

Course Name	Japanese Foreign Policy		
Semester, Year	Second Semester, 2018	Number of Credits	2 credits
Course level	2000	Course Number	27121
Instructor(s) (Institution)	Hironori SASADA (大学院メディア・コミュニケーション研究院)		
Course Objectives	The course explores the politics and government of the Meiji (1868-1912), Taisho (1912-26), and the first half of the Showa period (1926-55). The lectures will discuss the development of a modern state system in Japan focusing mainly on the issues of domestic politics such as state-building, policymaking process, democratization, party politics, and social policies. Throughout the course, we will discuss the following themes: Who governed Japan? How were decisions made in Japanese policymaking process? How did Japan's politics change over time?		
Course Goals	By the end of the course, student are expected to develop the following skills: (1) to understand the developmental path of Japanese politics, (2) to discuss some various issues of Japanese political history from different points of view, (3) to communicate and collaborate with the rest of the class through class discussions.		
Course Schedule	<p>Week 1: Introduction</p> <p>Week 2: The end of the shogunate government and the Meiji Restoration</p> <p>Week 3: The Meiji government and modernization of Japan</p> <p>Week 4: Politics in the Meiji period</p> <p>Week 5: Economic and social policies in the Meiji period</p> <p>Week 6: Politics in the Taisho period: The Taisho democracy</p> <p>Week 7: Economic and social policies in the Taisho period</p> <p>Week 8: Midterm exam</p> <p>Week 9: Politics in the early Showa period</p> <p>Week 10: The establishment of the military government</p> <p>Week 11: Rise of the wartime regime</p> <p>Week 12: The end of WWII</p> <p>Week 13: Reforms during the occupation period</p> <p>Week 14: Establishment of the postwar regime: The 1955 system</p> <p>Week 15: Final exam</p>		
Homework	Read the reading materials before coming to the lecture every week.		
Grading System	<p>Midterm exam        40%</p> <p>Final exam         40%</p> <p>Class participation   20%</p>		
Textbooks / Reading List	All reading materials will be made available online at the course website.		
Websites			
Website of Laboratory			
Additional Information			