

## COURSE DETAIL

### SPECIAL TOPICS IN IR: UNDERSTANDING US-CHINA-JAPAN RELATIONS

**Country**

Hong Kong

**Host Institution**

University of Hong Kong

**Program(s)**

University of Hong Kong

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science

**UCEAP Course Number**

145

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

SPECIAL TOPICS IN IR: UNDERSTANDING US-CHINA-JAPAN RELATIONS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

US/CHINA/JAPAN REL

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

5.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

**Course Description**

The United States, China, and Japan are the world's three leading economies. How they interact has decisively shaped the two Asian powers' developmental trajectories, regional international relations, and the world order. Since the United States became a Pacific power, China and Japan have alternatively been the top U.S. geo-strategic threat and industrial competitor. They have also been allies and partners with the United States in different time periods. After World War II, the United States secured its hegemony in Asia. But that international status quo is increasingly being challenged by the China's return as a central player in Asia. The course examines the patterns and issues in U.S.-China-Japan relations after the U.S. expansion as a Pacific power. Our focus is on the contemporary era since the 1970s. In particular we explore three story lines driving the trilateral relations: U.S. presence and strategy in Asia; the national development of China and Japan and their corresponding foreign policy adjustments; and the impact of China's rise.

**Language(s) of Instruction**

English

**Host Institution Course Number**

POLI3076

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**Host Institution Campus****Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department**

Politics &amp; Public Administration

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