

This summer:

Geography of Pacific Asia



This course is a comprehensive introduction to the countries of East Asia and Southeast Asia. What cultural traditions make Asia unique? How is Asia changing as it becomes a global powerhouse? Special topics will include environmental sustainability, territorial conflicts, pop cultures, local cuisine, urbanization and mega-cities, the rise of China, Asia in the world, and regional economic development.

Fulfills Social Science and International Cultures requirements!

To get more specific about what you will learn: you will become familiar with the most important political, economic, social, cultural, historical and environmental dimensions of each country of Pacific Asia; how each country relates to its land (its single most important interaction with nature), made its transition from agrarian to urban/industrial (or not); how Pacific Asia functions (and does not function) as a coherent whole; the patterns of environmental and political interactions between regions; and the limitations of country-scale analysis in understanding Pacific Asia.

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Details

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