Course Outline

School / Portfolio: Faculty of Education and Arts

Course Title: EXPLORING EASTERN CIVILISATIONS

Course ID: HISGL3309

Credit Points: 15.00

Prerequisite(s): (One First Year and Two Second Year Courses)

Co-requisite(s): Nil

Exclusion(s): (HISGL1109 and HISGL2209)

ASCED Code: 090305

Program Level:

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Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge:

K1. Research the early river civilisations in Asia such as the Tigris-Euphrates rivers, the Indus River and Yellow River civilisations;

K2. Develop knowledge of the histories of selected Asian cultures and religions;

K3. Recognise and understand how the past has influenced the current cultural, political, social and economic conditions in Asia;

K4. Examine in-depth the interactions of various civilizations within and beyond Asia;

K5. Establish a sound foundation of appreciation of history and development of selected Asian countries for further studies in the areas of cross-cultural and international studies.

Skills:

S1. Develop analytical skills to recognise differences in pathways of civilizations in Asia in contrast to the West;

S2. Apply the understanding of Asia and its cultures to daily life in multicultural Australia;

S3. Develop effective oral and written communication skills.

Application of knowledge and skills:

A1. Apply knowledge of Eastern civilisations in the era of globalisation and participation in the debate of "clash of civilisations";

A2. Recognise cultural differences as a result of diverse historical backgrounds;
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A3. Reflect critically on Australia’s strategic position in Asia and relationship with Asian countries.

Course Content:

Topics may include:

- Introduction to civilization history of selected countries and regions in Asia;
- Introduction to the major contributions by selected Asian civilizations to science, technology and medicine;
- Investigation of spiritual and cultural development in the progress of selected Asian civilizations;
- Exploration of interactions and conflicts between selected Asian civilizations and their impact on the historical development in the Asian region;
- Examination of the economic, judicial and political development in selected civilizations in Asia;
- Analysis of the impact of legacies of major Asian civilizations.

Values and Graduate Attributes:

Values:

V1. Develop an open mind towards and an appreciation of different world views;

V2. Appreciate the roles of science, technology, and economic, spiritual and cultural development in the progress of civilizations in Asia;

V3. Acknowledge and understand the differences and similarities in pathways of civilizations between different societies in Asia.

Graduate Attributes:

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<td>Continuous Learning</td>
<td>Students will continuously develop skills to work in the globalised society, in particular Asia.</td>
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<td>Self Reliance</td>
<td>Students will build on their skills through continuous learning, intercultural communication, independent thinking and initiative in the context of the emergence of Asia.</td>
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<td>Engaged Citizenship</td>
<td>Students will work to gain the skills and confidence needed to understand and engage effectively in debates concerning Asian related affairs and their impact on Australia.</td>
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<td>Social Responsibility</td>
<td>Students will develop new skills in the critical analysis of Asian history and debates on the impact of the rise of Asia in world politics, economy, environment and culture.</td>
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Learning Task and Assessment:

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<td>K1, K2, S3, A3</td>
<td>Analyse one civilization in Asia, focusing on the development of one of the following areas: culture, religion, science, judicial system, politics or economy.</td>
<td>Seminar oral presentation</td>
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<td>K3, K4, S1, S3, A2</td>
<td>Acquire fundamental knowledge of civilizations in Asia; Comparison of Asian civilizations.</td>
<td>Test</td>
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<td>K5, S2, S3, A1, A3</td>
<td>Completion of class activity tasks including relevant homework; reflection on topics and active participation in discussion. The weekly homework requires independent literature search and synopsis of the readings.</td>
<td>Class preparation, written submissions and participation.</td>
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**Adopted Reference Style:**

APA