

PLS425(380): Japan-China Relations

Fall Term, 2009 (Monday & Wednesday, 10:30~11:45)

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Course Description

This course is about the relationship between Japan and China. It will cover all major aspects, including political, military, economic, cultural, and also ecological intercourses between the two major East Asian powers. It will first examine the history of Sino-Japanese relations from antiquity to the recent past, with special emphases on major historical issues. It will then pay attention to current issues between the two countries.

***IMPORTANT NOTICE: The instructor suggests that students who have never studied either Chinese or Japanese history should talk to him on September 2, 3, and 4.**

Course Objectives

1. To understand better the history of Sino-Japanese relations.
2. To understand better the current state and issues of Sino-Japanese relations.
3. To understand and think and argue analytically and critically about major controversial historical and contemporary issues in spoken and written forms.

Classroom Activities

1. Students are expected to attend every meeting on time.
2. Students are strongly discouraged to leave a classroom between 12:30 and 13:45.
3. Students are expected to finish reading the assigned readings for sure before coming to class.
4. Students must purchase and bring assigned textbook and readings below to every meeting.
5. Students are expected to raise questions and participate in class discussion actively.
6. Students must fulfill all the requirements listed below in Evaluation to complete and pass this course. No passing without completion!

Prerequisites

None

Evaluation

1. Final Examination (30%): Open-note cumulative essay examination.
2. Term Paper (20%): Students will be required to write a 1800-2000 word paper. Instructions will be given separately.

3. In-Class Presentation (20%: Oral 10% + Visual 5%+Handout 5%): Instructions will be given separately.
4. Presentation Meeting (10%): Instructions will be given separately.
5. Attendance (10%): Attendance will be taken at the beginning of every meeting. Late Arrival would not be counted as attendance. Do not be absent more than five times; otherwise, you would automatically lose 10%.
6. Class Participation (10%): Students are expected to be active in raising questions and speak up in class (NOT after class). Silence would never contribute to your participation grade. Since the instructor will not call on you, you would have to

Course Materials

To be announced.

Course Schedule (Subject to Change)

Week 1(Sep. 2)

I. Course Introduction

Week 2(Sep. 7 & 9)

No Class (The Instructor will be out of Japan)

Week 3 (Sep. 14 & 16)

II. Premodern Sino-Japanese Relations 1:

III. Premodern Sino-Japanese Relations 2: Chinese World Order & Sino-Japanese Relations

Week 4 (Sep. 21 & 23)

No Class (Holidays)

Week 5 (Sep. 28 & Sep. 30)

In-Class Discussion: Premodern Sino-Japanese Relations (Sep. 28)

IV. Modern Sino-Japanese Relations 1: Inceptive Diplomatic Issues

Week 6 (Oct. 5& 7)

V. Modern Sino-Japanese Relations 2: Sino-Japanese War (1894-1895)

VI. Modern Sino-Japanese Relations 3: Sino-Japanese Relations in the Last Qing Years

Week 7 (Oct. 14 & 16)

VII. Modern Sino-Japanese Relations 4: The Rise of Chinese Nationalism & Japan

VIII. Modern Sino-Japanese Relations 5: The Manchurian Incident (1931-1932)

Week 8 (Oct. 19 & 21)

IX. Modern Sino-Japanese Relations 6: Manchukuo (1932-1945)

X. Modern Sino-Japanese Relations 7: The Sino-Japanese Conflict (1937-1945)

Week 9 (Oct. 26 & 28)

Movies on the Nanjing Incident (Oct. 19 & Oct. 21)

*Paper Due: (Oct. 28)

Week 10 (Nov. 2 & 4)

XI. Modern Sino-Japanese Relations 8: The Nanjing Incident (Nov. 2)

Paper presentation & In-Class Discussion: The Sino-Japanese Confrontation in the Modern Period (Nov. 4)

Week 11 (Nov. 9 & 11)

XII. Contemporary Sino-Japanese Relations 1: Sino-Japanese Normalization

XIII. Contemporary Sino-Japanese Relations 2: Sino-Japanese Relations (1978-1989)

*Paper Due: The Textbook Controversy (Nov. 11)

Week 12 (Nov. 16 & 18)

XIV. Contemporary Sino-Japanese Relations 3: Sino-Japanese Relations since the 1990s

Paper Presentation & In-Class Discussion: The Textbook Controversy (Nov. 18)

*Paper Due: The Yasukuni Controversy (Nov. 18)

Week 13 (Nov. 25)

Paper Presentation & In-Class Discussion: The Yasukuni Controversy (Nov. 25)

*Paper Due: Territorial Disputes (Nov. 25)

*Paper Due: Japanese ODA to China (Nov. 25)

Week 14 (Nov. 30 & Dec. 2)

Paper Presentation & In-Class Discussion : Territorial Disputes (Nov. 30)

Paper Presentation & In-Class Discussion : Japanese ODA to China (Dec. 2)

Week 15 (Dec. 7 & 9)

Paper Presentation & In-Class Discussion: Anti-Chinese & Japanese Sentiments

(Dec. 7)

XV. The Rise of China & Sino-Japanese Relations

Final Examination (Dec. 16, 10:30-11:45)