

**Geography of Asia**

Code: 101522  
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500244 East Asian Studies	FB	1	1

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**Use of languages**

Principal working language: english (eng)  
Some groups entirely in English: Yes  
Some groups entirely in Catalan: No  
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

**Teachers**

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**Prerequisites**

None

**Objectives and Contextualisation**

Introduce the students to the most relevant aspects of the physical and human Geography of East Asian countries, including geopolitics, physiography, climate, river basins, population, agricultural and food systems, manufacturing, cities and the environment. Through lectures and practical work in the classroom, it is expected that students will gain a basic knowledge of the Geography of East Asia and that this knowledge may be useful for them in other courses of the degree.

**Skills**

- Developing critical thinking and reasoning and communicating them effectively both in your own and other languages.
- Developing self-learning strategies.
- Ensuring the quality of one's own work.
- Having interpersonal skills.
- Knowing and comprehending the physical and human geography of East Asia.
- Knowing and using the information and communication technology resources (ICT) in order to collect, produce, analyse and present information related to the East Asian Studies.
- Promoting the sustainable development.
- Respecting the diversity and plurality of ideas, people and situations.
- Students must be flexible and capable of adapting to new circumstances.

**Learning outcomes**

1. Assessing the obtained results in the information search process in order to update the knowledge about geography.
2. Demonstrating knowledge about key concepts and theoretical frameworks of geography.
3. Developing critical thinking and reasoning and communicating them effectively both in your own and other languages.
4. Developing self-learning strategies.
5. Ensuring the quality of one's own work.
6. Having interpersonal skills.
7. Identifying and describing the human geography of East Asia.
8. Identifying and describing the physical geography of East Asia.
9. Promoting the sustainable development.
10. Respecting the diversity and plurality of ideas, people and situations.
11. Students must be flexible and capable of adapting to new circumstances.
12. Using different tools for specific purposes in the field of geography.
13. Using the basic terminology of geography.

## Content

Introductory course to the Geography of East Asia; Physical Geography. Population, Agriculture, Manufacturing, Cities and Environmental Issues.

## Methodology

The methodology includes lectures and practical work in the classroom (33 percent), student supervised work (12 percent); student own work (50 percent), and tests (5 percent).

The course will use the most common tools of the university's online system (Campus Virtual) such as email messages, news, calendars, virtual areas for the submission of practical work, etc.

## Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
<b>Type: Directed</b>			
Directed	4	0.16	1, 2, 8, 12, 13
Student own work	55	2.2	1, 2, 8, 7, 12, 13
<b>Type: Supervised</b>			
Supervised	12	0.48	4, 3, 9, 10, 11, 6, 5
<b>Type: Autonomous</b>			
Autonomous	75	3	4, 3, 9, 10, 11, 6, 5

## Evaluation

The evaluation will consist in two written tests (40 percent of the grade each), and the elaboration of MANDATORY course practical work in groups of students (20 percent of the grade).

### Evaluation of learning results:

To prove a sufficient knowledge of the main aspects of Physical Geography, population and agriculture and food Systems of East Asia (1st test).

To prove a sufficient knowledge of the main aspects of energy, manufacturing, cities and the environment of East Asia.

To use specific tools to complete the practical work assignments on the geographical analysis of East Asia (practical work).

To use basic Geographical Terminology applied to East Asia (practical work).

To assess results obtained in the process of information search on the geographical aspects to improve the knowledge of East Asia.

The information concerning student evaluation, namely the assessed tasks and their relative weighting in the final mark, is a general orientation only. The lecturer teaching this course will provide a detailed description and breakdown at the beginning of the semester.

### Revision

Prior to formally entering final marks, the lecturer will publish the date / time for assessment revision and the final mark. The lecturer and student will agree on the day / time to revise any of the assessed course activities.

### Recovery

Students have the right to resit or make up evaluated work providing they have submitted a minimum of 66.6% (two thirds), or more, of the formally assessed work which makes up the final grade and who have an average of 3.5 or more according to the evaluation criteria.

The lecturer will inform students of the procedure for resitting or making up evaluated work when they publish the final grade. This will be published before the final mark is entered into the system. The lecturer may require an individual assignment / test to make up for each failed evaluated task, or task not performed, or choose to combine failed assessed tasks for the same purpose.

### "No-evaluable" mark

A mark of *no-evaluable* (N/A Not Assessable) will be awarded if a student fails to hand in more than 25% of the assessed work used to calculate the final mark.

### Plagiarism, copying, identity theft

In cases of plagiarism, copying, identity theft, etc. in an evaluation activity, a mark of "0" will be given. If such a case is detected over more than one of the evaluable exercises then the student will be given a final mark of "0" for the course.

A student does not have the right to resitting or making up work in cases of plagiarism, copying or identity theft.

## Evaluation activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Practical Work	20%	0	0	2, 4, 3, 8, 7, 9, 10, 11, 6, 5
Tests	80% ( 40%+40%)	4	0.16	1, 2, 4, 3, 8, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 5

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