

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: From Shogun to Showdown: Japan, 1853-1941
Status: Definitive
Code: **5111HIST** (122163)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Level: FHEQ5
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 37
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 163

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	11
Online	2
Tutorial	11
Workshop	11

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	A 2000-word essay on the environmental, political, economic or social history of Japan covered in the first half of the module	50	
Exam	AS2	A 2 hour exam with 2 questions chosen from the contents of the module as a whole	50	2

Aims

1. To examine the programme themes of 'nation, state & power', 'globalism', 'culture, locale and identity' 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
3. To explain the emergence of Japan as a major economic and military competitor of the western powers by the 1930s.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Articulate key knowledge of the course of Japan's modern history.
- 2 Demonstrate argumentative skills through discussing the degree and nature of environmental, economic, social and/or political change in Japan between 1853 and 1941.
- 3 Evaluate a variety of historiographical approaches to Japan's modern history.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Essay	1	2	3
Unseen Exam	1	2	3

Outline Syllabus

Japan's historical geography
The Fall of the Shogunate and the Meiji Restoration
Economic Development, 1868-1914
Economic Development, 1914-1941
The nature of Japanese Society, 1868-1941
The role of women, 1868-1941
Politics, 1868-1918
Politics, 1918-41
Imperialism, 1870s to 1910s
Japan and the Origins of WWII in Asia and the Pacific

Learning Activities

lectures and workshops

Notes

Between 1853 and the Second World War, Japan was transformed from an isolated feudal country to a great power capable of challenging the great powers of the West.

This module explains this 'emergence' by examining the interactions between the natural environment, politics, society and economic development.