

Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)
Faculty/Institute/College Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSO 351 **Course Title** Contemporary Japan and Korea
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** None
5. **Type of Course** Social Science major elective course
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** Third Trimester / Every other year
7. **Course Description**
 Contemporary politics, economics, society and culture in Japan and the two Koreas. International relations in Japanese and Korean perspective.
8. **Course Objective (s)**
 - (i) To provide an overview of political, economic and social developments in contemporary Japan and the Koreas.
 - (ii) To examine current trends and issues in regional politics and economics.
 - (iii) To familiarize students with relevant political and academic debates specific to the region.

9. Course Outline

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	Introduction / Post - WWII context	4	Dr. D. Rorex
2	US, Japan and socio - political re - engineering	4	
3	Cold War, the Koreas and Japan	4	
4	Contemporary political economy of Japan	4	
5	Contemporary political economy of the Koreas	4	
6	Review and mid - term evaluation	4	
7	Modern Japanese society	4	
8	Korea North and South	4	
9	Current Issues	4	
10	Student presentations	4	
11	Student presentations	4	
	Total	44	

10. Teaching Method (s)

Lectures, discussions, student term papers, student oral presentations, and independent study project.

11. Teaching Media

Text materials, handouts, and film resources.

12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement

Evaluation will be undertaken using test scores, presentations and participation in order to establish a standard alphabetical ranking.

13. Course evaluation

A mid - term examination will be used to assess 30% of the total grade. Class participation and oral presentations will be used to assess an additional 30% with the remaining 40% being derived from a final examination.

14. Reference (s)

Moore, Charles. *The Japanese Mind*, Honolulu : University of Hawaii Press; Simon, Geoff. *Korea : The Search for Sovereignty*, London : Macmillan.

15. Instructor (s)

Dr. Dale Rorex

16. Course Coordinator

Dr. Dale Rorex