Course Outline

School / Portfolio: Faculty of Education and Arts
Course Title: ASIAN GEOGRAPHY, SOCIETIES AND CULTURES
Course ID: SOCOG2008
Credit Points: 15.00
Prerequisite(s): (Two First Year Level Courses)
Co-requisite(s): Nil
Exclusion(s): (SOCOG 1002, SOCOG 2002, SOCOG 1008)
ASCED Code: 090399

Program Level:

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<td>Introductory:</td>
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Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge:

K1. Gain a general understanding of Asia in terms of geography, demography, history, and educational, political and economic systems;
K2. Acquire a broad knowledge of major Asian cultures and religions;
K3. Recognise and understand the impact of culture on individuals and their values in Asia;
K4. Examine impact of cultures, education, politics and colonial history on societies and nation-states in Asia;
K5. Establish foundations of cultural awareness for further studies in the areas of cross-cultural and international studies.

Skills:

S1. Establish analytical skills to recognise differences in culture and religions in contrast to the West;
S2. Apply the understanding of Asia and its cultures to daily life in multicultural Australia;
S3. Develop an intermediate level of oral and written communication skills;
S4. Enhance research skills.

Application of knowledge and skills:

A1. Apply knowledge on Asian issues to the era of globalisation;
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A2. Recognise cultural differences as a result of diverse historical, environmental, educational, religious, economic and demographic backgrounds;
A3. Reflect critically on Australia’s relationship with Asian countries and strategic position in Asia.

Course Content:
Topics may include:

- Introduction to geography, demography, a brief overview of the history of selected countries and regions in Asia;
- Introduction to major religions in Asia: Buddhism, Taoism, Hinduism, Shinto and Islam;
- A brief review of Orientalism and its impact on the image of Asia in the West;
- Investigation of different Asian cultures such as the Chinese, Japanese, Indian and Muslim cultures;
- Exploration of educational and political systems in selected countries and regions in Asia;
- Examination of the economic state and characteristics of select countries and regions in Asia;
- Analysis of the impact of geography, demography, history, religion and culture on the development of some of the Asian values and societies.

Values and Graduate Attributes:

Values:

V1. Develop an open mind towards, and an appreciation of, different world views;
V2. Appreciate relationships between history, economic development, culture and education in the development of societies in Asia;
V3. Acknowledge and understand the differences in culture, values, beliefs, educational, political and economic systems between different societies in Asia and the West.

Graduate Attributes:

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<th>Brief Description</th>
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<td>Continuous Learning</td>
<td>Students will continuously develop skills in cultural awareness and intercultural competence.</td>
<td>High</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 a culturally diverse society</td>
<td>Medium</td>
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<td>Engaged Citizenship</td>
<td>Students will develop new skills in the critical analysis of cultures and debates surrounding different cultural values</td>
<td>High</td>
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<td>Social Responsibility</td>
<td>Students will work to gain the skills and confidence needed to understand and engage effectively in debates concerning multiculturalism</td>
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### Learning Task and Assessment:

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<tr>
<td>K1, A3</td>
<td>Acquire fundamental knowledge of Asia</td>
<td>Test</td>
<td>35-45%</td>
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<td>K3, K4, S3, S4, A1</td>
<td>Analysis of one country/region in Asia focusing on one of the following areas: geography, culture, religion, education, or political or economic systems</td>
<td>Presentation in class or online as appropriate</td>
<td>20-30%</td>
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<td>K5, S1, S3, S4, A2, A3.</td>
<td>Analyse one Asian religion or one Asian country’s culture or education or political situation.</td>
<td>Essay</td>
<td>20-30%</td>
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<td>K1, K2, S3, A2, A3.</td>
<td>Completion of class activity tasks; reflection on topics and active participation in discussion</td>
<td>Participation in class or online as appropriate</td>
<td>5-10%</td>
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### Adopted Reference Style:

APA