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School of International Studies

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

130cp at 1000 level or above OR (20cp in POL or POIR or POIX units at 2000 level).

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit examines the forces, which have shaped the economic, political and social transformation of East Asia, which is of critical importance to Australia's economic prosperity and security. The unit focuses on the growth of East Asia's economies, democratic transitions, deepening integration of the region in the world economy, and the geopolitical dynamics of the region in the past to the present.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Convey an understanding of the major debates and contemporary issues raised by the study of East Asia's economic and political transformation

ULO2: Analyse the diverse impacts of domestic political changes and global economic integration on the state's governing role throughout the region

ULO3: Critically evaluate the state's role in the industrial development and global rise of East Asia

ULO4: Impart an ideational, institutional, political, and geo-political framework of analysis to explain regional change and continuity

ULO5: Deepen knowledge of the immense challenges and opportunities faced by Australian policymakers as they navigate a rapidly changing regional economic and

security environment

General Assessment Information

PENALTIES FOR LATE WORK

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a mark of '0' (zero) will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical issue. This late penalty will apply to non-timed sensitive assessment (incl essays, reports, posters, portfolios, journals, recordings etc). Late submission of time sensitive tasks (such as tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs etc) will only be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special consideration application. Special Consideration outcome may result in a new question or topic.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due	Groupwork/Individual	Short Extension	AI Approach
Quiz/Test	20%	No	29/08/2026	Individual	No	Open
Report	35%	No	18/09/2026	Individual	Yes	Open
Essay	45%	No	06/11/2026	Individual	Yes	Open

Quiz/Test

Assessment Type ¹: Problem-based task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **29/08/2026**

Weighting: **20%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: No

AI Approach: Open

Students are required to demonstrate knowledge of key concepts, debates, substantive issues examined in the unit.

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Report

Assessment Type ¹: Problem-based task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 41 hours

Due: **18/09/2026**

Weighting: **35%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: Yes

AI Approach: Open

Provide an analysis on a topic

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Essay

Assessment Type ¹: Written Submission

Indicative Time on Task ²: 50 hours

Due: **06/11/2026**

Weighting: **45%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: Yes

AI Approach: Open

Write an essay utilising the required readings in the unit and your own independent research.

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 - Critically evaluate the state's role in the industrial development and global rise of East Asia
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¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- [Academic Success](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation.

³ An automatic short extension is available for some assessments. Apply through the [Service Connect Portal](#).

Delivery and Resources

COURSE STRUCTURE

This course is taught with 1 two-hour lecture followed by 1 one-hour tutorial each week. Lectures will be held on Tuesdays from 11.00AM to 1.00PM in 01CC 216 Groupwork Learning Space. Tutorials will be held after the lecture on Tuesdays from 1.00-2.00PM in 01CC 216 Groupwork Learning Space and 3.00-4.00PM in 12SW 225 Tutorial Room. You must attend the tutorial you are allocated in your official timetable.

On-campus students are expected to attend all lectures and actively participate in all on-campus tutorials. External students are expected to listen to all lectures and actively participate in the online discussion forums. As an advanced undergraduate unit, student participation is paramount. Students are therefore expected to come to tutorials or participate in online discussion forums having done the readings and considered discussion topics.

Online Resources

You can log on to the iLearn and iTeach e-learning system. The unit outline, teaching aids, essential readings, and guidelines for the Briefing Paper, Research Essay will be posted on the unit websites. Students are responsible for checking the unit website regularly for relevant announcements, scheduled changes, and other information.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit connect.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Academic Success

[Academic Success](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Ask a Study Coach](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)
- [Student Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via the [Service Connect Portal](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/technology/service-desk>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

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