

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HA4043 Japanese Foreign Policy

Pre-requisites : HA1001

No. of AUs. : 4

Contact Hours : 52

Course Aims

Japan is a very unique state in international relations. Because of the legacy of World War II, Japan's strategic focus was on economic development while downplaying its military capabilities under its "peace" constitution, particularly Article 9. However, despite these diplomatic, legal, and social constraints, Japan's diplomatic relations with Asia has evolved over time. Why has such an evolution occurred? How can we understand the development of Japanese foreign policy in the post-World War II era? This seminar aims to provide the in-depth knowledge of contemporary Japanese foreign policy and hone student's analytical skill to understand strategic relations between Japan and Asian states. The seminar is particularly recommended to those who are interested in graduate studies in International Relations and Asian/Southeast Asian studies or career in foreign affairs and international relations.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

1. Describe the basic characteristics of Japanese foreign policy in the post-World War II;
2. Theoretically explain differences between Japanese foreign policy in the post-World War II and the post-Cold War period;
3. Analyze contemporary Japan's diplomatic behavior by contextualizing Japan's foreign policy development from the Cold War period;
4. Explain the historical development of Japan's relationship with Asian states, particularly Southeast Asian states; and,
5. Debate the future of Japan's foreign policy direction toward Asia.

Course Content

The seminar course is divided into 7 sections:

1. Introduction: The basics of Japan's Foreign Policy [Session 1-2]
2. the Evolution of Japan's Foreign Policy Strategy: Meiji to Reiwa [Session 3-5]
3. Military Capabilities and Alignment [Session 6]
4. Economic Diplomacy and Development Assistance [Session 7]
5. Historical legacy in Asia and beyond [Session 8]

6. Strategies and Geographies: East Asia, Asia-Pacific, and Indo-Pacific [9-12]
7. Conclusion: The Future of Japan's Foreign Policy [Session 13].

Using several analytical frameworks in the International Relations (IR) field, the course will explore Japan's foreign policy direction..

Course Assessment

Class participation & contribution	: 15%
Presentation	: 20%
Mini Essay	: 15%
Simulation	: 15%
Term Paper	: 35%
Total	-----
	100%