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Asia in the Global Context
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Dept of International Studies

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General Information

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Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit aims to build students’ broad and fundamental appreciation of the diversity, hybridity, positioning and interaction of Asian countries in the globe. The unit facilitates a sophisticated understanding of the increasingly relevant and influential role played by 21st century Asia in a global context, and builds an inter-disciplinary platform for further study of other specific areas. A wide range of issues, which make up today’s Asia, will be analysed from political, economic, historical, socio-cultural and religious perspectives. Interactions among students from widely diverse background will maximise opportunities to broaden intercultural awareness of Asia and to nurture engagement with the beliefs, values and activities of other cultures in our closely inter-related globe.

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:

Develop understanding of a wide range of issues concerning Asian societies and cultures
Develop understanding of key facts about the state of private and public spheres of socio-cultural life in countries where change is occurring at a very rapid pace
Generate informed and original analysis of major issues of Asian societies in its local and global contexts and express the analysis in a clear and focused manner in oral and written form.

Develop awareness of social justice and the responsibility of the educated and otherwise privileged groups to act proactively to develop better local and global societies.

Demonstrate initiative and competence in research, including locating relevant materials and writing in an efficient and timely manner with correct referencing.

Build interpersonal communication skills through lecture and tutorial participation.

### Assessment Tasks

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### Unit Participation

**Due:** Ongoing  
**Weighting:** 15%

Unit participation comprises attendance and participation and will be assessed in terms of the quality and consistency of participation in class. Students will be asked to submit a self-evaluation at the end of each tutorial.

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### Tutorial Presentation

**Due:** Between Weeks 3 and 11  
**Weighting:** 20%

Working in small groups, students prepare a PPT presentation of 10-12 slides and present it in class. The assignment includes a self-/peer-evaluation component.
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**Literature Review**

Due: **April 1**  
Weighting: **25%**

Students select one of the prescribed sets of scholarly readings and write a critical review of the set in 1200 words.

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**Essay**

Due: **June 3**  
Weighting: **40%**

Students write a 2000 word essay in response to a question chosen from a prescribed list.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Generate informed and original analysis of major issues of Asian societies in its local and global contexts and express the analysis in a clear and focused manner in oral and written form
- Demonstrate initiative and competence in research, including locating relevant materials and writing in an efficient and timely manner with correct referencing
Delivery and Resources
The unit consists of lectures and tutorials supported by Echo360 (iLecture). The unit can be accessed at: http://www.ilearn.mq.edu.au.

Readings are available through the Library Unit Readings.

Unit Schedule
Weekly Unit Schedule can be found on the iLearn site.

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://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html
Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.

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

Student Code of Conduct
Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Results
Results shown in iLearn, 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 ask.mq.edu.au.

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

Learning Skills
Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.
Graduate Capabilities

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

• Demonstrate initiative and competence in research, including locating relevant materials and writing in an efficient and timely manner with correct referencing

Assessment tasks

• Tutorial Presentation
• Literature Review
• Essay

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.
This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcome**

- Develop awareness of social justice and the responsibility of the educated and otherwise privileged groups to act proactively to develop better local and global societies

**Assessment task**

- Unit Participation

**Commitment to Continuous Learning**

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcome**

- Build interpersonal communication skills through lecture and tutorial participation

**Assessment tasks**

- Unit Participation
- Tutorial Presentation

**Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills**

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcome**

- Develop understanding of a wide range of issues concerning Asian societies and cultures

**Assessment task**

- Unit Participation
Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systematically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

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Assessment tasks

- Tutorial Presentation
- Literature Review
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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- Demonstrate initiative and competence in research, including locating relevant materials and writing in an efficient and timely manner with correct referencing

Assessment tasks

- Tutorial Presentation
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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms
effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**

- Generate informed and original analysis of major issues of Asian societies in its local and global contexts and express the analysis in a clear and focused manner in oral and written form
- Demonstrate initiative and competence in research, including locating relevant materials and writing in an efficient and timely manner with correct referencing
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**Assessment tasks**

- Unit Participation
- Tutorial Presentation
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- Essay

**Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens**

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcome**

- Develop awareness of social justice and the responsibility of the educated and otherwise privileged groups to act proactively to develop better local and global societies

**Assessment task**

- Unit Participation

**Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible**

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active
participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcome**

- Develop awareness of social justice and the responsibility of the educated and otherwise privileged groups to act proactively to develop better local and global societies

**Assessment task**

- Unit Participation

**Late Submissions**

Assignments are compulsory and must be submitted on time. As a general rule, extensions will not be granted without a valid and documented reason (e.g. medical certificate). Late submissions will be penalised by 5% for each day (including weekends) the assignment task is late. No assignments will be accepted after assignments have been corrected and feedback has been provided. Assignment tasks handed in early will not be marked and returned before the due date.