



This is an abridged sample syllabus. Information is subject to change. Full syllabus will be distributed to registered students when term begins.

ASIA_V 314 - Premodern Japan

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The purpose of the course is to acquire a basic knowledge of the political, international, economic, social, and cultural lives which Japanese people had experienced from the ancient times to 1600. Special attention will be given to the dimensions of historical factors and forces that had shaped the contours of premodern Japanese history.

Mode of Delivery: In Person

Sample Readings

Joan R. Piggott, *The Emergence of Japanese Kingship* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1997).

Helen Hardacre, "Chapter 2: Shinto in the Ancient Period" in *Shinto* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016).

Thomas D. Conlan, *Kings in All but Name: The Lost History of Ouchi Rule in Japan, 1350-1569* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2024).

Assignments

2 exams: 30 x 2|60

1 research paper|40

Bonus marks may be given for voluntary presentations.