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
The Dawn of Feudal Japan (850-1160)
The Kamakura Period (1185-1334)

Lecture #2 Monday 10-01-2018
The Kamakura Period (1185-1334)
Kamakura Society & Culture

Lecture #3 Monday 10-08-2018 (note: No class on Monday 10/15/18)
The Muromachi Period (1336-1570)

Lecture #4 Monday 10-15-2018
Muromachi Society & Culture

Lecture #5 Monday 10-22-2018 (Note: No class on Monday 11/5/18)
The Tokugawa Period (1600-1800)

Lecture #6 Monday 10-29-2018 (Last class for this course)
Edo Society & Culture
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 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  

6. Strongholds of the Samurai, Japanese Castles (200-1877)  
   by Stepen Turnbull (209)

7. Spectacular Helmets of Japan 16th-19th Century  

**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**  

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)

   editors: Berger, Goble, Harrington, Hurst III (2009)

10. **Warlords, Artists, and Commoners, Japan in the 16th 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)
   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 (3rd Printing 1973)