

Feudal Japan 1100-1800 CE  
University of California, Berkeley  
OLLI Program  
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## Course Syllabus

Course description: An introductory survey of Feudal Japan (1100-1800 CE) which surveys the cultural history of Japan, when “the Japanese became Japanese” by way of political and socio-economic changes that re-directed and recast the course of Japanese civilization.

Lecture schedule:

Lecture # 1	Monday 9-24-2018
	<b>The Dawn of Feudal Japan (850-1160)</b>
	<b>The Kamakura Period (1185-1334)</b>
Lecture # 2	Monday 10-01-2018
	<b>The Kamakura Period (1185-1334)</b>
	<b>Kamakura Society &amp; Culture</b>
Lecture # 3	Monday 10-08-2018 (note: No class on Monday 10/15/18)
	<b>The Muromachi Period (1336-1570)</b>
Lecture # 4	Monday 10-15-2018
	<b>Muromachi Society &amp; Culture</b>
Lecture # 5	Monday 10-22-2018 (Note: No class on Monday 11/5/18)
	<b>The Tokugawa Period (1600-1800)</b>
Lecture # 6	Monday 10-29-2018 (Last class for this course)
	<b>Edo Society &amp; Culture</b>

Suggested readings:

There are no required readings for this course. A selective reading list is provided for those individuals who might like to explore on their own various topics of personal interest. This list is provided below in three parts. Part 1 lists a few general introductory works. Part 2 lists works on a variety of topics, which are appropriate for the general reader. Part 3 offers a list works with a more scholarly approach, where the readings are of a technical nature and are thus are more intellectually demanding.

### **Part 1**

1. Feudal Japan  
by Peter Duus (third edition, 1993)
2. Japan Before Perry, A Short History  
by Conrad Totman (1981)
3. Samurai, The Story of a Warrior Tradition  
by Harry Cook (1993)
4. Japanese Castles  
by Motoo Hinago (1986)
5. Castles of the Samurai, Power and Beauty  
by Jennifer Mitchelhill (2003)
6. Strongholds of the Samurai, Japanese Castles (200-1877)  
by Stephen Turnbull (209)
7. Spectacular Helmets of Japan 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Century  
Organized by Japan House Gallery and the Association for the Research and Preservation of Japanese Helmets and Armor (1985)

### **Part 2**

1. Japan, the Shaping of Daimyo Culture (1185-1868)  
Edited by Yoshiaki Shimizu (1988)
2. The Samurai, A Military History  
By Stephen S.R. Turnbull (1977)
3. Yoshimasa and the Silver Pavilion, the Creation of the Soul of Japan  
by Donald Keene (2003)
4. Hideyoshi  
by Mary Elizabeth Berry (1982)

### Part 3

1. Warrior Rule in Japan  
Edited by Marius B. Jansen (1995)
2. Japan's Medieval Population, Famine, Fertility, and Warfare in a Transformative Age  
by William Wayne Ferris (2006)
3. Japan to 1600, A Social and Economic History  
by William Wayne Ferris (2009)
4. Heavenly Warriors, The Evolution of Japan's Military 500-1300  
by William Wayne Ferris (2009)
5. Japan in the Muromachi Age  
edited by John W. Hall and Toyoda Takeshi (1977)
6. Japan's Renaissance, The Politics of the Muromachi Bakufu  
by Kenneth Alan Grossberg (1981)
7. Antiquity and Anachronism in Japanese History  
by Jeffery P. Mass (1992)
8. The World Turned Upside Down, Medieval Japanese Society  
by Pierre Francois Souyri (translated by Kathe Roth) (1998)
9. Currents in Medieval Japanese History, Essays in Honor of Jeffery P. Mass  
editors: Berger, Goble, Harrington, Hurst III (2009)
10. Warlords, Artists, and Commoners, Japan in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century  
edited by George Elison and Bardwell L. Smith (1981)
11. Japan Before Tokugawa, Political Consolidation and Economic Growth, 1500-1650  
edited by John W. Hall, Nagahara Keiji, and Kozo Yamamura (1981)
12. The Politics of the Tokugawa Bakufu, 1600-1843  
by Conrad Totman (1967)
13. Tour of Duty, Samurai Military Service in Edo, and the Culture of Early Modern Japan  
by Constantine Nomikos Vaporis (2008)

14. Studies in the Institutional History of Early Modern Japan  
edited by John W. Hall and Marius B. Jansen (1968)
15. Government and Local Power in Japan, 500-1700, A Study of  
Bizen Province  
by John W. Hall (1966)
16. A History of Zen Buddhism  
by Heinrich Dumoulin S.J (1963)
17. Zen and Japanese Culture  
by Daisetz T. Suzuki (3<sup>rd</sup> Printing 1973)