the impact that the war had on the states and individuals, both soldiers and civilians, involved in the conflict;</li> <li># be familiar with the important historiographical issues associated with the Pacific War from 1941 to 1945.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Assessment:</b>                       | A research essay proposal and bibliography of 750 words 20% (due mid- semester) and a research essay of 4250 words 80% (due at the end of semester).  |
| <b>Prescribed Texts:</b>                 | A subject reader will be available at the beginning of semester   |
| <b>Breadth Options:</b>                  | This subject is not available as a breadth subject.   |
| <b>Fees Information:</b>                 | Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>   |
| <b>Generic Skills:</b>                   | # show an advanced understanding of the changing knowledge base in the specialist area;   |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li># be able to evaluate and synthesise the research and professional literature in the discipline;</li><li># have an appreciation of the design, conduct and reporting of original research.</li></ul> |
| <b>Related Course(s):</b>                          | Master of International Studies<br>Postgraduate Certificate in International Studies<br>Postgraduate Diploma in International Studies  |
| <b>Related Majors/Minors/<br/>Specialisations:</b> | Asian Studies<br>Asian Studies<br>History<br>History<br>History<br>Japanese<br>Japanese  |