

Course number		U-LAS01 10014 LE38					
Course title (and course title in English)		Introduction to Asian Societies-E2 Introduction to Asian Societies-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation		Center for Southeast Asian Studies Associate Professor,Julius Bautista	
Group		Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		History and Civilization(Foundations)	
Language of instruction		English		Old group		Group A	
				Number of credits		2	
Number of weekly time blocks		1		Class style		Lecture (Face-to-face course)	
				Year/semesters		2025 • First semester	
Days and periods		Wed.2		Target year		Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	
				Eligible students		For liberal arts students	
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
<p>This course will introduce students to Asian history and civilization. While each of these regions has its own distinctive identities, we shall consider how overlapping historical, political and cultural experiences have engendered a shared sense of heritage and common destiny. We shall examine the struggles of Asians to protect or regain their sovereignty, and establish their identities in a rapidly arising and often volatile world order. We will look at how individuals in Asia respond to significant issues and challenges in four distinct historical themes: “ Pre-modern ideologies in Asia ” , “ Euro-American Imperialism ” , “ War and Conflict in Asia ” and the “ Era of the modern state and regionalism. ”</p>							
[Course objectives]							
<p>At the end of this course, students will be able to achieve the following learning outcomes: (1) The ability to provide an historical portrait of the interrelationships between Asian societies and the wider global forces that have shaped the region. (2) The ability to engage in critical discussion and debate on some of the most pressing regional issues, including those in the areas of politics, the environment, history, culture and security.</p>							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
<p>Lecture 1 will be an introduction to the course and its assessment tasks. Lectures 2, 3 and 4 will be devoted to a discussion of pre-modern forms of Asian civilizational ideologies and how they remain relevant in contemporary society. Lectures 5, 6 and 7 will discuss the impact of Euro-American incursion in the region from the sixteenth century, particularly in the pursuit of natural resources and trading routes. We shall discuss Asian responses to changing power relations, as well as how resistance to foreign incursion cultivated ethnic and religious identity in this period. Lectures 8, 9 and 10 will examine the major modern conflicts in the region, particularly the two world wars, and how this impacted upon the pursuit of sovereignty and self determination among Asians. Lectures 11, 12 and 13 will examine the era of the nation state, including the formation of cultural nationalism in the region in the post-war period. We shall examine the formation of various forms of governance and how this relates to national identity. We shall then discuss the moves towards regional integration among Asian nations, and how Asians are looking to the future in light of globalization. Lecture 14 will be a conclusion and summary of the major themes of the course. Lectures 15 and 16 will be devoted to examinations, and feedback for the course</p>							
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[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students will be evaluated according to three main criteria. (1) Class attendance and participation in in-class and online discussion (30%), (2) A written essay of up to 3000 words (35%), and (3) At least two structured group discussions (35%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(References, etc.)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

No prior knowledge of Asian studies is required. Students should be able to participate in discussions with their classmates in English. This may be face-to-face small group discussion or online. Students may also be asked to make short presentations in English based on the class topics.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Consultation is by appointment via email to bautista@cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp

[Essential courses]