

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, ERICSON, Kjell David	
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	2026 • First semester	
Days and periods	Tue.4		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
This class covers topics in modern Japanese history from the 19th century to the end of World War II in Asia. Particular attention will be paid to questions of Meiji-period nation building and political representation, post-World War I industrialization and its social impacts, and issues related to politics and culture in the Japanese Empire during total war.							
[Course objectives]							
Greater appreciation for key themes in modern Japanese history, as well as familiarity with some recent research trends.							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
1 Introduction 2 Tokugawa Japan and the “ Great Peace ” 3 The end of the Tokugawa Period (1840s-1868) 4~6 Nation building and representation in the Meiji period (1868-1912) 7~10 Industrialization, social movements, and imperialism (1912-1931) 11-13 Politics and culture in times of total war (1931-1945) 14 Conclusion and review of key themes 15 Feedback							
[Course requirements]							
None							
[Evaluation methods and policy]							
Evaluation will be based on a midterm and a final written exam (40%+60%). Students absent from more than four classes may not be able to pass the course.							
[Textbooks]							
Reading materials will be handed out during class.							
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[References, etc.]

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[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Knowledge of modern Japanese history is helpful but not necessary.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

[Essential courses]