

< 科目名 Subject > Japanese History B

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< 授業の到達目標及びテーマ Class Theme >

Meiji-period Japan

The **Meiji period** from 1868 to 1912 saw Japan rapidly change from a feudal, secluded country into a modern, industrialized military power. In 1940, the German diplomat Albrecht von Urach commented thus on Japan's development:

„The rise of Japan to a world power during the past 80 years is the greatest miracle in world history. The mighty empires of antiquity, the major political institutions of the Middle Ages and the early modern era, the Spanish Empire, the British Empire, all needed centuries to achieve their full strength. Japan's rise has been meteoric. After only 80 years, it is one of the few great powers that determine the fate of the world.“

Most of the groundbreaking changes, that lay behind Japan's rapid ascent, have been implemented during the Meiji-period. This course traces the rise of modern Japan through the Meiji Restoration. Interpretive issues related to Japan's historical developments in politics, economy, society, culture, jurisdiction, military and education are the focus of this course. Students who complete the course can expect to have a holistic yet detailed grasp of the often contorted and seemingly contradictory logic of Japan's modern historical development.

< 授業の概要 Summary >

Become acquainted with an academic approach to and understand the basic terms and concepts involved in the study of Japanese history. Acquire knowledge protagonists and major developments in Japanese traditions. Understand basics about Japanese systems and society. Develop a cross-cultural and comparative understanding of history.

< 授業計画 Class Plan >

第 1 回 : Historical overview

第 2 回 : Japan before the Meiji restoration

第 3 回 : Economic situation

第 4 回 : Foreign relations

第 5 回 : Government

第 6 回 : The Emperor and his role

第 7 回 : Industrialization

第 8 回 : Agriculture / Fisheries

第 9 回 : Money and Banking

第 10 回 : Jurisdiction

第 11 回 : Urbanization

第 12 回 : Infrastructure

第 13 回 : Westernizing Culture

第 14 回 : Japanese society

第 15 回 : Japan after Meiji

< 評価方法 Evaluation >

1. Attendance: Required. Each class missed will result in a lower course grade. Missing more than one third of the classes leads to disqualification. If you miss class for any reason, it is **your** responsibility to ensure that you obtain any assignments or handouts.

2. Active participation in class: It is your responsibility to read all of the assigned texts, be familiar with terms as given on the term sheets and handouts, and have thought about and prepared answers to the study/discussion questions. In order to generate class discussion, you will be called on randomly in class to give your thoughts on the study questions.

3. Final paper / presentation: Each student will hand in a medium length final paper (about 10 pages) or give a 15 minutes presentation (with handout-notes or power point). Suggested topics will be provided. I expect proper academic work and correct quoting!

Please note: Cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated in any form.

Grading is based on final term paper or oral presentation (60%) and participation in the class discussion (40%).

< テキスト Textbooks >

Edwin O. Reischauer. *Japan: The Story of a Nation*. New York 1981.

Other required readings assigned during the course include selected essays, translations and selections from monographs.

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George Sansom. *History of Japan*, 3 vols. Stanford 1963.

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John W. Hall. *Japan: From Prehistory to Modern Times*. New York 1970.

S.N. Eisenstadt: *Japanese Civilization*. Chicago 1996

Horst Hammitzsch (Ed.): *Japanhandbuch*. Stuttgart 1990

James L. McClain: *Japan, a Modern History*. New York 2002

Conrad Totman. *Japan Before Perry: A Short History* Berkeley 1981.

M. Nishiyama: *Edo Culture*. Honolulu 1997

J. Dettmer. *Grundzüge der Geschichte Japans*. Darmstadt 1988

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Janet E. Hunter. *The Emergence of Modern Japan*. New York 1989.

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Andrew Gordon. *A Modern History of Japan*. New York 2003.

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<http://meijiemperor.net/>