

24010 JAPANESE FOREIGN POLICY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course provides a survey of modern Japan's foreign policy, with an emphasis on the post-war era. It examines the key themes and challenges for Japan's foreign policy, before assessing Japan's relations with key external actors. Students are advised to keep up with current events related to this topic. Please note that auditing is permitted for this course.

COURSE SCHEDULE

The course covers the following topics.

1. The nineteenth and early twentieth centuries (Reading: Samuels, Preface, Ch. 1, pp. 13-29)
2. The legacy of defeat and occupation: The Yoshida Doctrine (Reading: Ch. 1, pp. 29-37; Potter)
3. The Yoshida Doctrine and the post-war political structure (Reading: Samuels, Ch. 1, pp. 29-37; Potter; Kawashima, Ch. 1)
4. The end of the Cold War and Japanese foreign policy (Samuels, Ch. 3-5)
5. Relations with the United States (Reading: Kawashima, Ch. 2-3)
6. Relations with Asia and Russia (Reading: Samuels, Ch. 6)
7. Relations with Europe (Reading: Kawashima, Ch. 7)
8. Relations with the United Nations and other international organizations (Reading: Kawashima, Chapter 7-8)
9. Conclusions (Reading: Samuels, Ch. 7)

TEXTS

Textbook: Richard J. Samuels. *Securing Japan*, Cornell University Press, 2007.

Supplementary Reading

Yutaka Kawashima. *Japan's Foreign Policy at the Crossroads*, Brookings, 2003.

David M. Potter. *Evolution of Japan's Postwar Foreign Policy*, 2008.

ASSESSMENT

Attendance 20%; Mid-term examination 40%; Final paper 40%