Course Name	**Modern Japanese History**		
Semester, Year	First Semester, 2017	**Number of Credits**	2 credits
Course level	3000	**Course Number**	027032
Instructor(s) (Institution)	Philip SEATON (大学院メディア・コミュニケーション研究院)		
Course Objectives	This course provides a broad overview of Japanese history from the 1850s to the present day.		
Course Goals	To understand transformations in Japanese society and Japan's role in the world in the modern era. To consider the relevance of Japanese history for the broader study of world history and historiography.		
Course Schedule	This is a lecture course supplemented by readings from the course text. Each week the lecture focuses on a different period of history. Lectures are in chronological order from the nineteenth century to the present. 1) Course Introduction 2) Japan pre-1853 3) The Bakumatsu Period, 1853-68 4) The Early Meiji Period, 1868-77 5) The Mid Meiji Period, 1877-89 6) The Late Meiji Period, 1889-1912 7) The Taisho Period, 1912-26 8) Reading Week 9) The Early Showa Period, 1926-37 10) War and Occupation, 1937-52 11) Recovery, 1952-64 12) Miracles and Shocks, 1964-79 13) The Late Showa Period, 1979-89 14) The Heisei Period, 1989-present 15) End of term test		
Homework	Readings from the course text "Modern Japan" and other readings introduced on the class homepage.		
Grading System	Students will be assessed on their attendance and participation in class (30%) and on the results of their end of term test (70%).		
Textbooks / Reading List	Modern Japan: A social and political history (3rd edition) Elise K. Tipton Routledge 2016		
Websites	www.philipseaton.net		
Website of Laboratory			
Additional Information	This is a lecture course given in natural speed English and the end of term test will include a long essay written in English. Advanced listening and writing skills in English are essential.		