COURSE DETAIL

JAPANESE AND EAST ASIAN HISTORY
Country Japan
Host Institution International Christian University
Program(s) International Christian University
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History
UCEAP Course Number 30
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title JAPANESE AND EAST ASIAN HISTORY
UCEAP Transcript Title JAPAN & EA HISTORY
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.70

Course Description

From ancient times people have been interested in recording or analyzing past events, thereby giving birth to different traditions of telling history and the development of history as an academic discipline with a strict methodology. Still, people often ignore the conventions of this field when they refer to past events. We must deal with the whole of the past and reveal it based on valid methods, without making choices based simply on what we like. There were always kings, politicians etc. who tried to create a glorious past or hide an inglorious past, to change or use memories of the past for harming others or benefiting themselves. The misuse of history is part of our long history, and it has always been the responsibility of historians to organize/analyze past sources and describe a fair picture of the past.

This course aims to provide a firm understanding about history as an academic discipline, with its general rules and methods, its strengths and limits, while at the same time, gaining an understanding of why a correct or decent understanding of history is (and was) important for us to cope with internal and external problems in our world.

This course focuses on four major themes in Japanese and East Asian history:
(1) Diplomacy and trade;
(2) Disasters and Pandemics;
(3) War and Politics; and,
(4) Territory.

Each week the course explores a selection of primary documents related to these themes and key events. The goals of this course are: (1) To think about how and why different people have recorded and written about past historical events; (2) To consider how these events and documents were interpreted by different stakeholders/audiences/winners/losers at the time, and (3) to identify the challenges and limitations faced by historians as we seek to better understand the past, and its relevance for the world we live in

today.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
GES032E

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Host Institution Campus
International Christian University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
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