

Course number		U-LAS01 10002 LE38					
Course title (and course title in English)		Japanese History I-E2 Japanese History I-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation		Graduate School of Education Associate Professor, Niels van Steenpaal	
Group		Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		History and Civilization(Foundations)	
Language of instruction		English		Old group		Group A	
				Number of credits		2	
Number of weekly time blocks		1		Class style		Lecture (Face-to-face course)	
				Year/semesters		2024 • First semester	
Days and periods		Tue.2		Target year		All students	
				Eligible students		For all majors	
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
<p>This course will offer an introduction to premodern Japanese history (~1600) from a global perspective. That is, we will approach the Japanese archipelago not as an isolated territory that seamlessly transformed into the nation state as we now know it, but as a geographical hub that has been shaped by various “ foreign ” encounters through the centuries. We will look at how trade, war, diplomacy and ideas fostered international connections that have played crucial roles in deciding the trajectory of Japan ’ s development.</p>							
[Course objectives]							
<p>Upon the successful completion of this course, students will:</p> <p>(1) have a general understanding of the major periods and events of Japanese premodern history.</p> <p>(2) gain a sensibility for the way in which the history of nation states is intimately bound up with, and cannot be told separately from global events.</p>							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
<p>Course themes per week:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. Prehistory 3. Jomon 4. Yayoi and Kofun 5. Early State Formation I 6. Early State Formation II 7. Imperial Period 8. (Midterm Exam) 9. Mongol Invasion I 10. Mongol Invasion II 11. East Asia War I 12. East Asia War II 13. Christianity I 14. Christianity II 							
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[Course requirements]

As a survey introduction class, this course will require no reading preparations, but competence in English is required to fruitfully engage in class and exams. Furthermore, although not a strict requirement, it is recommended that the student will either precede or follow up this class with Japanese History II - E2.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will be based on attendance, participation, a midterm and a final exam as follows:

20% Attendance & Participation

30% Midterm Exam

50% Final Exam

(Students who are absent more than 4 times will automatically fail this course)

[Textbooks]

Not used

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Reviewing class notes and possibly clarifying unclear items through independent study.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students should be aware of the fact that student interest in this course always exceeds its capacity and that enrollment permission will be decided based on a random lottery.

Students who have inquiries of any kind are welcome to contact me by email. In doing so, however, please heed the following:

1.write in either Japanese or English, whichever language you are most proficient in.

2.write in a formal format appropriate to the university setting.

Emails that do not conform to both items will be sent back without a response.