



JPS 121

Japan - Past and Present

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General Information

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Credit points

3

Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit aims at providing students with a general knowledge of the historical tradition and transition of Japan. The unit begins in ancient Japan and continues through the major periods of Japanese history until the present day. For each period, the key individuals, groups, events and developments, along with the important issues and concepts, will be introduced. Topics covered include the Japanese imperial court and emperors, the rule of the samurai, Japan's national isolation and subsequent modernisation, and WWII and its related events and issues. The underlying theme of the unit will be to examine the links between Japan's history and the Japan of today. This unit is conducted in English and is open to students of any Faculty interested in Japan.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Demonstrate detailed knowledge of Japanese history.

Generate reasoned, considered and original analysis and evaluation of key individuals, groups and events, as well as of important concepts and issues, in Japanese history.

Present information in a clear, focused, well-structured manner, displaying academic rigour, both orally and in writing.

Demonstrate initiative and competence in research, including locating relevant and

appropriate resources, and use of correct referencing procedure.

Demonstrate a high level of interpersonal skills through class participation.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
Participation	15%	Weekly
Article Research & Review	10%	5pm Wed Mar 26 (Week 4)
Online Test	15%	By 5pm Wed Apr 30 (Week 7)
Essay	30%	5pm Wed May 28 (Week 11)
Formal Examination	30%	Exam period, June 16 - July 4

Participation

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **15%**

Participation refers to much more than simply being in attendance. Students must consistently demonstrate their commitment to the course by being punctual and well prepared for all classes. Participation marks are also gained through active involvement during the class, demonstrated by asking and answering questions, participating constructively in activities as required, and showing consideration for the teaching staff and other students by behaving in a mature and co-operative manner. The assessment rubric for Participation is available in iLearn.

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Article Research & Review

Due: **5pm Wed Mar 26 (Week 4)**

Weighting: **10%**

Length: 600 words plus bibliographical data

Format: Times New Roman 12 point font, typed A4, double-spaced

In this task, students are required to use the university library online research databases to

locate a small number of relevant journal articles. The list of journal articles (title only) will be provided in iLearn. Once the articles have been located, students are required to submit:

1. The full bibliographical details of each article, using the prescribed referencing style for JPS121.
2. A 600 word review of one of the articles.

Detailed information, including a workshop, on how to complete this task will be provided in tutorials and iLearn. The assessment rubric for this task is available in iLearn.

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Online Test

Due: **By 5pm Wed Apr 30 (Week 7)**

Weighting: **15%**

This test is designed to assess your understanding of the unit content, as well as your critical thinking and academic writing skills. Questions will be based on the unit content from Week 2 to Week 6. You are advised to revise the content of the lectures, tutorials and essential readings. The test may include the following question types: multiple choice, true/false, short response and medium response.

This test will be completed via iLearn. It will be available from 9am Wednesday 16 April, 2014 until 5pm Wednesday 30 April, 2014. Once you start the test you must complete and submit it within two hours.

Further information on this test will be provided in tutorials and iLearn. The assessment rubric for this task is available in iLearn.

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Essay

Due: **5pm Wed May 28 (Week 11)**

Weighting: **30%**

Length: 1500 words

Format: Times New Roman 12 point font, typed A4, double-spaced

You will be required to choose one question (out of two options) and respond to it in essay format. The essay question options will be provided to you in class and iLearn.

Detailed information, including workshops, on how to complete this task will be provided in tutorials and iLearn. The assessment rubric for this task is available in iLearn.

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Formal Examination

Due: **Exam period, June 16 - July 4**

Weighting: **30%**

This exam is designed to assess your understanding of the unit content, as well as your critical thinking and academic writing skills. The exam will cover the content of lectures, tutorials and essential readings from Weeks 2-13, and may include the following question types: multiple choice, true/false, short response, medium response and short essay questions. The exam will be two hours in length.

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Delivery and Resources

Required Resources

The required textbook for this unit is:

Morton, W. Scott and J. Kenneth Olenik. 2005. *Japan: Its History and Culture*. 4th ed. New York: McGraw Hill.

This text is available from the Co-Op Bookshop on campus. A limited number of copies are also available for loan from the university library.

Online Unit and Technology Used and Required

Online units can be accessed at: <http://ilearn.mq.edu.au>.

This unit will use iLearn and Echo360 (for lecture recordings), so regular, reliable access to a computer and the internet are necessary for the completion of this unit. Basic computer skills and skills in word processing are also a requirement.

Unit Schedule

Week	Topic
1	Unit overview
2	Ancient Japan
3	Heian Period
4	Kamakura Period *Journal Article Research and Review task due
5	Muromachi Period
6	Azuchi-Momoyama Period
	Break
7	Edo (Tokugawa) Period *Online Test due
	Meiji Period I
9	Meiji Period II

10	Taishō Period
11	Early Shōwa Period *Essay due
12	Postwar Japan - "Bubble" collapse
13	Present day Japan
	Formal Examination Period June 16 - July 4 *JPS121 Examination

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Demonstrate initiative and competence in research, including locating relevant and appropriate resources, and use of correct referencing procedure.
- Demonstrate a high level of interpersonal skills through class participation.

Assessment tasks

- Participation
- Article Research & Review
- Online Test
- Essay
- Formal Examination

Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess,

write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- Demonstrate a high level of interpersonal skills through class participation.

Assessment task

- Participation

Supplementary tests & Late submissions

Supplementary Tests & Late Submissions

If you anticipate unavoidable difficulty in sitting for tests, contact the convenor or your lecturer/tutor as soon as possible. A request for a supplementary test will be considered only in the case of serious illness or disruption. Assignments are compulsory and must be submitted on time. As a general rule, extensions will not be granted without a valid and documented reason (e.g. medical certificate). Late submissions will be penalised by 5% for each day (including weekends) the assignment task is late. No assignments will be accepted after assignments have been corrected and feedback has been provided. Assignment tasks handed in early will not be marked and returned before the due date.

Special Consideration

Special Consideration Policy

Special Consideration is intended for a student who is prevented by serious and unavoidable disruption from completing any unit requirements in accordance with their ability. Please refer to MQ Policy Central (link provided in the following section) for more information.

Applying for Special Consideration Students applying for Special Consideration circumstances that are of three (3) consecutive days' duration within a study period, and/or prevent completion of a formal examination, must submit an online application via ask.mq.edu.au. The due date for receipt by the University of an application for Special Consideration is five (5) working days after the due date of the associated assessment task / final examination. For an application to be valid, it must include all supporting evidence.