

COURSE DETAIL

MODERNITY IN INTERWAR JAPAN

Country

Japan

Host Institution

Keio University

Program(s)

Keio University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology History

UCEAP Course Number

107

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

MODERNITY IN INTERWAR JAPAN

UCEAP Transcript Title

MODER INTRWAR JAPAN

UCEAP Quarter Units

3.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.00

Course Description

While the history of Japan as a modern nation begins in the Meiji era, much of what we recognize as typical of 'modern life' in Japan begins in the Taisho period, or more generally in the 'interwar' period which extends into the early years of the Showa era. This course examines several aspects of this new 'modern life' with particular attention given to the new social roles, new gender roles, new lifestyles, and new forms of culture that emerged among the new middle class.

This course will be conducted as a seminar, but short 'mini lectures' will be given from time to time on several of these topics. Our main text will be 'House and Home in Modern Japan' by Jordon Sand; this book will serve as the basis for weekly class discussions. In addition, students will be assigned a book (on reserve in the library) to summarize (in small groups) in the form of a group presentation. Finally, students will be asked to produce an essay, based either on a topic related to our main textbook, or a topic related to the book they have been asked to summarize.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

N/A

Host Institution Course Title

MODERNITY IN INTERWAR JAPAN

Host Institution Campus

Keio University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

International Center

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