



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

ASIA_V 315 - Japan from Feudal to Modern State

The purpose of the course is to acquire an in-depth knowledge of the political, economic, social, and cultural lives which Japanese people produced and experienced from the late medieval to early Meiji periods. Special attention will be given to the dimensions of historical factors and forces that shaped the contours of premodern Japanese history.

Mode of Delivery: In Person

Sample Readings

Constantine N. Vaporis, *Tour of Duty* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2008).

Adam Clulow, "International Economy and Japan at the Dawn of the Early Modern Era," in *The New Cambridge History of Japan*, vol. 2, ed. David Howell (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2024).

Nam-lin Hur, "Chapter 3: Population Surveillance and Temple Certification, 1651-1709," *Death and Social Order in Tokugawa Japan* (Cambridge: Harvard University Asia Center, 2007).

Assignments

2 exams: 30 x 2|60

1 research paper|40

Bonus marks may be given for voluntary presentations.