COURSE DETAIL

MODERN EAST ASIAN HISTORY A

Country
United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution
University of Edinburgh

Program(s)
University of Edinburgh

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
History Asian Studies

UCEAP Course Number
110

UCEAP Course Suffix
A

UCEAP Official Title
MODERN EAST ASIAN HISTORY A

UCEAP Transcript Title
MODERN E ASIAN HIST

UCEAP Quarter Units
8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

The first part of the course helps students to understand how Korea and Japan, existing in a region where politics and culture revolved around the vicissitudes of Chinese power, built quite unique early modern political systems that ensured centuries of peace and stability. The damage caused by 19th century European and American expansion is explored through political, economic, social, and cultural lenses. Analyzing fascism, democratization, nationalism, and communism, including the era of 'total war' (1931-1945), helps students to understand how early 20th century East Asia was part of global trends at a time when populism and mass movements reshaped the old world order. The course covers the Cold War "peace," which included the Korean War and massive social protest in Japan, to understand how much American and Soviet interests influenced the region. Finally, only through a close examination of the normalization of international relations, particularly with China, and dramatic changes in the Japanese and Korean economies at the end of the last century, can we come to understand how East Asia became one of the centers of global production, security crises, and cultural output.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
ASST08042

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Host Institution Campus
Edinburgh

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
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