

**Course Code:** HIS 128 (IAI S2 920N)

**Course Title:** History of Asia and Pacific Region

**Department:** Arts, Media, and Social Sciences

**Effective Date:** Summer 2026

**PCS Code:** 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer

**CIP Code:** 54.0106

**Repeatability:** 0

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## Credit Hours

**Catalog Notation:** 4-0-4

**Credit Hour Distribution:**

Lecture: 4

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

**Total: 4**

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## General Course Information

### Catalog Description

Political, social, economic, and cultural history of Asia and the Pacific Region from ancient times to the present; responses and adaptations to Western influence, modernizations, and transformations to the present.

### General Course Objectives

To gain an understanding and appreciation of the history and development of the political, economic, social, and cultural institutions of Asia and the Pacific Region. To understand the historical and cultural relations between Asia and the Pacific Region and the West through the present.

### Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 098	Placement out of CCS 098	None

### Prerequisites

None

### Methods of Evaluation

Students take a midterm and a final exam; both are mixed objective-essay exams. Students are required to complete a reading and writing assignment which is usually a 2,000 word research paper which makes use of both primary and secondary sources.

### Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Asia: A Concise History, Author: Cotterell, Arthur. 978-0470825044

## Course Content

### General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.
- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

### Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Introduction to Asia and the Pacific Region	1. Describe the geography of Asia and the Pacific Region and how it has influenced cultural developments and history.	4	0	0
Ancient West Asia and the First Human Civilization	1. Examine the rise of civilization in Sumer, the expansion of powerful empires, and the development of influential religions in the region.	4	0	0
Ancient South Asia and the Rise of Civilization in the Indian Subcontinent	1. Describe the Indus Valley and Aryan civilizations, the Mauryan Empire, and invasions from the Bactrians to the Huns.	4	0	0
Ancient East Asia and Chinese Dominance	1. Examine and analyze key developments in the ancient Chinese Dynasties: Shang, Zhou, Qin, and Han.	4	0	0
Ancient Central Asia, Buddhism, and Attila the Hun	1. Describe the Steppe and its importance as a means of migration and communication. 2. Understand the spread of Buddhism. 3. Analyze the significance of Attila the Hun.	4	0	0
The Spread of Islam and the Crusades in Medieval West Asia	1. Describe the rise and spread of Islam, the Crusades, and the power and influence of the Ottoman Empire.	4	0	0
The Mughal Empire and European Conflicts	1. Describe the Mughal Empire and examine its ongoing rivalry with European powers.	4	0	0
Medieval East Asia	1. Explain the rise of Chinese dynasties, Confucian Korea, and feudal Japan. 2. Examine the differences and similarities between medieval Chinese dynasties, Confucian Korea, and feudal Japan.	4	0	0
The Mongols and Other Powers in Medieval Central Asia	1. Compare and contrast the Mongols, the Tibetan Empire, the Turks, and the Manchu conquests.	4	0	0
Developing Kingdoms and Island Powers in Medieval Southeast Asia	1. Examine the rise of an independent Vietnam. 2. Describe the rise of the Thai. 3. Discuss the further spread of Islam. 4. Examine growing European conflicts in medieval southeast Asia.	4	0	0
Modern West Asia	1. Describe World War I in west Asia. 2. Examine the fall of the Ottoman Empire. 3. Discuss the rise of Israel and Saudi Arabia. 4. Examine the conflict between Iran and Iraq.	4	0	0
The British in India and the Rise of Indian Nationalism	1. Examine the British incursion into India, the success of Indian national resistance, and the formation of new regional countries.	4	0	0

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Conflicts in Modern East Asia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the growth of Japanese imperial power and their conflict with China.</li> <li>2. Examine the Korean War and the rise of the Pacific Rim.</li> </ol>	4	0	0
Modern Central Asia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discuss the Russian advance.</li> <li>2. Examine the rise of central Asian republics.</li> </ol>	4	0	0
Modern Southeast Asia, Decolonization, and Pacific Island Independence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Examine the post-World War II decolonization of Southeast Asia.</li> <li>2. Discuss the Vietnam War.</li> <li>3. Describe the independence and democratic developments in the Pacific Islands.</li> </ol>	4	0	0

**Total Contact Hours**

<b>Lecture Hours</b>	<b>Lab Hours</b>	<b>Clinical Hours</b>
60	0	0