

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title	: HA4021 Comparative Politics in Asia (mutually exclusive with HA3021)
Pre-requisites	: HA1002, HA1012
No. of AUs.	: 4
Contact Hours	: 52

Course Aims

This course will discuss and investigate politics in Asia using a comparative approach. We will be exploring the regions of Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, and Central Asia. We will study the continent through themes such as development, authoritarianism, ethnic violence, civil society, religion, *inter alia*. Empirical cases will be delved into as well, in order to ground the module in real-world occurrences.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

- 1) Identify the major themes relevant to Asian politics.
- 2) Critique the contemporary debates on Asian politics and public policy issues.
- 3) Compare and contrast the various political systems within the continent.
- 4) Examine the academic literature on Asian politics and critically assess it.
- 5) Debate on major political events and issues in Asia and provide constructive suggestions on improvements to the political system and/or public policy.

Course Content

1. Introduction: Comparative Politics in Asia
2. The Modern State and Peasant Politics
3. Authoritarianism: One-Party Rule
4. Hegemonic and Predominant Parties
5. Social Forces and Regime Change
6. Political Economy
7. Ethnicity and Electoral Politics
8. Violence and Conflict
9. Religion and Politics
10. Civil Society
11. Women in Politics
12. Money Politics

Course Assessment

Class Participation (Weekly question : 20%
before each tutorial)

CA1: Research Essay : 40%

CA2: 2 Short Papers (20% each) : 40%

Total -----

100%