

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HA3091 Cross-Strait Relations

Pre-requisites : HA1001

No. of AUs. : 3

Contact Hours : 39

Course Aims

Relations across the Taiwan Strait are one of the most intricate, intractable—and consequential—security and political questions in Asia and the world. As a proverbial flashpoint, it remains an enduring source of instability or concern in regional and global affairs. This course will engage students in an in-depth examination of the issues and complexities surrounding China-Taiwan relations. The course will explore and discuss, among other things, the theoretical facets, political history, identity politics, political economy, security dynamics, and potential resolutions of cross-strait relations. The goals, strategies, rationales and domestic underpinnings of the main actors in this ongoing and evolving political story will also be examined.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- (1) Gain a deeper insight into the issues surrounding one of the more enduring and intransigent cases of a 'divided nation' in international politics.
- (2) Gain a better understanding of one of the primary sources of contention in China-United States relations and their great power rivalry.
- (3) Develop a better appreciation of the nuances, grammar and complexities in cross-strait relations.
- (4) Acquire additional knowledge and analytical expertise in the study of the international relations and security of East Asia.

Course Content

| Sessions | Themes |
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| 1 | Introduction and Overview |
| 2 | Theory and Cross-Strait Relations |

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| 3 | Political History of Cross-strait Relations |
| 4 | Actors in Cross-Strait Relations: China |
| 5 | Actors in Cross-Strait Relations: Taiwan |
| 6 | Actors in Cross-Strait Relations: The United States |
| 7 | Multimedia Learning |
| 8 | Actors in Cross-Strait Relations: Japan |
| 9 | Identity Politics (Taiwan) |
| 10 | Identity Politics (China) |
| 11 | Political Economy of Cross-Strait Relations |
| 12 | Political Solutions |
| 13 | Course Recap |

Course Assessment

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| CA1 Class Participation | : 10% |
| CA2 Presentation | : 20% |
| CA3 Research Essay | : 50% |
| CA4 Quiz | : 20% |
| Total | ----- 100% |