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Course Title: International Relations in the Asia-Pacific Region

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International Relations in the Asia-Pacific Region

This course seeks to provide an overview of regional competition and cooperation among states in the Asia-Pacific region. Accordingly, students are expected to be familiar with historical and current affairs in the region and to exercise their understanding of basic theories of international relations and international organizations for the analysis of events occurring there.

The course begins with a brief introduction of international relations theory and an overview of the region. The main part of the course surrounds contemporary issues of military competition and economic and financial dynamics in the region, with focus on the presence of the United States there and the rise of China. The course also examines the systemic role of Japan in the region and the regionalism of ASEAN and APEC.

Beyond these points of emphasis, students are encouraged to introduce further related topics into the discussion. The course concludes with discussion of the future of the region, with attention to recent concerns for human rights.

Each session of the course includes lecture and discussion. Students’ obligations are the completion of weekly reading assignments, active participation in class discussion, one short paper involving theoretical analysis of an assigned topic in the region, and a research paper involving theoretical analysis of a chosen topic relating to the region.
Policies
Students are expected to come to class on time, to attend all the sessions, to complete assigned readings on time, and to submit all the papers on time. Delay in paper submission will affect your grade negatively. If you need to be absent from the class or if you are unable to submit a paper on time, you should contact the instructor in advance.

Course Requirements and Grading System
-Active class participation (attendance, class preparation, and class discussion): 20%
-Three in-class (short answer/ reading comprehension) exams (Closed note exam): 15%
-Mid-term exam (Open notes exam in mid-February, 2011): 30%
-Final paper: 35% (I will give you more information about the exams as weeks progress.)

Penalty for Academic Integrity Violations (cheating, plagiarism): an “F” grade for the particular assignment, in which the violation takes place.

Assessment of papers
Grading criteria will be provided in class.

Weekly Schedule

1. International Relations Theory and the Regional Overview: The Asia-Pacific Region after the Cold War

Recommended:
2. Power and Security Dilemma


**Recommended:**

3. International Institutions in the Asia-Pacific Region


**Recommended:**

4. Values, Identity and Political Culture in the Asia-Pacific Region

**Recommended:**

5. **Military and Territorial Conflict in the Asia-Pacific Region**


**Recommended:**
6. Economic Interdependence, Financial Crisis, and Regionalism


Recommended:

7. China in the Asia-Pacific Region


Recommended:


8. The United States in the Asia-Pacific Region (LITERATURE REVIEW DUE)


**Recommended:**


9. ASECAN and APEC in the Asia Pacific Region

*Recommended:*

10. Japan in the Asia-Pacific Region

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