

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

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

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Host Institution Campus**Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department**

Japanese Studies