

Geography of Asia

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ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500244 East Asian Studies	FB	1	1

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Use of languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)

Prerequisites

None

Objectives and Contextualisation

Introduce the students to the most relevant aspects of the physical and human Geography of East Asian countries, including geopolitics, physiography, climate, river basins, population, agricultural and food systems, manufacturing, cities and the environment. Through lectures and practical work in the classroom, it is expected that students will gain a basic knowledge of the Geography of East Asia and that this knowledge may be useful for them in other courses of the degree.

Skills

- Developing critical thinking and reasoning and communicating them effectively both in your own and other languages.
- Developing self-learning strategies.
- Ensuring the quality of one's own work.
- Having interpersonal skills.
- Knowing and comprehending the physical and human geography of East Asia.
- Knowing and using the information and communication technology resources (ICT) in order to collect, produce, analyse and present information related to the East Asian Studies.
- Promoting the sustainable development.
- Respecting the diversity and plurality of ideas, people and situations.
- Students must be flexible and capable of adapting to new circumstances.

Learning outcomes

1. Assessing the obtained results in the information search process in order to update the knowledge about geography.
2. Demonstrating knowledge about key concepts and theoretical frameworks of geography.
3. Developing critical thinking and reasoning and communicating them effectively both in your own and other languages.
4. Developing self-learning strategies.
5. Ensuring the quality of one's own work.
6. Having interpersonal skills.
7. Identifying and describing the human geography of East Asia.
8. Identifying and describing the physical geography of East Asia.
9. Promoting the sustainable development.

10. Respecting the diversity and plurality of ideas, people and situations.
11. Students must be flexible and capable of adapting to new circumstances.
12. Using different tools for specific purposes in the field of geography.
13. Using the basic terminology of geography.

Content

Introductory course to the Geography of East Asia; Physical Geography. Population, Agriculture, Manufacturing, Cities and Environmental Issues.

Methodology

The methodology includes lectures and practical work in the classroom (33 percent), student supervised work (12 percent); student own work (50 percent), and tests (5 percent).

The course will use the most common tools of the university's online system (Campus Virtual) such as email messages, electronic fora, news, calendars, virtual areas for the submission of exercises, papers, etc.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Type: Directed			
Directed	4	0.16	1, 2, 8, 12, 13
Student own work	55	2.2	1, 2, 8, 7, 12, 13
Type: Supervised			
Supervised	12	0.48	4, 3, 9, 10, 11, 6, 5
Type: Autonomous			
Autonomous	75	3	4, 3, 9, 10, 11, 6, 5

Evaluation

Evaluation will consist in two written tests (40 percent of the grade each), and the elaboration of course practical work in groups of students (20 percent of the grade). If the student obtains a final grade of less than 5 and has submitted 70 percent of the practica course work he or she will be given the change of another test to be taken during the weeks 15-18 of the semester.

Evaluation of learning results:

To prove a sufficient knowledge of the main aspects of Physical Geography, population and agriculture and food Systems of East Asia (1st test).

To prove a sufficient knowledge of the main aspects of energy, manufacturing, cities and the environment of East Asia.

To use specific tools to complete the practical work assignments on the geographical analysis of East Asia (practical work).

To use basic Geographical Terminology applied to East Asia (practical work).

To assess results obtained in the process of information search on the geographical aspects to improve the knowledge of East Asia.

Evaluation activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Course tests	80 percent	4	0.16	2, 8, 7

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