Administrative Unit: History and Social Sciences Department
Course Prefix and Number: POSC 353
Course Title: Asian Politics

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Catalog Description: Analysis of the government and politics of selected Asian countries and their economic and social systems. Offered fall even years.

Prerequisites/Corequisites: None.

Text:

Any appropriate text for a course in Asian Politics.

Course Objectives: The objective of this course is to familiarize students with the government and politics of selected Asian countries, particularly Japan and the People's Republic of China. At the completion of the course, students should understand how political life is organized in these societies, as well as how each has become an important force in world affairs and a critical actor in the global economy.

A significant, intensive writing component is required for this course. This requirement may be satisfied by a single typed-written paper of twelve pages in length or more, properly cited, or by multiple assignments of equivalent length.
Topical Outline: It is expected that instructors will cover the politics of Japan and China. Individual instructors may add additional Asian countries to study. Instructors should address the historical and cultural context of each country’s politics, their key political institutions, the process of politics and their foreign relations.

Recommended maximum class size for this course: 25

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NOTE: The intention of this master course syllabus is to provide a general outline of the contents of this course, as specified by the faculty of Columbia College, regardless of who teaches the course, when it is taught, or where it is taught. This generic outline is not intended to restrict the way any individual faculty member teaches the course. The master syllabus, therefore, should be general enough to allow for a diversity of individual approaches to teaching the course, while at the same time it provides guidance on what the course should cover.