

Contemporary History of East Asia (from 1945)

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ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2504216 Contemporary History, Politics and Economics	FB	1	2

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Use of Languages

Principal working language: english (eng)
Some groups entirely in English: Yes
Some groups entirely in Catalan: No
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Teachers

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Prerequisites

Have not been established, nevertheless:

- Most of the subjects are taught in English. A B2 level of English of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages is required, although no specific test of English proficiency level is held to access the degree

Objectives and Contextualisation

The objective of this subject is to know and analyze East Asian history (China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan, mainly) from 1945 to the present. The subject analyzes on the bases of the historical discipline, as well as the historical-cultural relations and interactions between these countries, based on the geographical and chronological framework of the East Asian region.

This subject mainly involves lectures, reading and understanding historical texts, learning to compile historical information, conducting reviews and drafting analytical papers, and individual study. All activity deadlines are indicated in the subject's schedule and must be strictly adhered to.

In this subject, it will use an egalitarian and non-exclusive language which allows women to be visible, thereby breaking stereotypes and sexist prejudices. Therefore, our emphasis will be placed on modifying the generalized androcentric approach.

Competences

- Assess the social, economic and environmental impact when acting in this field of knowledge.
- Distinguish between and analyse the type of relations that have been established over the last century among the different social, political and economic agents on national, regional and international frameworks.
- Distinguish between governmental decision-making systems in different social and political contexts from the mid-twentieth century to the present day in state-, substate and suprastate frameworks.
- Explain and summarise knowledge acquired in English language at an advanced level.
- Identify the role in the present of the different social memories referring to conflictive pasts, differentiating between the concepts of history and memory.
- Manage and apply data to solve problems.
- Recognise and contextualise texts referring to recent contemporary history.
- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Students must develop the necessary learning skills to undertake further training with a high degree of autonomy.
- Work cooperatively in multidisciplinary and multicultural teams implementing new projects.

Learning Outcomes

1. Analysing the various historiographical perspectives in the different periods of history.
2. Applying the necessary abilities in order to assess and spread historical knowledge.
3. Assessing and critically solving the historiographical problems of war studies.
4. Be familiar with the basic bibliography on historical evolution of governmental systems in the countries of reference for the subject.
5. Capacity to continue future learning independently, acquiring further knowledge and exploring new areas of knowledge.
6. Communicating in your mother tongue or other language both in oral and written form by using specific terminology and techniques of Historiography.
7. Demonstrate capacity to adapt to changing environments.
8. Demonstrate initiative and work independently when required.
9. Demonstrate motivation regarding the quality of the work performed and sensitivity regarding the consequences on the environment and society.
10. Developing the ability of historical analysis and synthesis.
11. Distinguishing the relation between historiographical theory and practice.
12. Engaging in debates about historical facts respecting the other participants' opinions.
13. Express an opinion based on the nature, perspective and rigour of texts referring to the course content.
14. Identifying the main and secondary ideas and expressing them with linguistic correctness.
15. Know different cases of memories in conflict between different places in different states.
16. Know different cases of memories in conflict between different places in the same state.
17. Make a brief comparison of national and/or regional cases within the same international framework.
18. Make a critical comparison of the evolution of the large regional areas that are covered in the subject.
19. Make comparisons between the evolution of governmental systems within a supranational regional area.
20. Make comparisons between the levels of regional autonomy within a state.
21. Organise work in relation to good time management and planning.
22. Recognising and implementing the following teamwork skills: commitment to teamwork, habit of cooperation, ability to participate in the problem solving processes.
23. Select and generate the information necessary for each problem, analyse it and take decisions based on that information.
24. Understand regional specificities within states.
25. Value ethical commitment in professional practice.
26. Work in teams respecting all points of view. Use the specific vocabulary of history correctly.

Content

Introduction: Aftermath of Chino-Japanese War in East Asia

Topic 1: Born of new nations in East Asia

Chinese Civil War and the New China

National Division and the Korean War (1945-53)

Japan under occupation

Cold War (1947-1991)

Topic 2: China under Mao (1949-1976):

Installation of the People's Republic of China (1949-1952)

The first Five-Year Plan (1953-1957)

The Hundred Flowers Campaign (1956-1957)

The Great Leap Forward (1958-1965)

The Cultural Revolution (1965-1976)

Topic 3: Japan and Korea (1952-1989):

Economic development and political stability

South Korea: the dictatorship of Park Chung-hee (1962-1979)

North Korea: Kim Il-sung (1948-1994)

Topic 4: Vietnam and Taiwan (1955-1988):

Vietnam War (1955-1975)

Taiwan: the dictatorship of Chiang Kai-shek (1949-1975) and Chiang Jingguo (1975-1988).

