

East Asian Politics

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Prerequisites

In order to better keep up with the course pace, it is necessary to have studied the Introduction to Political Science and International Relations course and to have assimilated the tools from Political Science taught in that subject.

Students must be able to read and understand academic texts in English.

Objectives and Contextualisation

The Politics of East Asia course analyses East Asian political realities from an international, regional and national perspective. Any specialist in East Asian Studies should know the main political systems in the region-especially, its main two powers, China and Japan. Besides providing a general outlook of these political systems, the students will be familiarized with all the elements of each system: actors (political parties, factions, civil society), institutions, and the Constitution. It will be analyzed from a dynamic and historically situated point of view, what is the nature of these actors, their relations and the nature of these processes. The main goal is to realize that no study of a society is complete if it neglects the political dimension.

Competences

- 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.
- Following the characteristic code of ethics of the professional practice.
- Having interpersonal skills.
- Know and understand politics and international relations in 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.
- Knowing the history, values, beliefs and ideologies of East Asia in order to understand and critically assess social issues, phenomena, and processes related with that region.
- Respecting the diversity and plurality of ideas, people and situations.
- Solving conflict situations.
- Working in teams in an international, multilingual and multicultural context.

Learning Outcomes

1. Assessing the obtained results in the search information process in order to update the knowledge about political sciences, economy and sociology.
2. Developing critical thinking and reasoning and communicating them effectively both in your own and other languages.
3. Developing self-learning strategies.
4. Ensuring the quality of one's own work.
5. Following the characteristic code of ethics of the professional practice.
6. Having interpersonal skills.
7. Know and understand politics and international relations in East Asia.
8. Knowing the history, values, beliefs and ideologies of East Asia in order to understand and critically assess social issues, phenomena, and processes related with that region.
9. Respecting the diversity and plurality of ideas, people and situations.
10. Solving conflict situations.
11. Using different tools for specific purposes in the fields of political sciences, economy and sociology.
12. Using the specific terminology of political sciences, economy and sociology.
13. Working in teams in an international, multilingual and multicultural context.

Content

PART I. CHINESE POLITICS

UNIT 1. The foundations of the Chinese politics and perspectives of analysis.

UNIT 2. The imperial political system and the Nationalist Republic.

UNIT 3. Ideology and legitimization of the Popular Republic of China. From Maoism to nowadays.

UNIT 4. Power structure and organization: Constitution; Chinese Communist Party; Central and Local Government; Popular Liberation Army.

UNIT 5. Political participation and social movements.

UNIT 6. "One country, two systems": Politics in Taiwan and in Hong Kong.

PART II. JAPANESE POLITICS

UNIT 1. Approaches to the study of the Japanese political system. The fundamentals of Japanese politics.

UNIT 2. The new post-war political system.

UNIT 3. Institutional organization.

UNIT 4. Actors in political system.

UNIT 5. Case studies: deepening certain topics from the course content.

Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Directed activities: Lectures, debates, analysis of texts	50	2	5, 1, 7, 8, 3, 2, 10, 9, 6, 13, 11, 12, 4
Type: Supervised			
Autonomous activities: Written assignments	49.34	1.97	5, 1, 7, 8, 3, 2, 11, 12, 4
Type: Autonomous			
Autonomous activities: Reading assignments, Documentation searches	49	1.96	5, 1, 7, 8, 3, 2, 10, 9, 6, 13, 11, 12, 4

Throughout the term, the professor will offer lectures on East Asian Politics. In addition to the contents explained during class, the professor will offer a series of compulsory and additional readings, which will constitute the bulk of the course's materials. The students will also be compelled to use academic and scholarly sources, such as journals, books, specialized essays, and different reference tools and data repositories. Along with lecture classes, the professor will propose practical activities such as watching documentaries and/or fiction films which the students will analyse and discuss in class. Resources will be made available at Campus Virtual in order to complement and update the course's contents, especially regarding current political issues at East Asia. Ongoing political developments will be discussed and debated in class.

The proposed methodology may undergo some modification depending on the restrictions on attendance imposed by the health authorities.

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.

Assessment

Continuous Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Assessment test on Chinese politics	35%	0.58	0.02	5, 7, 8, 3, 2, 12, 4
Assessment test on Japanese politics	35%	0.58	0.02	5, 7, 8, 3, 2, 12, 4
Individual written assignment on Japanese or Chinese	30%	0.5	0.02	5, 1, 7, 8, 3, 2, 10, 9, 6, 13,

Continuous assessment

Students must provide evidence of their progress by completing various tasks and tests. These activities are detailed in the table at the end of this section of the Study Guide. The course includes three assessment activities:

1. Assessment test on Japanese politics (35% of the final mark of the course)
2. Assessment test on Chinese politics (35% of the final mark of the subject)
3. Individual written assignment on Japanese or Chinese politics (30% of the final mark of the subject)

Students must provide evidence of their progress by completing tasks and tests. Task deadlines will be indicated in the course schedule on the first day of class.

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 of at least 3.5.

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. Under no circumstances may an assessment activity worth 100% of the final mark be retaken or compensated for.

Classification as "not assessable"

In the event of the assessment activities a student has performed accounting for just 25% 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 student involved will be given a final mark of "0" for the subject. Assessment activities in which irregularities have occurred (e.g. plagiarism, copying, impersonation) are excluded from recovery.

Single assessment

This subject may be assessed under the single assessment system in accordance with the terms established in the academic regulations of the UAB and the assessment criteria of the Faculty of Translation and Interpreting.

Students must make an online request within the period established by the faculty and send a copy to the teacher responsible for the subject, for the record.

Single assessment will be carried out in person on one day during week 16 or 17 of the semester. The Academic Management Office will publish the exact date and time on the faculty website.

On the day of the single assessment, teaching staff will ask the student for identification, which should be presented as a valid identification document with a recent photograph (student card, DNI/NIE or passport).

Single assessment activities

The final grade for the subject will be calculated according to the following percentages:

70% written exams with essay questions

30% individual paper of 3,000 words on a topic of Chinese, Japanese or Korean politics.

Grade revision and resit procedures for the subject are the same as those for continual assessment. See the section above in this study guide.

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Software

Non used.

Language list



Name	Group	Language	Semester	Turn
(TE) Theory	1	Spanish	second semester	morning-mixed