

East Asian Politics | POU44503

Year	Senior Sophister
ECTS Credits	5
Contact Hours	TBC
Pre-requisite	N/A
Semester	1
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Module Outline

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the semester, students are expected to be able to:

- Identify historical and institutional foundations of East Asian politics,
- Apply concepts and theories in comparative politics to analyze East Asian politics,
- Describe differences and similarities in political systems and outcomes from East Asian countries.

Module Learning Aims:

This module will introduce East Asian politics using concepts and theories from the broader comparative politics discipline. It will familiarize students with key political events, both historical and contemporary, in East Asian countries through a variety of learning materials. Students will learn about the politics of individual countries as well as how international relations, both among East Asian countries and with Western countries, have affected the development of the broader East Asian region.

Module Content:

This course offers an introduction to the comparative politics of East Asia, concentrating on Mainland China, Taiwan, Japan, and South and North Korea. The first section covers state building in East Asia, exploring the historical origins of contemporary economic and political institutions. The second section delves into the political development, institutional structures, and leadership of individual states. The third section investigates the role of the state in fostering the region's economic development and examines broader political-economic trends. The fourth section addresses state-society relations, with an emphasis on identity politics, nationalism, civil society development, and gender politics.

Assessment

Discussion questions and participation- 15%

Midterm Essay - 35%

Final Paper- 50%

Recommended Reading List

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