From the end of the Cold War in Asia until today (1991 -present)

Topic 5: China's post-maoism:

The Limits of reformism of Deng Xiaoping (1979-1997) and the events of Tiananmen (1989)

The China under Jiang Zeming (1993-2003)

Hu Jintao and the departure of the socialist market economy (2003-2013)

Topic 6: South Korea and Taiwan from the 90's:

The Asian economic crisis (1997)

The struggles on the street: the process of democratization in South Korea and Taiwan.

Topic 7: Japan from the 80's:

The financial and real estate bubble (1980-1990)

The long economic recovery

After the earthquake disaster and Fukushima nuclear crisis (2011)

Japanese reborn and the expectation of Tokyo 2020 Olympic games

Topic 8: New Chinese Dream: China under Xi Jinping (2013-now)

World's factory and its economic growth

Xinjiang, Hong Kong and China's irredentism reclaim on Taiwan

Topic 9: East Asian women's lives through history

East Asian women's changing role after WWII and the Confucianism tradition

Democracy and the Status of Women

Conclusion: Covid-19 in East Asia

Methodology

- Lectures.
- Debates and discussions.
- Reading and understanding historical texts.
- Learning to compile historical information.
- Conducting reviews and drafting analytical papers.
- Individual study.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Lectures	45	1.8	18, 17, 24, 6, 15, 16, 10, 11, 19, 20, 13, 12
Reading and understanding historical texts.	5	0.2	1, 5, 18, 17, 24, 15, 16, 10, 11, 4, 19, 20
Type: Supervised			
Conducting reviews and drafting analytical papers.	30	1.2	1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 4, 13, 14, 9, 21, 12, 22, 23, 26, 25
Type: Autonomous			
Individual study	38	1.52	3, 5, 18, 17, 24, 15, 16, 7, 8, 19, 20, 21

Assessment

Evaluation

- Writing exams: 30%
- Group work: 40%

-Individual assignment: 30%

Related matters

The above information on assessment, assessment activities and their weighting is merely a guide. The subject's lecturer will provide full information when teaching begins.

Review

When publishing final marks prior to recording them on students' transcripts, the lecturer will provide written notification of a date and time for reviewing assessment activities. Students must arrange reviews in agreement with the lecturer.

Missed/failed assessment activities

Students may retake assessment activities they have failed or compensate for any they have missed, provided that those they have actually performed account for a minimum of 66.6% (two thirds) of the subject's final mark and that they have a weighted average mark between 3.5 and 4.9. Under no circumstances may an assessment activity worth 100% of the final mark be retaken or compensated for.

The lecturer will inform students of the procedure involved, in writing, when publishing final marks prior to recording them on transcripts. The lecturer may set one assignment per failed or missed assessment activity or a single assignment to cover a number of such activities.

In case of retaking exam, it will be a synthesis test. The maximum grade will be 5 (Pass).

Classification as "not assessable"

In the event of the assessment activities a student has performed accounting for just 33.3% or less of the subject's final mark, their work will be classified as "not assessable" on their transcript.

Misconduct in assessment activities

Students who engage in misconduct (plagiarism, copying, personation, etc.) in an assessment activity will receive a mark of "0" for the activity in question. In the case of misconduct in more than one assessment activity, the students involved will be given a final mark of "0" for the subject.

Students may not retake assessment activities in which they are found to have engaged in misconduct. Plagiarism is considered to mean presenting all or part of an author's work, whether published in print or in digital format, as one's own, i.e. without citing it. Copying is considered to mean reproducing all or a substantial part of another student's work. In cases of copying in which it is impossible to determine which of two students has copied the work of the other, both will be penalized.

More information:

<http://www.uab.cat/web/study-abroad/undergraduate/academic-information/evaluation/what-is-it-about-13456700>

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Group work	40%	15	0.6	1, 2, 6, 15, 16, 10, 4, 13, 14, 9, 21, 12, 22, 26, 25
Individual assignment	30%	15	0.6	1, 5, 18, 17, 24, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 21, 23
Writing exams	30%	2	0.08	1, 3, 18, 17, 24, 6, 10, 4, 19, 20, 13, 14, 23

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Software
