

# **24030 SEMINAR IN WAR AND PEACE: A TRANSNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE**

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course deals with the issues of “war and peace” in a transnational perspective. Special focus is placed on the differences and similarities of the perceptions of “war and peace” among Japanese and American people. This course especially seeks to examine and discuss such topics as the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the end of the Second World War, the role of Japan in the contemporary world, especially the role of Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution, and global issues such as the environment and poverty.

For each lecture, students are required to read related materials in advance and to participate actively in class discussions based on those materials. This seminar course is cross-offered by the Department of British and American Studies in which the instructor teaches senior students. This course is conducted mainly in English.

## **COURSE SCHEDULE**

Topics covered in class may include the following:

1. Introduction, description of class
2. The atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki (1)
3. The atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki (2)
4. Messages from Hiroshima and Nagasaki
5. Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan and the United States (1)
6. Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan and the United States (2)
7. The role of Japan in the contemporary world
8. Japan and the United States in the Vietnam War
9. Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq (1)
10. Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq (2)
11. The role of Japan in globalizing international society (1)
12. The role of Japan in globalizing international society (2)

## **TEXTS**

Handouts will be provided for each class.

## **ASSESSMENT**

Class participation and in-class thought papers 40%; Mid-term and Final essay writing 60%