

The History Issue in East Asia (April 2025)

Using the following points system, all students will receive a raw score out of 100. This determines the student's rank within the class. Grades are then distributed according to university guidelines for GPA.

Participation in Class (40%)

This is a course based on class discussions and debates. Active and constructive participation is essential to receive the higher grades.

	F	C-	C	C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A	A+
Contribution to class	0	16	19	22	25	28	31	34	37	40

Active Learning Hours Project (20%)

Fieldwork Report / Photo essay: Visit one or more war-related sites (museums, battle sites, monuments, memorials etc) related to World War II or imperial history. Describe what you did and what you learned during your fieldwork. This is not an academic essay (citations and bibliography not mandatory, although use them if appropriate). Take plenty of photos demonstrating where you went and what you did. This should include at least 1 selfie of you at the site. To get B or higher (13+ points), your report should clearly indicate 2 classes worth (i.e. 8-10 study hours) of work. The "top of the class" ALHP will be innovative in both content and presentation style.

	Fail	C (sub-standard)	B (standard)	A (excellent)	Top of the Class
Active Learning	0	10	13	16	20

End-of term Exam (40%)

Write the following essay under exam conditions during the final class of term (90 minutes):

“With detailed reference to TWO of the issues discussed during class debates, discuss how realistic it is for countries in East Asia to resolve the history issue”.

	F	C-	C	C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A	A+
Structure	0			4			7			10
Quality of Analysis	0	5	6	7	9	10	11	13	14	15
Materials Pack*	0	5	6	7	9	10	11	13	14	15

*Instructions for the materials sheet are below.

Materials Pack

The end-of-term exam is taken under strict exam conditions in the final class of term. No dictionaries, no phones etc. You may only have writing equipment and an analogue watch on your desk. Any cheating during the exam will be dealt with according to university regulations (see the Course Information booklet).

However, you must prepare a materials pack to use in the exam. This counts for 15% of your total assessment (see above), so it is important to think about the materials pack carefully well in advance of the final exam.

A materials pack is **6 pages (= sides) of printed A4 paper stapled together** (i.e. 3 sheets of double-sided printing, or 6 sheets of single-sided printing).

Page 1 is a bibliography listing the published sources (maximum of 5) that you are going to quote or reference in your end-of-term exam. You may produce this on your computer.

Pages 2-6 are photocopies or print outs from your sources. A source may be in English or Japanese, and be any of the following:

- A photocopy of 1 or 2 pages from a published book (you can usually copy 2 book pages onto 1 sheet of A4).
- A printout of 1 or 2 pages of an academic article or report published online as a PDF.
- A printout of 1 page of website text (you may reduce font size to fit more on 1 side of A4).
- A photocopy of a newspaper article.
- Another source (but please check with Philip Seaton in advance if it is OK to use it).

Note: You may not alter the published source in any way. Adding memos to the photocopy or printout is **strictly forbidden**. If you borrow a library book and somebody has written notes on the page you want to use, bad luck (people should not deface library books!).

You submit the Materials Pack in Week 12. It is checked to ensure that it contains no memos, and then is returned to you at the beginning of the exam in Week 13. You use it during the exam and submit it along with your exam paper.

The purpose of the materials pack is to assess your ability to use sources and cite properly in an academic essay. It is expected that you know how to use citations, and how to produce a bibliography. If you are not sure, watch the Writing Academic Essays at University video series available on Philip Seaton's website.

If there is no attempt to cite from your materials pack in the final essay, the materials pack score is C- (5 points), assuming that the bibliography is produced properly. To get 15 points for the materials pack, all 5 sources should be properly referenced somewhere in your essay.