

Academic Year: (2023 / 2024)

Review date: 21-04-2023

Department assigned to the subject: Humanities: History, Geography and Art Department

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Type: Electives ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 2 Semester : 1

OBJECTIVES

- To Know the most important geopolitical and geostrategic elements and themes of the Asia-Pacific region.
- To interrelate and synoptically understand the different geopolitical and geostrategic elements and specific phenomena of the Asia-Pacific region areas.
- To apply theories and methodologies of regional analysis of a general or systematic nature to the understanding of particular regional spaces and dynamics in Asia-Pacific.
- To place and relate the particular geopolitical and geostrategic regional dynamics of Asia-Pacific with the global geopolitical architecture.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

PART I. INTRODUCTION TO ASIAN GEOPOLITICS.

LESSON 1. SETTING THE CONTEXT: SPACE, TIME AND IDENTITY. THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES ON ASIAN GEOPOLITICS.

PART II. THE LEGACY OF THE PAST.

LESSON 2. CHINA, THE MIDDLE KINGDOM.

LESSON 3. SOURCES OF AUTHORITY IN INDIAN TRADITION.

PART III. THE ERA OF MODERNIZATION. THE GEOPOLITICS OF NATIONAL IDENTITY.

LESSON 4. THE COLONIAL HERITAGE AND THE BIRTH OF MODERN INDIA AND PAKISTAN.

LESSON 5. CONTEMPORARY INDIA: THE INTERNAL DIMENSION.

LESSON 6. PAKISTAN: A NATION FOR SOUTH ASIAN MUSLIMS.

LESSON 7. KASHMIR, A CASE STUDY.

LESSON 8. CHINA: THE REVIVAL OF THE MIDDLE KINGDOM?

LESSON 9. JAPAN: A MODEL FOR ASIAN MODERNIZATION.

PART IV. GLOBALIZATION AND REGIONALISM: A NEW SPATIAL REORGANIZATION.

LESSON 10. FROM UNIPOLARITY TO MULTIPOLARITY. ASEAN AND THE NEW REGIONAL MULTILATERALISM.

LESSON 11. SECURITY DILEMMAS: THE RISE OF CHINA AND INDIA.

LESSON 12. TERRORISM AND NON-STATE ACTORS IN SOUTH ASIA.

LESSON 13. RELATIONS WITH EXTERNAL POWERS. THE USA IN ASIA. EUROPE AND ASIA.

LESSON 14. WORLD LEADERSHIP: ASIAN PERSPECTIVES ON GLOBAL GOVERNANCE.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Learning Activities

- Theoretical classes
- Theoretical and practical classes
- Tutorials
- Group work
- Student's individual work
- Tests and final examinations

Teaching Methodologies

-Classroom lectures by the teacher with the support of computer and audiovisual media, in which the main concepts of the subject are developed and the bibliography is provided to complement the students' learning.

- Critical reading of texts recommended by the teacher of the subject: press articles, reports, manuals and/or academic articles, either for their later discussion in class, or to extend and consolidate the knowledge of the subject.
- Solving practical cases, problems, etc. raised by the teacher individually or in groups.
- Presentation and discussion in class, under the moderation of the teacher, of topics related to the content of the subject, as well as practical cases.
- Preparation of papers and reports, individually or in groups.

Tutorials will be carried out through the procedures established by the university.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Ordinary call:

The assessment system in the ordinary call will take into account the following criteria:

- Classroom attendance and participation: 20 % of the course grade.
- Continuous assessment assignments: 30% of the course grade
- Term paper: 50% of the course grade.

Extraordinary call: In order to pass the course in the extraordinary call, students must take and pass an exam related to the subject contents.

% end-of-term-examination:	50
% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):	50

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