



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

JAPAN: METHODOLOGICAL GUIDANCE - 46106

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Asian Studies

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Ms. Avigail Baruchin

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Course/Module description:

The course will focus on developing various academic skills in order to improve the students' research abilities. In addition, we will read primary and secondary sources related to Dr. Sherer's course. Finally we will combine all the course skills for the final written assignment which will be a 10-12 pages research paper.

Course/Module aims:

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Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

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Attendance requirements(%):

80

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Frontal teaching and the completion of assignments

Course/Module Content:

Lesson 1 - Academical writing + primary sources.
Lesson 2 - Shinto + topic selection.
Lesson 3 - Research Question + Chinese Influences.
Lesson 4 - Searching for sources + Nara period.
Lesson 5 - Structure and arguments + Heian period.
Lesson 6 - Correct writing + Rise of the Samurai and the Genpei War.
Lesson 7 - Writing anchors (part 1).
Lesson 8 - Writing anchors (part 2) + Samurai fighting methods.
Lesson 9 - References, bibliography + Kamakura.
Lesson 10 - Visual sources + Kamakura (part 2).
Lesson 11 - Muromachi, Sengoku + additional points.
Lesson 12 - Sengoku period + The 3 Unifiers.
Lesson 13 - Tips and tricks + The foreigners arrival to Japan.
Lesson 14 - Edo period and final summary.

Required Reading:

The required reading will appear in the moodle under the relevant lesson.

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 60 %

Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 35 %

Attendance / Participation in Field Excursion 5 %

Additional information:

Students are required to read the reading material before each lesson. By using the skills learned in class the students are required to submit 3 assignments during the semester. At the end of the semester the students are required to submit a final assignment about the history of Japan until 1860's.