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**Lecture Time:** TR 12:30-1:45 PM  
**Lecture Location:** Morey 502  
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## Course Description

This course surveys the history of Japan from the eighteenth century to the twentieth-first century. As Japan's society underwent significant transformation as it was incorporated into the global capitalist system of nation-states, modern experiences, students will analyze a variety of currents that shaped the everyday lives of its people as they strived to recreate Japan in their own vision. The first part of the course examines the domestic and global dynamics that led to the downfall of the Tokugawa regime. The second part focuses on Japanese efforts to establish a nation-state and empire after the Meiji Restoration. The third part examines Japanese society and culture in the context of rapid industrialization and the Cold War international system.

# Course Learning Outcomes

By taking this course, students will be able to:

Demonstrate a broad acquaintance with important historical, social, and cultural developments in modern Japan.

Analyze primary and secondary sources and construct original arguments regarding the history of modern Japan.

Situate historical moments and issues in local, regional, and global contexts.

Write a clearly argued, formal academic paper using the appropriate style and bibliographic apparatus.

# Course Requirements

## Required Texts

All readings will be posted on the course website in PDF format.

# Course Policies

## Method of Instruction

This is an in-person course that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays for lecture (12:50-1:30 PM) and on 1 379.9c.38 T

Final Exam 20%

### Grading Scale

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| A  | 93.6-100%   |
| A- | 90.6-92.9%  |
| B+ | 87.6-89.9%  |
| B  | 83.6-86.9%  |
| B- | 80.6-82.9%  |
| C+ | 77.6-79.9%  |
| C  | 73.6-76.9%  |
| C- | 70.6-72.9%  |
| D  | 60.6-69.9%  |
| F  | Below 59.9% |

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# Reading and Lecture Schedule

## WEEK 1: INTRODUCTION

R (8/31) Introduction

## WEEK 2: EARLY MODERN JAPAN

Read: Conrad Schirokauer, Chapter 8

I gqti g'Y kxqp. "ōEe ja nai ka qp"vj g'Gxg"qh'vj g'O gkkT guqt cvkqp "kp"lcr cpö

T (9/5) Tokugawa Shogunate

R (9/7) Meiji Restoration

## WEEK 3: EARLY MEIJI SOCIETY AND CULTURE

Read: Conrad Schirokauer, Chapter 9

Stephen Xixuqu. "ōVj g'Rqr wxt"Tk j w'O qxgo gpv.ö"624-425

Primary sources

T (9/12) Early Meiji Government

R (9/14) Hggf qo "cpf "Rqr ngā"Tk j w'O qxgo gpv

## WEEK 4: RISE OF IMPERIALISM

Read: Mçqtw'Uwi kj etc. "ōRcwgtpu"qh'Culcā"Kvgi tcvkqp"kpq"vj g'Y qtrf "Geqqo { .:3: : 2-3; 35ö

Dtveg'Ewo kpi u. "ōGerkr ugö"\*r r (61-162)

T (9/18) Industrial Revolution

R (9/20) Rise of Imperialism

## WEEK 5: TAISHO SOCIETY AND CULTURE

Read: Conrad Schirokauer, Chapter 10

T (9/25) Era of Popular Protests

R (9/27) **PRIMARY SOURCE ANALYSIS DUE**

## WEEK 6: IMPERIAL DEMOCRACY

Read: Sheldon I ctqp. "ōKvgi tcvkpi "Y qo gp"kpq'Rwdrlc"Nkgö

O klcō "Ukrxgdgti . "ōVj g'Echg"Y cktguu"Ugtxkpi "O qf gtp"lcr cpö

Primary sources

T (10/3)



5) **PAPER DUE**

**14: EXPORT ECONOMY**

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) Export Economy

) Realignment