

SU22 AP/HIST 3761 3.0A Modern Japan: Meiji Restoration to Postwar Era (1868-Present)

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Expanded Course Description (expanded from course calendar description):

This course begins in the period from Japan's simultaneous forced entrance into the modern nation-state system and its shedding of feudalism with the Meiji period, continues through wholesale modernization plans, the development of a modern military, seizing of colonies in Korea and Taiwan, encroachment into Chinese territory, total war against China, and engulfment with the Axis Powers in WWII. It concludes with the rebuilding of Japan following its devastating defeat following the war.

Weighting of Course:

TENTATIVE Grade Breakdown

Essay – 50%

Exam – 50%

Organization of the Course:

Two lectures posted online at the beginning of each week, along with additional readings

Course Learning Objectives:

To learn about modern Japanese history—where the world's third biggest economy came from, its 19th- and 20th-century past.