

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		Institute for Research in Humanities Associate Professor,KNAUDT , Till	
Group		Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		History and Civilization(Foundations)	
Language of instruction		English		Old group		Group A	
Number of weekly time blocks		1		Class style		Lecture (Face-to-face course)	
Year/semesters		2024 • First semester		Number of credits		2	
Days and periods		Wed.2/Wed.3		Target year		All students	
Eligible students		For all majors					
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
In class the participants will work on the course of modern Japanese history from the last years of the early modern period to the end of World War II in Asia. Special attention will be payed to questions of Meiji nation building and political representation, post-World War I industrialization and its social impact, and politics and culture in Japanese Empire in times of peace and total war.							
[Course objectives]							
Knowledge on key phenomena and research perspectives in prewar modern Japanese history.							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
1 Introduction 2 The end of the Tokugawa period (1850s~1868) 3~5 Nation building and representation in the Meiji period (1868~1912) 6~8 Industrialization, social movements and imperialism in Taisho; and prewar Showa Japan (1912~1937) 9 Colonialism 10-13 Politics and culture in times of total war (1937~1945) 14 Conclusion							
[Course requirements]							
None							
[Evaluation methods and policy]							
Evaluation will be based on written final report. Also, participants will be assigned an oral presentation on one of the assigned readings (not graded). Students who are absent from three classes or more cannot pass.							
[Textbooks]							
Reading materials will be handed out during class.							
[References, etc.]							
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[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]							
Knowledge of modern Japanese history in the Asian and global context is appreciated.							
[Other information (office hours, etc.)]							