The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

Description: Asian Literature and Society

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Student contribution band: 1
ASCED code: 091523

STAFFING
Examiner: Peter Wicks

SYNOPSIS
This course introduces students to a selection of Asian literature in English translations. The majority of works will usually be selected from the work of contemporary Asian authors, with particular reference to South-east and East Asia. Attention will be given to introducing processes of textual analysis and critical reading. Students will be guided by structured questions in the analysis of social, ideological and political themes and characterisation in the works nominated for study.

OBJECTIVES
At the conclusion of this course students will be expected to be able to:

1. appreciate and respond critically to a selection of Asian literature;
2. identify and discuss critically, Asian writers' concern with social, ideological and political themes in their works;
3. demonstrate in their written assignments a basic knowledge of methods of analysing literary texts;
4. demonstrate relationships between literary works and the wider cultural context.

TOPICS

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<td>6. Short Stories from China : Lapse of Time</td>
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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).

All texts should be available in paperback editions.
Ahmad, S 1972, No Harvest but a Thorn, Oxford University Press, Kuala Lumpur.
(Available in specially reproduced format from USQ Bookshop by permission of other Publishers.)
(Available in specially reproduced format from USQ Bookshop by permission of the publishers.)
(Available in specially reproduced format from USQ Bookshop by permission of the publishers.)
Prameodya, A T (trans Max Lane) 1981, This Earth of Mankind, Penguin Australia, Ringwood.

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.

(Rev Edn)
Kintanar, T B 1988, Self and Society in Southeast Asian Fiction, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore.


STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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NOTES

1. 1000 Word Essay on Novel/Short Stories
2. Essay 2 is a 2000 word essay on novel/short stories
3. Exam dates will be advised when 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: (i) satisfactorily completing the examination and
assignments; and (ii) obtaining at least 50\% of the total weighted marks for all summative assessment items.

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

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