COURSE DETAIL

SECOND WORLD WAR IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, 1931-1952
Country Hong Kong
Host Institution University of Hong Kong
Program(s) University of Hong Kong
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History
UCEAP Course Number 107
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title SECOND WORLD WAR IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, 1931-1952
UCEAP Transcript Title WWII ASIA & PACIFIC
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description
Few events in the modern history of Asia and the Pacific have been as important or as transformative as the Second World War. This course explores the far-reaching effects that this conflict had on the state, society, and individuals in, and between Japan, China, the United States, the Soviet Union, and the British and French Empires. Importantly, this course examines how this conflict helped change war—conceptually and in real terms—from a narrowly defined engagement between military forces to one that encompassed a ‘total experience' involving the mobilization of virtually all segments of society. This course also traces the interconnectedness between the transformation of war and the development of new technology, changed concepts of morality, ‘just war,' and altered perceptions concerning the relationship between the state and society, the soldier and the civilian. Finally, this course helps students understand more fully how and why this war, and the numerous acts of barbarism that defined it, still influence relations today on personal, national, and international levels in Asia and the Pacific.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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