

EU-East Asia Relations (K001077)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 5.0

Study time 150 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2023-2024

A (semester 1)

English

Gent

lecture

independent work

Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024

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lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2023-2024

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Master of Science in Teaching in Languages(main subject Oriental Languages and Cultures)	5	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Social Sciences(main subject Political Science)	5	A
Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject China)	5	A
Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject India)	5	A
Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject Japan)	5	A
Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject Middle East Studies)	5	A
Master of Arts in Global Studies	5	A
Master of Arts in Global Studies	5	A
Master of Science in EU-Studies	5	A
Exchange Programme Global Studies and World Societies	5	A
Exchange Programme in Political and Social Sciences	5	A
Exchange Programme Oriental Languages and Cultures	5	A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

European Union, East Asia, Northeast Asia, Japan, China, Korea, regionalism, trade, security, democracy, human rights, geopolitics, geostrategy

Position of the course

This specialised course is an optional component of two master programmes: the Master in EU studies (main subject Specific EU issues), and the Master in Oriental Languages and Cultures. The course aims at providing the students a broad and in-depth understanding of the relations between the EU on the one hand, and East Asia and Northeast Asia on the other hand. It benefits from the extensive expertise at the Centre for EU Studies and the Department of Languages and Cultures at Ghent University. It will also be linked to regular academic events organized by both research groups. In addition, the course will involve experts including international researchers as well as practitioners. Through interaction with the lecturers, students learn to participate in a debate on an academically high level in English. Relation to educational competences of the Master in EU studies: M.1.1, M.1.2., M. 1.4., M. 2.1., M.3.1., M.3.2., M.5.1. Relation to educational competences of the Master in Oriental Languages and Cultures: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3

Contents

This specialized course gives an overview and analysis of 1. East and Northeast Asia (historical, political and economic context of China, Japan, North Korea and South Korea), 2. The EU's external policy (historical evolution and institutional context), and 3. Regionalism in Europe and East and Northeast Asia. This framework serves as a basis for the elaboration on the relations between the EU and the rapidly changing East and Northeast Asian region.

Courses on the current EU-Asia relations will address topics such as trade, human rights and democracy, security, geopolitics and geostrategy. Closer attention will be paid at a number of specific issues in the EU's bilateral relations with Asian countries. For example, this could be the EU's 'global gateway' policy, or the position of the EU in the cross-strait issue.

Initial competences

- All students of the Master in EU studies (Main Subject Specific EU Studies) and of the Master in Oriental Languages and Cultures are allowed to take this specialist course.
- No specific prior knowledge is required. The course builds further on a general level of academic thinking and working; generally acquired knowledge on the EU's external policy and a background knowledge on East Asia and Northeast Asia is recommended.

Final competences

- 1 - To gain insight into the complexity of political, economical and security dynamics in the East and Northeast Asian region.
- 2 - To gain insight into the complexity of the EU's foreign policy towards this region.
- 3 - To have the knowledge to critically interpret the current role of the EU in East and Northeast Asia, namely China, Japan, ROK and DPRK, against the background of a changing global order.
- 4 - To be able to elaborate a well-argued opinion with respect to the area and contextualize specific bilateral issues within these relations.
- 5 - To gain a profound knowledge of the various areas of EU's external actions in East and Northeast Asia.
- 6 - To be able to independently and critically follow up current political events in the area.
- 7 - To be able to present a critical analysis of recent developments in written form (English)

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

ex cathedra, guest lectures, discussion sessions

complies with the following learning outcomes of the Master EU Studies : M.1.1; M.1.4; M.1.5; M.1.7; M.3.1; M.3.2; M.4.2; M.4.3

Learning materials and price

Teaching materials will be provided through Ufora
Students' personal lecture notes

References

Thomas Christiansen, Emil Kirchner and Philomena B. Murray (ed) (2013), The Palgrave Handbook on EU-Asia Relations, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Course content-related study coaching

Interactive support through Ufora
By personal appointment (through e-mail)
During office hours

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Peer and/or self assessment, Assignment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Peer and/or self assessment, Assignment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods

Periodic assessment

- Paper (5000 words, deadline is communicated through Ufora)

Handing in the paper during the second examination period is possible

Calculation of the examination mark

80 % assessment of paper

20 % peer assessmentart in view of writing the paper