

POU44502 — Topics in Political Science 9: East Asian Politics: Past, Present, and Future

Module Information	
Module Code	POU44502
Module Title	East Asian Politics: Past, Present, and Future
Department	Political Science
Year Group	Senior Sophister
Module Personnel	Jiwon Baik
Academic Year	2026–27
Credit Weighting	5 credits
Semester	Semester 2
Contact Hours	2 lectures per week (100 minutes)

Module Content	
Module Description	This course provides an introduction to the comparative politics of East Asia, with a focus on China, Taiwan, Japan, and South and North Korea. The first section discusses state building in East Asian regions, including the historical origins of modern-day economic and political institutions. The second section discusses individual states' political development, institutional arrangements, and leadership. The third section examines the state's role in promoting the region's economic development and broader political-economic trends in the region. The fourth section discusses state-society relations, focusing on the politics of identity, nationalism, civil society development, and gender politics. No prior knowledge of the region is required for this course.
Learning Outcomes	• Identify historical and institutional foundations of East Asian politics, • Apply concepts and theories in comparative politics to analyze East Asian politics, • Describe differences and similarities in political systems, historical constraints, and political outcomes from the five



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	East Asian countries (China, Taiwan, South Korea, North Korea, Japan).
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Assessment

Assessment Components	Participation 20%; Midterm Essay 30%; Final Exam 50%
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Additional Information

Prerequisites	None
Co-requisites	None