



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAMME

POLS 203: EAST ASIAN POLITICS 20 POINTS

TRIMESTER 2 2016

Key dates

Trimester dates: 11 July to 13 November 2016

Teaching dates: 11 July to 16 October 2016

Mid-trimester break: 22 August to 4 September 2016

Last assessment item due: 13 October 2016

Withdrawal dates: Refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds.

If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test in the last three weeks of teaching, or an examination, it may instead be possible to apply for an aegrotat (refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats).

Class times and locations

Lectures: Tuesday and Thursday 13:10-14:00

Venue: Maclaurin MCLT102

Tutorials

Please see the Academic Timetable 2016 www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/timetables.

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Communication of additional information

This course uses Blackboard and presumes that all enrolled students have valid myvuw.ac.nz addresses. Please check that this account is active and you have organised email forwarding. Additional information and any changes to the timetable or lecture and tutorial programme will be advised by email, announced in lectures, and posted on the course Blackboard site.

Prescription

This course introduces students to politics and government in East Asia. It focuses primarily on China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan, and examines the political history and culture, major institutions and policy processes, economic and social development, and foreign policies of these countries.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. develop a good understanding of how the political system has evolved, how government is organised and how politics actually operates in East Asian countries, in the wider international context of politics and government.
2. recognise and understand key concepts and theoretical perspectives in literature on East Asian politics and use them effectively in discussion and research;
3. identify and analyse issues in East Asian politics, and organise research and develop argument/thesis on them;
4. locate relevant information and materials for original research on East Asian politics.

Teaching format

This course is taught in two 50-minute lectures each week. There is also one 50-minute tutorial each week (except the first week). Students are expected to attend lectures and tutorials regularly, complete the set readings prior to lectures and tutorials, and participate in class discussion.

Workload

In accordance with University Guidelines, course design assumes students will devote 200 hours to the course throughout the trimester. The 200-hour total includes weekly attendance at lectures and tutorials, completion of weekly readings, and research and writing for set assessment tasks.

Assessment

Assessment items and workload per item		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	First essay (1500 words)	20%	1, 3, 4	4 August
2	First in-class test (50 minutes)	25%	1, 2, 3	18 August
3	Second essay (2,500 words)	30%	1, 3, 4	22 September
4	Second in-class test (50 minutes)	25%	1, 2, 3	13 October

Detailed requirements and instructions for assignments will be available on Blackboard.

Submission and return of work

Assignments are submitted on Blackboard. Instructions on how to submit your assignments are available on Blackboard. Marked assignments will be returned to you also on Blackboard. All assignments will be checked in Turnitin.com (see www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin).

Extensions and penalties

Extensions

The development of work discipline and time management skills are an important part of the education process and it is expected that each student takes responsibility for allocating sufficient time for their studies.

Late submission of **assignments** will **not be accepted** unless the student makes an appointment as soon as practically possible with the course coordinator to explain the lateness (preferably before the assignment is due to be submitted). The circumstances under which an extension will be considered are outlined in section 3.2.1 of the Assessment Handbook.

(See: www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf).

Penalties

Students will be penalised for late submission of assignments – **a deduction of 5% for the first day late, and 2% per day thereafter, up to a maximum of 8 days**. Work that is more than 10 weekdays late can be accepted for mandatory course requirements but may not be marked. Penalties may be waived if there are valid grounds (for example, illness [presentation of a medical certificate will be necessary] or similar other contingencies). In all such cases, prior information will be necessary. Extensions on deadlines for written work will only be granted under exceptional circumstances.

Set texts

Xiaoming Huang, 2009. *Politics in Pacific Asia*. London and New York: Palgrave. The text is available and can be purchased at Vicbooks (www.vicbooks.co.nz).

Books in the additional required reading for each week are available at the library, journal articles via the library databases and government reports are available online. Details are on Blackboard.

Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course.

Student feedback

Student feedback for this course has been very positive last year and in previous years. There was some suggestion that more examples and case studies be discussed in lectures to illustrate major concepts. We have taken this on board and made some adjustment to lecture materials. Student feedback on University courses may be found at www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php.

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades
- Special passes: refer to the *Assessment Handbook*, at www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf

- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library-v2/find-your-subject-librarian>
- Terms and conditions: www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure
- Victoria graduate profile: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz