

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE– 3 (DSC-3): History of Modern Japan (c. 1868 – 1950s)

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
History of Modern Japan (c. 1868 – 1950s)	4	3	1	0	12 th Pass	NIL

Learning Objectives

The course studies the transition of Japan from quasi-feudalism to a modern industrialised capitalist nation. It focuses on the political and economic strategies adopted by Japan to meet the challenges posed by western imperialistic intrusions. It facilitates an understanding of Japan's emergence as a major non-European power within an international order dominated by western imperial powers. It studies the trajectory of Japan towards ultra-nationalism and militarism in the context of a failed parliamentary democracy, eventually leading to disaster in the Second World War. The course aims to pay close attention to historiographical shifts, contextualizing these against the backdrop of their contemporary history and politics.

Learning outcomes

Upon the completion of this course the student shall be able to:

- Explain Japan's attempts to create new institutional structures and recast traditions to encounter challenges of the west.
- Analyse historiographical shifts in Japanese history in the context of global politics. Examine the divergent pathways to modernity followed by Japan.
- Locate and contextualise the history of Japan in world politics.
- Critically discuss contemporary international studies with much greater clarity based on the knowledge of history and culture of Japan.

SYLLABUS OF DSC-3

Unit 1: Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism

1. Crisis of the Tokugawa Bakuhan System
2. The Meiji Restoration: Nature and Significance; Early Meiji Reforms
3. Economic Development in the Meiji Era

Unit 2: Democracy and Militarism

1. Meiji Constitution
2. Failure of Parliamentary Democracy; Militarism and Fascism

Unit 3: Imperialistic Expansion

1. Korea
2. Manchuria
3. China

Unit 4: American Occupation, post-War Reconstruction

Practical component (if any) – NIL

Essential/recommended readings

Unit 1: This unit will introduce students to the history of Japan's transition from feudalism to capitalism. The Unit will also examine historical processes which led to Meiji Restoration and its impact on the economy of Japan. **(Teaching Time: 9 hrs. approx.)**

- Gordon, A. (2003). A Modern History Of Japan- From Tokugawa Times To The Present. New York: Oxford University Press, Chapter 3- The Intellectual World Of Late Tokugawa & Chapter 4- Overthrow Of The Tokugawa.
- Hall, J.W. (1991). (Ed.). Cambridge History Of Japan. Volume Iv: Early Modern Japan. Cup. Cambridge.
- Jansen, M.B. (2000). The Making Of Modern Japan. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
- Jansen. M.B. And Gilbert Rozman. (1986). Japan In Transition From Tokugawa To Meiji. Princeton, Princeton University Press
- Livingston, J. Et Al. (1974). The Japan Reader: Volume I- Imperial Japan: 1800-1945. Pantheon Asia Library, 1974.
- McClain, J.L. (2002). Japan – A Modern History. W.W. Norton And Company. Chapter 3- Self And Society.
- Pyle, K.B. (1995). The Making Of Modern Japan. Lexington: D.C. Heath.
- Sansom, G.B. (2015). The Western World And Japan-- A Study In The Interaction Of European And Asiatic Cultures. Bibliolife DbA Of Biblio Bazaar Li Llc. Chapters 14 And 15.
- Totman, C. (1980). Collapse Of The Tokugawa Bakufu. 1862-1868. University Of Hawaii Press.

Unit 2: This unit deals with the emergence and growth of democratic governance in Japan.

The polemics of Meiji Constitution, and failure of democracy and subsequent rise of Militarism have been examined in this unit. **(Teaching Time: 12 hrs. approx.)**

- Moore Jr., Barrington. (2015). *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy: Lord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World*. Boston: Beacon Press.
- Beasley, W.G. (2000). *The Rise of Modern Japan: Political, Economic and Social Change Since 1850*. Palgrave Macmillan. Chapter 6- Protest and Dissent.
- Beckmann, G.M. (1957). *The Making of the Meiji Constitution: The Oligarchs and the Constitutional Development of Japan, 1868-1891*. University of Kansas Press.
- Jansen, M. B. et. al ed. (1988). *Cambridge History of Japan. Volume V: The Twentieth Century*. Cambridge, CUP.
- Fairbank, J.K., E.O. Reischauer and A. M. Craig. (1998). *East Asia: Tradition and Transformation*. New Jersey: Houghton Mifflin. Chapter 23- Imperial Japan: Democracy and Militarism.
- Gordon, A. (2003). *A Modern History of Japan- From Tokugawa Times to the Present*. New York: Oxford University Press. pp 88-91.
- Ike, N. *The Beginnings of Political Democracy in Japan*. Praeger, 1969.
- Jansen, M.B. (1988). *Cambridge History of Japan. Volume V: The Nineteenth Century*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. pp 651-673
- Hall, J.W. (1970). *Japan from Pre-history to Modern Times*. Centre for Japanese Studies, the University of Michigan. Chapter 16- The Meiji Constitution and the Emergence of Imperial Japan. Chapter 17- The Decade of the 20's- Political Parties and Mass Movements.

