



This is an abridged sample syllabus. Information is subject to change. Full syllabus will be distributed to registered students when term begins.

ASIA_V 456 - History and Culture of Taiwan

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This course explores major social, economic, political, and cultural changes and continuities in Taiwan from the seventeenth century to the present. The purpose of the course is to provide students with a critical approach to history and a broad knowledge base concerning Taiwanese history and culture. It is also intended to stimulate further interest in studying Taiwan society, particularly the evolution of its democracy, as well as its place in today's global world. After completing this course, students are expected not only to have acquired the knowledge and understanding of the unique historical path from which Taiwan developed into an economically prosperous and a politically democratic society, and how their economic and political developments have encountered difficulties in this age of ever faster changes, but also to have the ability to discuss this knowledge with clarity and accuracy.

Mode of Delivery: Online

Sample Readings

Rubinstein, Murray A., ed. 1999. *Taiwan: A New History*. M. E. Sharpe

Andrade, Tonio. 2013. *Lost Colony: The Untold Story of China's First Great Victory over the West*. Princeton University Press.

Szonyi, Michael. 2008. *Cold War Island: Quemoy on the Front Line*. Cambridge University Press

Assignments

Attendance | 10%

Participation & Discussion | 10%

Midterm | 40%

Final | 40%