

ASIA90008 Asia and the World

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| Credit Points: | 12.50 |
| Level: | 9 (Graduate/Postgraduate) |
| Dates & Locations: | 2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus. Intensive |
| Time Commitment: | Contact Hours: This subject will be taught intensively in Semester 1. 4 hrs x 6 days (Fri, Sat, Sun. over two weeks). Total Time Commitment: Estimated time commitment (including non contact time): 120 hours |
| Prerequisites: | Entry into the Master of International Relations or Master of Arts (Asian Societies). Admission into the Master of International Relations. |
| Corequisites: | None. |
| Recommended Background Knowledge: | None. |
| Non Allowed Subjects: | None. |
| Core Participation Requirements: | None. |
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| Subject Overview: | This subject provides an advanced introduction to the field of Asian Studies since 1945. Firstly, students will problematise 'Asia' as a monolithic region in opposition with an equally monolithic 'West' and see it within the context of postcolonial and Cold War developments. This subject, rather, stresses the diversity of Asian cultures and societies. Students will also be introduced to important approaches to understanding Asia, such as Orientalism, postmodernism, development studies, and transnational cultural studies. Students will consider the Asia Pacific as a region that shares some distinct attributes but is also intrinsically connected to other parts of the world. Topics for discussion to illustrate these approaches may include: nationalism as a political movement and internal conflict. the role of migration in the region. religion, regionalism and ethnic identity. and the social effects of economic booms and busts in the region. |
| Objectives: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Developing an advanced ability to analyse major problems and issues in Asian societies # Understanding how to apply theoretical and cross disciplinary approaches to the study of Asia # Gaining a critical appreciation of indigenous and non indigenous approaches to the study of Asia |
| Assessment: | Written work totalling 5000 words comprising of one 3000 word research essay 60% (due during the examination period) and one 2000 word team project report 40% (due during the examination period). |
| Prescribed Texts: | A Reading Pack will be available for purchase from the University Bookshop. |
| Recommended Texts: | None. |
| Breadth Options: | This subject is not available as a breadth subject. |
| Fees Information: | Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees |
| Generic Skills: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Applying research skills and critical methods to a field of inquiry # Developing persuasive arguments on a given topic |

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| | # Communicating oral and written arguments and ideas effectively # Developing cross-cultural understanding |
| Notes: | This subject is a compulsory component of the (Newly proposed) Master of International Relations and the Master of Arts (Asian Societies) (teach-out). |
| Related Course(s): | Master of International Relations Master of International Studies |