

CULT 1001 ASIA IN THE WORLD

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 101442

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Description This subject introduces Asian societies, cultures, religions, and histories. Considering both traditional and contemporary times, it seeks to place Asia's diverse cultures in a global context. It examines issues such as how to define Asia, how Asian states related to each other, and how Western ideas of international relations have transformed these relations. The subject considers how the great religions/philosophies of Asian societies - Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Christianity and Confucianism - have influenced Asian states and relations between them. It explores other forces which have shaped the civilisations, politics and communities of Asia and how they have related to each other and the world beyond.

School Humanities & Comm Arts

Discipline Society and Culture, Not Elsewhere Classified.

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 1 subject

Equivalent Subjects LGYA 0912 - Foundations of Asia

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Describe the diversity and complexity of Asia.
2. Critique the social manifestations and international political impact of Islam, Hinduism, Christianity, Buddhism and Confucianism in an Asian context.
3. Explain the balance between continuity and change in Asian traditions and contemporary societies.
4. Conduct research on traditional and modern concepts of international relations, particularly in an Asian context.

Subject Content

- Prehistoric Asia
- The Civilisation of Ancient India, China, Japan, Korea, and SE Asia
- Asian Religions
- Medieval SE Asia, Japan, Korea, China
- Imperialism in Asia
- Japan and The struggle for Asia

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Quiz	30 mins each (approx. 500 words in total)	30	N	Individual	Y
Short Answer	800 words	30	N	Individual	Y
Essay	1,200 words	40	N	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

- Subject Reader
- Murphey, R. Stapleton, K. A History of Asia (New York: Routledge 2019), 8th Global Edition. Proquest Ebook Central.

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Bankstown City

On-site

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