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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **COSM27, Asian Studies: International relations of East and South-East Asia, 7.5 credits**

*Asienstudier: Internationella relationer i Öst- och Sydöstasien, 7,5 högskolepoäng*  
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2023-03-06 to be valid from 2023-03-15, autumn semester 2023.

### **General Information**

The course is mandatory in the second semester of the Masters of Science Programme in Asian Studies. It is also offered as a freestanding course.

*Language of instruction:* English

The course is normally taught in English, but can also be taught in Swedish, provided there is a special agreement between the lecturer/s and the students. Such an agreement would depend on both the lecturer and the students having a good knowledge of Swedish.

*Main field of studies*

Asian Studies

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course, the student shall

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- be able to account for basic theories and concepts in the field of international relations,
- be able to account for the application of these theories and concepts to the study of international relations in East and South-East Asia,

### **Competence and skills**

- be able to apply current theories to specific issues concerning international relations in East and South-East Asia,
- be able to use both primary and secondary sources as documentation for a well-supported argument about international relations in East and South-East Asia,
- be able to pursue theoretical arguments about international relations in East and South-East Asia in both speech and writing,
- be able to work systematically in an interdisciplinary context,

### **Judgement and approach**

- be able to critically and independently pursue analytical arguments and assess how theories on international relations can be applied to studies of international issues in East and South-East Asia

### **Course content**

The course deals with the international relations in East and South-East Asia. It begins with an introduction to basic theories about international relations and continues with a short historical overview focusing on the post-war period. Subsequently, the course deals with the following most important regional questions: power rivalry, identity and historical memory, territorial disputes and non-traditional security issues, such as public diplomacy, soft power and environmental and food safety. The course is based on the student's active participation, and will enable students to develop their ability to critically assess and analyse theories and use empirical examples from the region.

### **Course design**

The teaching consists of lectures, 1-3 seminars with oral reports, of which one includes a written assignment, and oral presentations and seminar discussions.

Compulsory participation is required in seminars.

Absence from the mandatory seminar is compensated with an assignment according to the responsible teacher's instructions.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on an individual seminar assignment (2.5 credits) and an individual take-home exam (5 credits).

The course includes opportunities for assessment at a first examination, a re-sit close to the first examination and a second re-sit for courses completed in the past year (catch-up exam).

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

### **Grades**

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This is a translation of the course syllabus approved in Swedish

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The highest grade is A and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result is Fail.

The grade for the entire course consists of a weighted average of all components assessed with differentiated pass grades (in which A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2 and E=1). For a grade of Pass (at least E) on the entire course, the student must have been awarded at least a Pass (E or, for components awarded Pass or Fail, Pass) on all assessed components and have participated in all compulsory components.

At the start of the course students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied in the course.

## **Entry requirements**

To be admitted to the course, the student must have a degree of Bachelor in social sciences or humanities.

Oral and written proficiency in English corresponding to English 6/B from Swedish upper secondary school is a requirement. International qualifications will be assessed in accordance with national guidelines.

A general exemption from the requirement of proficiency in Swedish is applied.

## **Further information**

1. The course is offered at the Department of History, Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies, Lund University.
2. The course replaces CÖSM37: Asian Studies: Asia in Global and Regional Politics
3. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

## Subcourses in COSM27, Asian Studies: International relations of East and South-East Asia

Applies from H23

- 2301 Individual seminar assignment, 2,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 2302 Individual Take-Home Exam, 5,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A