

COURSE DETAIL

INTERNATIONAL HISTORY

Country

Japan

Host Institution

International Christian University

Program(s)

International Christian University

UCEAP Course Level

Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

50

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

INTERNATIONAL HISTORY

UCEAP Transcript Title

INTERNATIONAL HIST

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.70

Course Description

This course introduces the history of international relations, with an emphasis on the ways in which the Great Powers came to conceive, shape, and dominate the current 'international system'. Although it follows a broad chronological trajectory, the course goes beyond traditional narratives and explanations of diplomatic relations by considering what French historians have come to refer to as 'les forces profondes' (or 'deeper factors') affecting international relations (IR), including economic, demographic, geopolitical and cultural factors that shaped the identity and foreign policies of nation-states. An important part of this process of identity formation--and of this course--revolves around the question of how national identities shaped (and were in turn shaped by) the relations of European states both with each other and with non-Europeans, especially Africa, East Asia, and the Pacific.

A central theme of this course is the idea that the Great Powers not only shape the 'international system' but are also shaped by it-- by their experiences of colonization. The course also addresses the critical assessment of historiographic sources (and of the question 'what is history?'); the use of theoretical IR tools to make sense of key international events, and the appraisal of the multiple ways in which variables such as actors, structures and processes contributed to shape the current 'international system.'

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

IRL101E

Host Institution Course Title

INTERNATIONAL HISTORY

Host Institution Campus

International Christian University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
International Relations

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