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General Information

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

Admission to MPICT or PGDipPICT or MPICTMIntSecSt or MIntSecStud or PGDipIntSecStud or PGCertIntSecStud

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit focuses on security in the Asia-Pacific region. Topics covered include: great powers in the Asia Pacific; terrorism, failing states and rogue states; territorial conflicts; the political and social dimension to security in the Asia Pacific; and regional cooperation and security.

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:

Critique literature relating to the current issues in Asia Pacific security

Demonstrate familiarity with key current security concepts, issues and events in the Asia Pacific

Evaluate the role of small, medium and major powers, as well as regional organizations, in the shifting balance of power in Asia

Formulate sustained and persuasive written and oral arguments

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<u>Impact Brief</u>	20%	09/08/13
<u>Research Essay</u>	30%	18/10/13
<u>Online Exam</u>	30%	11/11/13
<u>Participation</u>	20%	Weekly

Impact Brief

Due: **09/08/13**

Weighting: **20%**

A detailed marking matrix is available to all enrolled students on the unit iLearn site.

Marking criteria in the marking matrix includes evaluation of topic comprehension, argument, written expression, referencing, structure and organization.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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Research Essay

Due: **18/10/13**

Weighting: **30%**

A detailed marking matrix is available to all enrolled students on the unit iLearn site.

Marking criteria in the marking matrix includes evaluation of topic comprehension, argument, written expression, referencing, essay structure and organization.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Critique literature relating to the current issues in Asia Pacific security
- Demonstrate familiarity with key current security concepts, issues and events in the Asia Pacific

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Online Exam

Due: **11/11/13**

Weighting: **30%**

A detailed marking matrix is available to all enrolled students on the unit iLearn site.

Marking criteria, in this case, comprises of the automated evaluation of multiple choice questions.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate familiarity with key current security concepts, issues and events in the Asia Pacific
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Participation

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **20%**

A detailed marking matrix is available to all enrolled students on the unit iLearn site.

Marking criteria in the marking matrix includes evaluation of topic comprehension, argument, expression, and originality of analysis.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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Delivery and Resources

Expectations for Completing this Unit

To successfully complete this unit students will have to meet the requirements for all four assessment tasks. These are:

- One professional briefing paper,
- One research essay.
- One exam consisting of multiple choice questions
- Active and engaged participation, including either in-class discussion and task or the equivalent through the iLearn forum.

In addition, students are expected to read the weekly required readings and engage in additional outside research.

Readings

The required readings as well as a list of additional and useful readings for this Unit are available to all enrolled students through the Unit iLearn site, the Unit reader and Macquarie University Library's EReserve site.

Technological Requirements

Online units can be accessed at: <http://ilearn.mq.edu.au>

Reliable PC and Internet access are required. Basic computer skills such as internet browsing and skills in word processing are also a requirement.

Assignments in this unit will be submitted, marked and returned electronically. For further information see the iLearn site.

Please consult teaching staff for any further, more specific requirements.

Late Submission Penalty

If an assignment is submitted late, 5% of the available mark will be deducted for each day the paper is late.

For example, if the paper is worth 20 marks, 1.00 mark per day will be deducted from the mark

given (i.e. A student given 15/20 who submitted 4 days late will lose 4 x 1.00 marks: 15/20 – 4 marks = 11/20).

The same principle applies if an extension is granted and the assignment is submitted later than the amended date.

Unit Schedule

Week 1	Introduction and Overview
Week 2	The United States
Week 3	China
Week 4	Japan
Week 5	Maritime Disputes
Week 6	North Korea
Week 7	India
Week 8	Afghanistan

Week 9	East Timor and the Solomon Islands
Week 10	Nuclear Threats
Week 11	Regional Organisations
Week 12	Australia in Asia?
Week 13	Review and Conclusion

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Special Consideration Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/special_consideration/policy.html

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of Academic Student Support Services. Details of these services can be accessed at: <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

UniWISE provides:

- Online learning resources and academic skills workshops <http://www.students.mq.edu.a>

[u/support/learning_skills/](#)

- Personal assistance with your learning & study related questions.
- The Learning Help Desk is located in the Library foyer (level 2).
- Online and on-campus orientation events run by Mentors@Macquarie.

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

Details of these services can be accessed at <http://www.student.mq.edu.au/ses/>.

IT Help

If you wish to receive IT help, we would be glad to assist you at <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the university's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students and it outlines what can be done.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Assessment tasks

- Impact Brief
- Research Essay
- Online Exam
- Participation

PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

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PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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PG - Effective Communication

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Critique literature relating to the current issues in Asia Pacific security
- Formulate sustained and persuasive written and oral arguments

Assessment tasks

- Impact Brief
- Participation

PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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