

# COURSE DETAIL

## JAPAN, THE US, AND THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF ASIA-PACIFIC

**Country**

Hong Kong

**Host Institution**

University of Hong Kong

**Program(s)**

University of Hong Kong

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

History Asian Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

136

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

JAPAN, THE US, AND THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF ASIA-PACIFIC

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

JAPAN/US RELATIONS

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

5.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.30

### **Course Description**

This course seeks to scrutinize the political and security developments within the Asia-Pacific region by contextualizing at the center of its enquiry Japan's foreign policy, in particular Japan's alliance with the United States. In doing so, the course utilizes basic International Relations' theories, concepts and analytical frameworks to introduction Japanese foreign policy and the international politics of this region. Given the relative peace and prosperity that the Asia-Pacific region enjoys, it is ironic that the security architecture of region today is underpinned principally by the US-Japan alliance, an institution born out of the Cold War. The continued existence of the US-Japan Security Treaty should not be taken for granted as developments in the domestic politics of the countries involved as well as regional politics have continually highlighted a need for Japan and the US to rethink and reevaluate the existence of this partnership. This course is also designed to give an understanding of the main aspects of Japan's key political aspirations of becoming a “normal” nation six decades after the Pacific War, and the implications this has for today's Japanese foreign policy.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

JAPN2068

### **Host Institution Course Title**

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### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

Japanese Studies

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