

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: FROM MEIJI TO THE MICROCHIP: JAPAN SINCE 1868
Status: Definitive
Code: **5005HIST** (114546)
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Level: FHEQ5
Credit Value: 24.00
Total Delivered Hours: 54.00
Total Learning Hours: 240
Private Study: 186

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	26.000
Workshop	26.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	2000 word essay	50.0	
Exam	AS2	2 hour unseen exam	50.0	2.00

Aims

1. To examine the programme themes of 'nation, state & power', 'globalism' and 'technology, economy & society' in the context of a non-European, late-developing country: Japan since the Meiji Restoration.
2. To examine the overarching theme of 'continuity and change' in the context of Japan's modernisation over a broad time-span (1868 to the present day).
3. To explain the emergence of Japan as a major economic and military competitor of the western powers by the 1930s.
4. To explain the emergence of Japan as an economic superpower after 1945.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate argumentative skills through discussing the degree and nature of economic, social and/or political change in Japan between 1868 and 1941.
- 2 Demonstrate argumentative skills through discussing the degree and nature of economic, social and/or political change in post-war Japan.
- 3 Demonstrate historical skills in evaluating a variety of approaches to Japan's modern history.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

2000 word essay	1	3
Unseen exam	1	2 3

Outline Syllabus

1868-1941: the causes and significance of the Meiji Restoration of 1868; early and later industrialization; the structure of society and the role of women; the nature of the imperial state; the rise of the military in politics; imperial expansion; the descent into war.

Post 1945: The Allied Occupation: catalyst for change?; economic growth and modernisation; social change and the role of women; politics and the state; economic expansion overseas; foreign and defence policy.

Learning Activities

Lectures and seminars

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Hunter, J.E.
Publishing Year	1989
Title	The Emergence of Modern Japan: An Introductory History since 1853
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Harlow: Longman

ISBN	
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Course Material	Book
Author	Pyle, K.B.
Publishing Year	1996
Title	The Making of Modern Japan
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Lexington, MA: D. C. Heath and Company
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Kingston, J.
Publishing Year	2001
Title	Japan in Transformation, 1952-2000
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Harlow: Longman
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Jansen, Marius B.
Publishing Year	2000
Title	The Making of Modern Japan
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Tipton, Elise K.
Publishing Year	2008
Title	Modern Japan
Subtitle	A Social and Political History
Edition	
Publisher	
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Totman, Conrad
Publishing Year	2004
Title	A history of Japan
Subtitle	
Edition	2nd edition
Publisher	
ISBN	

Notes

Between 1868 and the Second World War, Japan was transformed from an isolated feudal country to a great power capable of challenging the West. Defeat in 1945 ensured that Japan was shorn of its military strength. But the country swiftly emerged in the 1950s and 1960s as an economic superpower, and, notwithstanding recent stagnation, Japan remains the worlds third largest economy. This module explains these phenomena by examining the interactions between politics, society and economic development.