



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: Contemporary Issues in Asia

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
AST	2002	90807	2, 2009	EXT	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOART
Academic org:	FOA003
Student contribution band:	1
ASCED code:	090300

STAFFING

Examiner: Richard Gehrman
Moderator: Anna Hayes

SYNOPSIS

Major theories of political, social and economic development are analysed, with the relevance of these theories to Southeast Asia and East Asia being examined. The political development of Indonesia and Malaysia is used as a case study, with issues such as social and political change, ideologies, the military, political institutions and ethnicity being considered.

OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate academic and professional literacies by comprehending and applying contemporary scholarly theories on political change and development and the global context of development;
2. Comprehend and critically assess the process of nation-building and economic development in Asia, and the subsequent social and political changes;
3. Explain the importance of factors such as the military, ethnicity, political institutions, and ideology in the process mentioned above;
4. Understand and critically assess the influence of revolutionary, liberal and democratic movements in East and Southeast Asia;
5. Comprehend and analytically discuss how social and political factors have shaped the governmental systems of selected Asian states.
6. Communicate in writing by preparing and submitting two essays that address the norms and practices of the discipline.

TOPICS

Description	Weighting (%)
1. Theories of political change and development	10.00

2.	Nationalism and nation-building in Asia	10.00
3.	Authoritarianism in Asia	10.00
4.	Economic development in Asia	10.00
5.	The military in development	10.00
6.	Ethnicity in Modern Asia	10.00
7.	Political Institutions, Culture and Ideology	10.00
8.	Revolutionary, liberal and democratic change in East and SE Asia	10.00
9.	Regional Political Economy	10.00
10.	Contemporary Asia and Australia, Future Developments	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).

Kingsbury, D 2005, *South-East Asia: political profiles*, 2nd edn, Oxford University Press, Melbourne.

Simone, V 2001, *The Asian Pacific: political and economic development in a global context*, 2nd edn, Longman, 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.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Directed Study	144.00
Examinations	2.00
Private Study	19.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date
SHORT ESSAY - 1300 WORDS	100.00	25.00	28 Aug 2009 (see note 1)
MAJOR ESSAY - 2000 WORDS	100.00	40.00	21 Oct 2009 (see note 2)
2 HOUR WRITTEN EXAMINATION	100.00	35.00	END S2 (see note 3)

NOTES

1. This assessment is aligned with all Objectives.
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3. Students will be advised of the official exam date after timetable has been finalised. This assessment is aligned with all Objectives

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
There are no attendance requirements for this external course. However, it is the students' responsibility 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 successfully complete an individual assessment item, a student must achieve at least 50% of the marks or a grade of at least C-. This statement must be read in conjunction with Statement 4 below.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without extenuating circumstances and without prior approval, then a penalty of a maximum of 5% of the assigned mark may apply for each working day late, up to a maximum of 10 working days, at which time a mark of zero can be recorded for that assignment.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade, a student must achieve at least 50% of the total weighted marks available for the course.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the aggregate of the weighted marks obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
- 6 Examination information:
The exam for this course is a RESTRICTED examination, and the only materials that candidates may use are writing materials (non-electronic and free from material which could give the student an unfair advantage in the examination.) Students whose first language is not English may take an appropriate unmarked non-electronic translation dictionary (but not technical dictionary) into the examination. Dictionaries with any handwritten notes will not be permitted. Translation dictionaries will be subject to perusal and may be removed from the candidate's possession until appropriate disciplinary action is completed if found to contain material that could give the candidate an unfair advantage.
- 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>

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 9 (a) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner. (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) In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the examiner's convenience. (e) Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should contact the examiner of the course to negotiate such special arrangements. (f) 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. (g) 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).