

<b>Course number</b>		U-LAS01 10002 LE38					
<b>Course title (and course title in English)</b>		Japanese History I-E2 Japanese History I-E2		<b>Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation</b>		Graduate School of Education Associate Professor, Niels van Steenpaal	
<b>Group</b>		Humanities and Social Sciences		<b>Field(Classification)</b>		History and Civilization(Foundations)	
<b>Language of instruction</b>		English		<b>Old group</b>		Group A	
				<b>Number of credits</b>		2	
<b>Number of weekly time blocks</b>		1		<b>Class style</b>		Lecture (Face-to-face course)	
				<b>Year/semesters</b>		2025 • First semester	
<b>Days and periods</b>		Tue.2		<b>Target year</b>		All students	
				<b>Eligible students</b>		For all majors	
<b>[Overview and purpose of the course]</b>							
<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>							
<b>[Course objectives]</b>							
<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>							
<b>[Course schedule and contents)]</b>							
<p>Course themes per week:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction</li> <li>2. Prehistory</li> <li>3. Jomon</li> <li>4. Yayoi and Kofun</li> <li>5. Early State Formation I</li> <li>6. Early State Formation II</li> <li>7. Imperial Period</li> <li>8. (Midterm Exam)</li> <li>9. Mongol Invasion I</li> <li>10. Mongol Invasion II</li> <li>11. East Asia War I</li> <li>12. East Asia War II</li> <li>13. Christianity I</li> <li>14. Christianity II</li> </ol>							
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## Japanese History I-E2(2)

### [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.

### [Essential courses]