



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

Description: Topics in Asian History						
Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
HIS	4002	41222	1, 2005	ONC	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOART
Academic org:	FOA003
Student contribution band:	1
ASCED code:	090305

STAFFING

Examiner: Peter Wicks
Moderator: Richard Gehrman

REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BAHN

RATIONALE

In 2005, the focus will be on nation-building in Southeast Asia, with particular emphasis on the emergence of eleven states in the region since 1945, and the main issues they must deal with. The basic assumption of this course is that contemporary events in Southeast Asia begin to make more sense if we understand how and why they have arisen, especially since the catalyst of the Japanese Occupation (1941-45). In order to develop an empathetic understanding of the complex issues which confront the Southeast Asian region today, it is also necessary to recognise the persistence of tradition into the present, and the ways in which contemporary behaviour may reflect long-established patterns of living and beliefs.

SYNOPSIS

Drawing upon a framework provided by the discipline of history, the course involves a thematic approach and focuses upon the process of nation-building in the Southeast Asian region. It seeks to convey the jostle of tradition and modernity in the everyday lives of people as new nations are built.

OBJECTIVES

On completion of this course students will be able to:

1. demonstrate an informed and critical awareness of major contemporary political and social issues in Southeast Asia;
2. appreciate the forces of continuity and change which underpin these developments;
3. trace and utilize primary and secondary source materials in the presentation of seminar papers and essays, and document their evidence according to scholarly conventions;

4. develop oral and written arguments about contemporary regional issues, and express their viewpoints with care, coherence, and clarity in weekly seminars and written assignments;
5. recognise the cultural validity, diversity, and richness of Southeast Asian societies, and theories of social explanation.

TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	The Region and its Inhabitants: A Definition	10.00
2.	The West, Japan, and the Promise of Independence	10.00
3.	National Revolution and the Formation of New States	15.00
4.	Communalism and Communism	10.00
5.	Boundaries, Wars, and Refugees	10.00
6.	Military Power and Dissent	15.00
7.	Social and Political Trends: Literary Perspectives	10.00
8.	Education and Expectations	10.00
9.	Towards a Regional Identity	10.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

Tarling, N. 1998, *Nations and states in southeast Asia*, Cambridge University Press, New York.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Ayabe, T (ed) 1998, *Nation-State, identity and religion in Southeast Asia*, Singapore Society of Asian Studies, Singapore.

Bloodworth, D 1987, *An eye for the dragon: Southeast Asia observed*, Times Books International, Singapore.

Bresnan, F 1994, *From dominoes to dynamoes: the transformation of Southeast Asia*, Council on Foreign Relations Press, New York.

Hewison, K. et al (eds) 1993, *Southeast Asia in the 1990s: authoritarianism, democracy and capitalism*, Allen & Unwin, Sydney.

Lubis, M. 1983, *Indonesian dilemma*, Graham Brash, Singapore.

Vatikiotis, M. 1996, *Political change in Southeast Asia: trimming the banyan tree*, Routledge, London.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Examinations	2.00
Private Study	135.00
Seminars	28.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg(%)	Due date
SEMINAR PAPER - 2000 WORDS	100.00	30.00	01 Mar 2005 (see note 1)
ESSAY - 2000 WORDS	100.00	30.00	20 May 2005
WEEKLY JOURNAL	100.00	10.00	10 Jun 2005
EXAMINATION - 2 HOUR	100.00	30.00	END S1 (see note 2)

NOTES

1. Students will be allocated dates for seminar presentations during first week of semester.
2. Students will be advised of the official exam date after the timetable has been finalised.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
It is the student's responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as lectures, tutorials, laboratories and practical work) scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for each assessment item.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval, then a penalty of 10% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each of the first FIVE working days late, after which a zero mark will be given.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of a passing grade, students must demonstrate, via the summative assessment items, that they have achieved the required minimum standards in relation to the objectives of the course by obtaining at least 50% of the total weighted marks for all summative assessment.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
- 6 Examination information:
The exam for this course is a RESTRICTED EXAMINATION, and candidates are allowed access to * writing materials (non-electronic and free from material which

could give the student an unfair advantage in the examination); * Translation dictionary. With the Examiner's approval, candidates may take an appropriate non-electronic translation dictionary into the examination. This will be subject to perusal and, if it is found to contain annotations or markings that could give the candidate an unfair advantage, it may be removed from the candidate's possession until the appropriate disciplinary action is completed.

- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Any deferred or supplementary examinations for this course will be held during the next examination period.
- 8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6 Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm> or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 9 (a) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must lodge the assignment at the USQ. (b) Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be despatched to USQ within 24 hours if requested by the Examiner. (c) In accordance with University's Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances such as documented ill-health. (d) Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in the course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of the course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM Incomplete-Makeup). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non-directed personal study. (e) Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or sit for an examination at the scheduled time, may apply to defer an assessment in the course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded: IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination; IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).