

# CAH4508: EAST ASIAN FILM CULTURES

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**Effective Term**

Semester A 2022/23

## Part I Course Overview

**Course Title**

East Asian Film Cultures

**Subject Code**

CAH - Chinese and History

**Course Number**

4508

**Academic Unit**

Chinese and History (CAH)

**College/School**

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CH)

**Course Duration**

One Semester

**Credit Units**

3

**Level**

B1, B2, B3, B4 - Bachelor's Degree

**Medium of Instruction**

English

**Medium of Assessment**

English

**Prerequisites**

Nil

**Precursors**

Nil

**Equivalent Courses**

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**Exclusive Courses**

Nil

## Part II Course Details

### Abstract

This course aims to develop students' knowledge of the film cultures and film industries of East Asia; examine cross-cultural issues relating to filmmaking in the context of East Asia; explore the cultural meanings of representative works of East Asian cinema enhance students' cultural literacy in a transnational context

### Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

CILOs		Weighting (if DEC-A1 DEC-A2 DEC-A3 app.)			
1	Demonstrate knowledge of the characteristics and recent developments in East Asian cinemas		x	x	
2	Apply critical concepts and common terminology in the study of film and film cultures in East Asia		x	x	
3	Identify and explain the aesthetic features and meaning of a given film		x	x	
4	Identify and analyze important trends and issues in filmmaking in East Asia			x	x
5	Formulate and articulate arguments effectively in both written and spoken forms through individual and group work			x	x

#### A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

#### A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to real-life problems.

#### A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

### Teaching and Learning Activities (TLAs)

TLAs	Brief Description	CILO No.	Hours/week (if applicable)
1	Lecture and teacher-facilitated discussions	Lecture and teacher-facilitated discussions to: (i) explore key concepts and issues; and (ii) explain and consolidate background knowledge and conceptual framework	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
2	Weekly reading assignments	Weekly reading assignments on specific topics followed by class discussions	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

3	Visits to film festivals and exhibitions	Visits to film festivals and exhibitions, where possible, followed by class discussions	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	
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**Assessment Tasks / Activities (ATs)**

ATs	CILO No.	Weighting (%)	Remarks (e.g. Parameter for GenAI use)
1	Participation	2, 3, 4	10
2	Group Project and Presentation on a research topic relating to the film cultures and/ or film industries in East Asia; students will be required to submit a written report and give a formal group presentation at the end of the semester.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	40
3	Individual assignment: an analytical essay on a given topic based on secondary sources.	1, 2, 3, 4	25
4	End-of-term Test (in-class)	1, 2, 3, 4	25

**Continuous Assessment (%)**

100

**Examination (%)**

0

**Assessment Rubrics (AR)****Assessment Task**

Participation

**Criterion**

Satisfactory completion of weekly in-class discussion tasks

**Excellent (A+, A, A-)**

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**Fair (C+, C, C-)**

- Adequate command of the course content.
- A certain degree of understanding of major works of East Asian cinema and their aesthetic, historical and cultural value.
- Fair linguistic competence to describe the meaning and cultural value of major works of East Asian cinemas.
- Acceptable oral and written presentation skills to demonstrate basic understanding of important concepts and terminology in the study of film and film cultures in East Asia.

**Marginal (D)**

- Familiarity with the subject matter.
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**Assessment Task**

Group Project and Presentation

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Team work Subject Knowledge Research content Applied knowledge

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### Assessment Task

Written assignment

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Evidence of research Subject Knowledge Analytical content

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### Assessment Task

End-of-term Test (in-class)

### Criterion

Subject knowledge Analytical content

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## Part III Other Information

**Keyword Syllabus**

East Asian cinema and film industries; film genres; auteurs and art-house cinema; co-productions; transnational filmmaking, pan-Asian cinema

**Reading List****Compulsory Readings**

	Title
1	Bordwell, David, Planet Hong Kong: Popular Cinema and the Art of Entertainment, Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press, 2000.
2	Careter, David, East Asian Cinema, London: Oldcastle Books, 2007.
3	Cheuk, Pak-tong, The Hong Kong New Wave: 1978-2000, London: Intellect, 2008.
4	Ciecko, Anne Tereska, ed., Contemporary Asian Cinema: Popular Culture in a Global Age, New York: Oxford University Press, 2006.
5	Lee, Hyangjin and Julian Stringer, Contemporary Korean Cinema: Culture, Identity and Politics,
6	Lu, H. Sheldon and Emilie Yueh-yu Yeh, eds., Chinese-Language Film: Historiography, Poetics, Politics, Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2005.
7	Patrick Galloway, Asia Shock: Horror and Dark Cinema from Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, and Thailand, Stonebridge Press, 2006.
8	Philips, Alistair and Julian Stringer, Japanese Cinema: Texts and Contexts, London & New York: Routledge, 2007
9	Standish, Isolde, A New History of Japanese Cinema: A Century of Narrative Film, London: Continuum International Publishing Group, 2006.
10	Teo, Stephen, Hong Kong Cinema: the Extra Dimension, London: British Film Institute, 1997.

11	Vick, Tom, Asian Cinema: A Field Guide, Collins: 2008.
12	Zhang, Yingjin, Chinese National Cinema, New York: Routledge, 2004.

**Additional Readings**

<b>Title</b>	
1	Nil