Unit 3: This unit will enable students to understand the imperialistic designs of Japan and the role of nationalism in its conception. It will also examine the nature and consequences of Japanese colonialism in Korea, Manchuria and China. **(Teaching Time: 12 hrs. approx.)**

- Beasley, W.G. (1987) *Japanese Imperialism 1894-1945*. Oxford: Clarendon Press.
- Fairbank, J.K., E.O. Reischauer and A. M. Craig. (1998). *East Asia: Tradition and Transformation*. New Jersey, Houghton Mifflin, 1998, Chapter 26- The New Japan.
- Hall, J.W. (1970). *Japan from Pre-history to Modern Times*. Centre for Japanese Studies, the University of Michigan. Chapter 18- From Manchuria to War in the Pacific.
- Iriye, A. (1981). *Power and Culture, The Japanese-American War, 1941-1945*. Harvard University Press.
- Jansen, M.B. (1975). *Japan and China: From War to Peace, 1894-1972*. Princeton University: Rand McNally College Publishing Company/Chicago. Chapter 4- Japan and Change in Korea, Chapter 7-The New Generation, pp 241-247, Chapter 10-The Road to the Pacific War.
- Mayo, J.M.(Ed.). (1970). *The Emergence of Imperial Japan-Self Defence or Calculated Aggression?* Lexington, Massachusetts: D.C. Heath and Company. pp 19-24, 25-30, 47- 53, 55- 58, 69-73.
- Morley, J.W. (Ed). (1971). *Dilemmas of Growth in Pre-war Japan*. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press. Chapter I- introduction: Choice and

- Consequence, Chapter IV The Failure of Military Expansionism, Chapter VI-Rural origins of Japanese Fascism, Chapter IX- Intellectuals as Visionaries of the New Asian Order, Chapter XIII- What Went Wrong?.

Unit 4: This unit deals with the American occupation of Japan after World War-II and the post-war reconstruction. **(Teaching Time: 12 hrs. approx)**

- Dower, J.W. (1999). *Embracing Defeat: Japan in the Wake of World War II*. New York. W.W. Norton & Company.
- Duus, P. (1997). *Modern Japan*. Boston. Houghton Mifflin
- Jansen, M.B. (1975). *Japan and China: From War to Peace, 1894-1972*. Princeton University: Rand McNally College Publishing Company/Chicago. Chapter 12- The Postwar Era, pp 447-462.
- Porter, E.A. and Porter, Ran Ying, (2018) *Japanese Reflections on World War II and the American Occupation*. Amsterdam, Amsterdam University Press.
- Takemae, E. (2002). *The Allied Occupation of Japan*. New York, London: The Continuum International publishing group.

Suggested Readings:

- Akita, G. (1967). *Foundations of the Constitutional Government in Japan, 1868-1900*. Harvard East Asian Series, 23. Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press.
- Allen, G.C. (1946). *A Short Economic History of Modern Japan 1867-1937*. London: Allen & Unwin. (Chapter 2).
- Allen, G.C. (1946). *A Short Economic History of Modern Japan 1867-1937*. London: Allen & Unwin, 1946, Chapter 2.
- Barnhart, M.A. (1995). *Japan and the World since 1868*. New York: Edward Arnold.
- Beasley, W.G. (1963). *The Making of Modern Japan*. London: Wardenfield and Nicolson, 1963, Chapter VI- New Men and New Methods 1868-1873.
- Beasley, W.G. (1972). *The Meiji Restoration*. Stanford University Press.
- Borton, H. (1955). *Japan's Modern Century*. New York: Ronald Press Co.
- Chatterji, B.R. (1966). *Modern Japan: Perry to Sato*. Meerut, Meenakshi Prakashan, India.
- Duus, P. (1968). *Party Rivalry and Political Change in Taisho Japan*. Harvard: Harvard University Press.
- Fairbank, J.K., E.O. Reischauer and A. M. Craig. (1998). *East Asia: Tradition and Transformation*. New Jersey: Houghton Mifflin, Chapter 15-Tokugawa Japan: A Centralized Feudal State, Chapter 17- Japan's Response to the West, and Chapter 18- Modernization in Meiji Japan.
- Hall, J.W. (1970). *Japan from Pre-history to Modern Times*. Centre for Japanese Studies, the University of Michigan.
- Hall, J.W. (1991). ed. *Cambridge History of Japan*. Volume IV: Early Modern Japan. Cambridge University Press. Beasley, W.G. (1963). *The Making of*

