

**School of Arts & Science
Social Sciences**

**ASIA 230 – Canada and Asia-Pacific
Winter 2005**

COURSE OUTLINE

The Approved Course Description is available on the web

Ω Please note: It is recommended students keep this outline for their records.

1. Instructor Information

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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

1. The student can demonstrate a knowledge of the transformations that have taken and are taking place in Asia Pacific region in terms of their implications for Canada.
2. The student can critically assess the nature and extent of Canadian involvement as it pertains to investment and trade, development assistance, the human condition, and the impact on the environment.

3. Required Materials

- (a) Texts

None

- (b) Other

Selected articles on reserve in the library.

The course bibliography will provide a resource for research and supplementary readings.

4. Course Content and Schedule

Course Objectives:

The object of the course is to provide the student with a grasp of the political economy of the Asia Pacific Region. Canadian interests in the region will be examined with the aim of identifying where Canada is involved, the nature and extent of Canadian involvement and the degree to which Canada has prepared itself to be an active participant. The intent of the course is to explore this material not only in terms of official Canadian policy and the pursuit of

investment and trade, but also in terms of the human condition in Asia and the Pacific. Thus, the economic development of the Asia Pacific region and Canada's role in it will also be examined with respect to the social and environmental costs involved.

Course topic areas:

1. The political economy of Canada.
2. The history of Canadian involvement in the Asia Pacific region.
3. The contemporary situation: an overview of current Canadian interests in the region.
4. Canadian political objectives: foreign policy and strategic interests.
5. Canadian economic objectives: trade, aid and investment.
6. The human dimension: women in the labour force, working and living conditions, racism and human rights.
7. Environmental issues and the militarization of the region.
8. Bilateral relations:
 - a. Canada and Japan
 - b. Canada and China
 - c. Canada and the "Little Dragons" (Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore and South Korea)
 - d. Canada and ASEAN
 - e. Canada and the South Pacific
9. The future – the challenge of the Pacific era: What are appropriate Canadian responses?

5. Basis of Student Assessment

(a) Assignments

Essay: Each student is responsible for completing a three-page (750 word), typewritten analysis of a current Canadian newspaper or magazine article that deals with Canada and the Pacific Basin. This assignment, which will be explained more fully in class, will be evaluated on a Pass-Fail basis. A copy of the article together with the analysis is due February 8. (10%)

(b) Quizzes

(c) Exams

Midterm exam: The midterm exam will be based on the material covered to date in the course. Four questions will be given out one week before the exam, and the student will be asked to answer two of them in essay form. The exam will be written in class March 1. (30%)

Second exam: The second exam will focus on material covered since the midterm. It will be an "objective style" multiple choice exam, but will attempt to test one's conceptual rather than factual knowledge. It will be written during the final exam period. (25%)

(d) Other

Term paper: Each student is responsible for completing a research paper of one thousand five hundred words, with a bibliography and references. Possible paper topics will be identified at the beginning of the course, and the student's specific topic must be selected by February 15. The completed paper is due March 22. (35%)

6. Grading System

The following percentage conversion to letter grade will be used:

A+ = 95 - 100%	B = 75 - 79%	D = 50 - 59%
A = 90 - 94%	B- = 70 - 74%	F = 0.0 - 49%
A- = 85 - 89%	C+ = 65 - 69%	
B+ = 80 - 84%	C = 60 - 64%	

7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College Calendar, Registrar's Office or the College web site at <http://www.camosun.bc.ca>

ACADEMIC CONDUCT POLICY

There is an Academic Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, Registration, and on the College web site in the Policy Section.

www.camosun.bc.ca/divisions/pres/policy/2-education/2-5.html