

# FLASHPOINT: TAIWAN



**Course Title:** Topics / Taiwan & the Major Powers (Distance/Online) / **(Requirement Designation: K/Historical Perspectives)**

**Course #:** HIST 200-ZA Spring 2024, Class #15632, Course ID: 105165

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**Course Description:** If World War 3 breaks out, Taiwan is one of the most likely and dangerous flashpoints. This potential is no accident, as Taiwan has seen countless battles involving great powers and globe-spanning empires for centuries. This course will answer the question of why Taiwan has so often been the site of conflict between empires and explore the dynamics fueling tensions today. The first portion of this course will cover the tumultuous history of Taiwan as a flashpoint. This story has a diverse cast of characters, including rebels, pirates, samurai, European colonists, US Marines, and many more. The second portion will trace the strategic dynamics and military challenges for both major and minor players in a potential conflict over Taiwan.

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