

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Concepts of Contemporary Asian Studies

1. Course name, ECTS, quarter / semester, contact hours

Concepts of Contemporary Asian Studies; 4 ECTS; 3-4 quarters; 40 contact hours

2. Author of the course :

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3. Outline:

The course is designed to familiarize students with a number of approaches practiced in contemporary Asian studies as well as to train their academic skills. Asian studies being a complex area of learning, the course is a kaleidoscope of topics and problems, integrating a range of disciplines such as linguistics, political philosophy, demography, and art studies. The aims pursued are to provide students with basic knowledge and understanding of the key issues and concepts of these special academic fields along with applying their methods and techniques to the analysis of particular Asian cultures. Another objective of the course is to help students develop a more comprehensive perspective on Asia in a rapidly changing world. The practical academic skills trained include understanding academic language, elements of text analysis, finding and evaluating information, critical thinking, academic speaking and writing. These goals are to be achieved by focusing on seminars and supervised individual activities.

4. Structure and content

№	Topics	Hours, total	Contact hours		Supervised individual activity
			Lectures	Seminars	
1	An Introduction to the Course	2	2		
2	Populations and Demography	37	3	6	28
3	Political Systems	37	3	6	28
4	Languages	39	3	8	28
5	Art	37	3	6	28

5. Prerequisites: Introduction to Asian Studies, English level B2

6. Assessment: oral examination (40%); course work (60%).