# COURSE DETAIL

| EAST ASIAN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS |
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| **Country**<br>Japan |
| **Host Institution**<br>Meiji Gakuin University |
| **Program(s)**<br>Global Studies, Japan |
| **UCEAP Course Level**<br>Upper Division |
| **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**<br>Political Science International Studies Asian Studies |
| **UCEAP Course Number**<br>109 |
| **UCEAP Course Suffix** |
| **UCEAP Official Title**<br>EAST ASIAN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS |
| **UCEAP Transcript Title**<br>EAST ASIAN INTL POL |
| **UCEAP Quarter Units**<br>3.00 |
| **UCEAP Semester Units**<br>2.00 |

**Course Description**

In the early 21st century, there were three techno-economic and strategic cores—Europe, North America, and East Asia, with East Asia being the fastest growing and most dynamic. Although the three regions are of approximately equal economic size, East Asia has been surging forward. East Asia includes China, the world's fastest growing continental economy and second largest economy; Japan, the third largest economy, the second largest source of global capital, and technological leader; South Korea, a technological leader, and Southeast Asia. East Asia is also becoming increasingly important militarily. East Asian strategic issues affect even geographically distant great power relations, including the trans-Atlantic relationship.

This course focuses on the international relations of this crucial region. It begins by tracing the legacy of the Sino-Centric tributary system, a relatively hierarchical international relations system quite different from the anarchical Westphalian system. Then, it considers the impact of Western Imperialism; the rise and fall of Japanese Imperialism, and the Cold War. The remainder of the course focuses on the post-Cold War decade of the 1990s; the Asian Financial Crisis of 1997-98; the rise of regional multilateral institutions; the influence of historical memory on regional politics; East Asia under unipolarity; the rise of China and its complex relations with Japan and the US; China -Japan relations, and more generally, Asia’s relationship with Europe. The course concludes by considering several scenarios for Asian regional politics and this region's place in, and impact on, the global system over the next decades.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

**Host Institution Course Number**
KCPOL211

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**Host Institution Campus**
Yokohama

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**
International Studies

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