

Course Syllabus

"Political Power Grows From the Barrel of a Gun" - Military and State-building in East Asia 1839 to present day

"Politisk makt växer ur en gevärspipa" - Militär och statsbyggnad i Ostasien från 1839 till idag.

Course Code	1MH085	Main Field of Study	History with specialisation in Military History
Valid from Semester	Autumn 2024	Department	Department of War Studies and Military History
Education Cycle	Basic level	Subject	History with Specialization in Military History
Scope	7.5	Language of Instruction	The teaching is conducted in English.
Progression	G1F	Decided by	The Research and Education Board's Course Syllabus Committee at the Swedish Defence University
Grading Scale	Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction	Decision date	2023-12-12
Revision	1.0		

Entry Requirements

General entry requirements.

Course Content and Structure

This course focuses on the military history of East Asia from 1839 to the present day. It explores how different political entities in East Asia sought to preserve political integrity and independence in the international systems. The approach is global history and focuses on how East Asian states were influenced by the political, economic, cultural and ideological pull of great powers, and sought to use these foreign "tools" to build strong, modern states.

The course is organized chronologically and broken down into four sections:

- (1) 1839-1905 – The Age of Western Imperialism
- (2) 1905-1949 – The Age of Wars
- (3) 1949 -1990 – The Age of the Cold War
- (4) 1990 - present day – The Age of the Asian Century?

The course combines lectures and seminars in each period. The purpose is that lectures presents the thematic framework and how each period can be analysed. The analysis is deepened through the seminars, also developing presentation skills. The course is examined through a written home exam in which the student analyses and presents chronological as well as thematic perspectives.

Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course the student should be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- understand and summarize the geopolitics and military history of East Asia based on global historical reasoning
- understand and explain how political, economic, cultural and ideological development relates to the great powers and military development

Competence and skills

- in writing and orally analyse East Asia's military history and political development through global history
- in writing and orally explain the relationship between structural and actor-driven factors in the region's military historical development

Judgement and approach

- critically and source-critically relate to the relationship between Western historiography and Asian history, as well as the historical foundations of today's development.

Type of Instruction

Seminars

Lectures

Independent Literature Studies

Assessment**Exam**

Scope: 7.5

Grading Scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction

The course is assessed through active and constructive participation in mandatory seminars and through an individual written home exam.

The examiner can determine what supplementary work can be completed in order to achieve a Pass mark. The student will have three working days to complete supplementary work once it has been agreed, in the absence of previously accepted exceptional circumstances. Exams which are submitted after the due date will not be marked unless the examiner has previously accepted exceptional circumstances.

Grading

The student is graded on a three-point grading scale: Fail (U), Pass (G) and Pass with Distinction (VG). Grading criteria are reported at the latest at the start of the course.

For the grade Pass (G) on the course, the student must achieve the grade Pass (G) on the seminars, as well as Pass (G) on the home exam. For the grade Pass with Distinction (VG) on the course, the student must achieve the grade Pass with Distinction (VG) on more than half of the seminars, as well as the grade Pass with Distinction (VG) on the home exam.

Restrictions in Number of Examinations

There is no limit on the total number of examination opportunities.

Restrictions Concerning Degree

The course cannot be included in a degree with another course whose content fully or partially corresponds to the content of this course.

Transitional Provisions

When the course is no longer offered or when the course content has changed substantially, the student has the right to be examined once per semester during a three-term period in accordance with this syllabus.

Miscellaneous

If the Swedish Defence University has formally decided that the student is entitled to receive special educational support due to a disability, the examiner may decide on alternative forms of examination for the student. The course director will conduct an evaluation on the completion of the course, which will form the basis for any changes to the course.



Reading List

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