

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

JAPAN DURING WORLD WAR II-from MUKDEN TO HIROSHIMA - 46329

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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: DR/ MEDZINI MEIRON

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Course/Module description:

This course is aimed at studying in depth, discussing and understanding the processes that caused Japan's military and civilian leaders in the 1930's and early 1940's to embark on a hopeless war against the United States. Japan's social and political structures will be examined, her view of her place in the regional and international framework and the military and diplomatic moves that drove Japan to attack America in Pearl Harbor. The course will also deal with the military and diplomatic moves during the Pacific War and an effort will be undertaken to understand the main causes that led to Japan's defeat.

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(%):

100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: FRONTAL LECTURE AND CLASS DISCUSSION

Course/Module Content:

Please check the full syllabus

Required Reading:

Shillony, Ben-Ami, Modern Japan – Culture and History, Tel Aviv, Schocken Books, chapters 14-19.

Medzini, Meron, from Port Arthur to Hiroshima – the rise and fall of the Japanese Militarism, Tel Aviv, Ministry of Defense, 2006, the entire book.

Toland, John, The Rising Sun – the Decline and Fall of the Japanese Empire 1936-1945, Tel Aviv, Ministry of Defense, 1985, the entire book.

Shillony, Ben-Ami, Politics and Culture in Wartime Japan, Oxford University Press, 1981, the entire book.

Harari, Ehud, Japan – A Maturing Democracy, Raanana, Open University, 2012, pp. 23-94.

Bagut, Jim, The Bomb – The Secret History of the Atomic Bomb, Tel Aviv, Yedioth Achronot, 2012, chapters 15 and 16.

Additional Reading Material:

Please check the full syllabus

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 100 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

FINAL EXAMINATION OR A SEMINAR PAPER/