

Keio University Syllabus and Timetable

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JAPANESE FOREIGN POLICY

Subtitle	Issues and challenges in post-World War II Japan's international relations
Lecturer(s)	NOBORI, AMIKO
Credit(s)	2
Academic Year/Semester	2023 Fall
Day/Period	Thu.2
Campus	Mita
Classroom	413
Class Format	Face-to-face classes (conducted mainly in-person)
Registration Number	17709
Faculty/Graduate School	INTERNATIONAL CENTER
Year Level	2, 3, 4
Course Description	A course to aim to learn an introductory post-World War II Japanese history, with focus on foreign policy and discussion of domestic factors affecting it.
K-Number	CIN-CO-00233-212-06

▼ Detail

Course Administrator	Faculty/Graduate School	CIN INTERNATIONAL CENTER
	Department/Major	CO
Main Course Number	Level	0 Faculty-wide
	Major Classification	0 Other Course
	Minor Classification	23 International Center Course (Social Sciences) - Politics, Diplomacy, and International Exchange
	Subject Type	3 Elective subject
Supplemental Course Information	Class Classification	2 Lecture
	Class Format	1 Face-to-face classes (conducted mainly in-person)
	Language of Instruction	2 English
Academic Discipline	06	Political science and related fields

Course Contents/Objectives/Teaching Method/Intended Learning Outcome

1. Course Description :

This course is an introduction to post-World War II Japanese history, with focus on foreign policy and discussion of domestic factors affecting it. Classes examine Japan's relations with Asia and the United States as well as issues such as the debate over the revision of Japan's constitution, Japan's security, the "history problem", Japan's official development assistance and Japan's Soft Power strategy.

Classes are a combination of lectures, videos, presentations by students, and discussions.

2. Assignments

2-1. Weekly comments

The reading materials for this course are available in the Canvas LMS system. Students are required to write one short comment (150 words) on the reading material assigned for that week. The comment must be uploaded in the "Weekly comments" field of each class's folder by 11:00 am on the day before class. The comment must not be a summary of the reading material; for example, it can be a critical assessment of the author's argument, or a reaction to some specific part/s of the material, or a comparison with the case of your/other countries, etc. More information on how to write the comments will be provided during the first class.

2-2. Debate

Students will be divided into several groups for the debate to be held on Week 14. On Week 5, each group will be assigned time for selecting a topic related to Japan's postwar foreign policy to be discussed during the debate.

3. Term paper

There is no final exam. Students are required to submit a term paper (1,500 words including footnotes) on any of the topics related to post-World War II Japanese foreign policy. The paper should be sent to the lecturers by uploading it in the Canvas LMS.

Course Plan

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Method of Evaluation

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Textbooks

Reading materials will be uploaded by the instructors in the Canvas LMS.

Reference Books

Makoto Iokibe ed., *The Diplomatic History of Postwar Japan* (London and New York: Routledge, 2009).

Lecturer's Comments to Students

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