- Modern Japan. London: Werdenfield and Nicolson Chapter 1- Japan in the Early 19th Century.
- Hane, M. (1992). *Modern Japan: A Historical Survey*. Avalon Publishing.
- Ike, N. (1969). *The Beginnings of Political Democracy in Japan*. Praeger.
- Jansen, M.B. (1965). ed. *Changing Japanese Attitudes toward Modernization*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Jansen, M.B. (1988). ed. *The Cambridge History of Japan*. Volumes IV, V and VI. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
- Jansen, M.B. and Gilbert Rozmaned, (1986). *Japan in Transition: From Tokugawa to Meiji*. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press.
- Karlin, J.G. (2014). *Gender and Nation in Meiji Japan: Modernity, Loss, And The Doing of History*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2014.
- Kiguchi, Junko. *Japanese Women's Rights in the Meiji Era*. <https://www.soka.ac.jp/Kunio>
- Y. (1967). *Japanese Economic Development: A Short Introduction*. Oxford University Press. Third edition 1995.
- Lockwood, W.W. (1954). *The Economic development of Japan: Growth and Structural Change, 1868-1938*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University press.
- Lockwood, W.W. (1965). *The State and Economic Enterprise in Japan*. Part I and II. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- McClain, J.L. (2002). *Japan – A Modern History*. Boston. W.W. Norton and Company.
- McLaren, W.W. (1923). *A Political History of Japan during the Meiji Era 1867- 1912*. Reproduction by Nabu Press, 2000.
- Morris I. (Ed.). (1963). *Japan 1931-1945: Militarism, Fascism, Japanism?* D.C. Heath and Company.
- Myers, R.H. and Mark R. Peattie (Ed.). (1984). *The Japanese Colonial Empire, 1895-1945*. Princeton University Press.
- Norman, E.H. (1940). *Japan's Emergence as a Modern State*. New York: International Secretariat, Institute of Pacific Relations, First Indian Reprint 1977, Khosla and Co., Chapter III The Restoration.
- Peffer, N. (1958). *The Far East: A Modern History*. University of Michigan Press. Chapter 14- Constitutionalism, Japanese Style.
- Sansom, G.B. (1931). *Japan: A Short Cultural History*. London and New York: Cresset Press and D. Appleton.
- Scalapino, R.A. (1953). *Democracy and Party Movement in Pre-War Japan: the Failure of the First Attempt*. Berkeley: California University Press.
- Smethurst, R.J. (1974). *A Social Basis for Pre-War Japanese Militarism: The Army and the Rural Community*. University of California Press.
- Storry, R. (1991). *A History of Modern Japan*. Original Publication 1961. Penguin Publishing Group.
- Tipton, E.K. (2002) *Modern Japan: A Social and Political History*. London and New York: Routledge.

- Tsutsui, W.M. (2009). ed. A Companion to Japanese History. Oxford: Wiley- Blackwell.
- Wray, H. and H. Conroy. (1983). Japan Examined: Perspectives on Modern Japanese History. University of Hawaii Press, Honolulu.
- Yanaga, C. (1949). Japan since Perry. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company.
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- पणु तांबेकर, P िक ँरुण वSकटेश.(1967) एVशया के WवकासोXमख ँु एकता. लखनऊ: <हXम् ? सVम9त, सर्र्ना Wवभाग, उ_रम् ेश.
- Wवनाके , हरे >ि एम. (1974). पवू एc Vशया का आधुनक इ9तहास. लखनऊ: <हXम् ? सVम9त सर्र्ना Wवभाग.
- तवार?, ेमशंकर. (2005). जापान का इ9तहास. Wवहुव भारती: Wवहुव भारतीपुलके शXस. ुनक जापान का इ9तहास. <म् >ल?: खोसला पुलVशगं हाउस.
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- सराओ, के. ट?. एस. (2015) आधुनक जापान का इ9तहास. <म् >ल? WवहुवWवक्यालय: <हXम् ? मायम कायाcXवयन9तनेशालय
- Wवक्यालंकार, समयके त. ँु (2015). एVशया का आधुनक इ9तहास, मसर्र्?: P ि सर,वती ससन.
- पांिये , धनप9त. (2017). आधुनक एVशया का इ9तहास. <म् >ल?: मोतीलाल बनारसीम् ास

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.