JAPN2410 – Japanese Society & the World

Course Outline

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Consultation hours: Tuesday 1-3  
Semester: Semester 1 - 2010  
Unit Weighting: 10  
Teaching Methods: Lecture  
Contact Hours: Lecture for 2 hours per week for 13 Weeks  
Learning Materials/Texts: A reading list will be provided via Blackboard.  
Assumed Knowledge: None.

Brief Course Description: This course examines aspects of Japanese society and culture using English-language texts.

Course Objectives
1. Enhance students’ understanding of Japanese culture and society.
2. Improve students’ analytical skills through the reading of major texts in this field.
3. Improve students’ capacity for independent research.
4. Improve students’ essay writing skills.
5. Introduce students to the conceptual problems involved in studying a culture other than their own.

Course Content
This course examines some of the major themes in Japanese society and culture. Students will study
* Physical and human geography of the Japanese islands;
* Political and administrative systems;
* Culture and lifestyles;
* International relations.

Assessment Items
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<th>Essays / Written Assignments</th>
<th>Written Essay, 2000 words, (50%)</th>
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Callaghan Campus Timetable
JAPN2410 Japanese Society and The World
Enquiries: School of Humanities and Social Science
Semester 1 - 2010
Lecture | Tuesday | 15:00 - 17:00 | [SRLT3]

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<th>Lecture Topics at a Glance</th>
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<td>March 1</td>
<td>Introduction - Australia, Japan &amp; the World</td>
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<td>Japanese Geography &amp; Early History</td>
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<td>March 15</td>
<td>The Tokugawa Period &amp; Meiji Restoration</td>
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<td>March 22</td>
<td>Japan in the 20th Century</td>
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<td>March 29</td>
<td>The Japanese Economy</td>
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<td>Mid-Semester Recess:</td>
<td>Friday 2 April to Friday 9 April</td>
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<td>Tokyo</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>May 25</td>
<td>Conclusion – Japan &amp; the World</td>
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Essay Questions
Essay 1. Due April 19.
Answer ONE of the following questions.
1) How has geography influenced the growth of the Japanese cultural tradition?
2) Why was Japan able to resist the threat of European and American imperialism in the mid-19th century?
3) Why was the ‘reverse course’ during the American Occupation of Japan so important?
4) In what ways does the ‘department store’ symbolise Japanese economic growth?

Essay 2. Due by June 2.
Answer ONE of the following questions.
1) What role has Tokyo played in the development of contemporary Japanese society?
2) Why has Japan been successful at technological innovation?
3) What are the strengths and weaknesses of the Japanese education system?
4) Are women ‘second class citizens’ in Japan?
5) How well has Japan coped with the ‘growth versus environment’ dilemma?
6) In international politics, why is Japan an economic power but not a political one?

Essays should be submitted electronically through Blackboard.
There is no need to submit a hardcopy.
Essays should be submitted by 11:59 pm on the due date.
Readings will be provided via Blackboard for each essay topic.
IMPORTANT UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
Academic integrity, honesty, and a respect for knowledge, truth and ethical practices are fundamental to the business of the University. These principles are at the core of all academic endeavour in teaching, learning and research. Dishonest practices contravene academic values, compromise the integrity of research and devalue the quality of learning. To preserve the quality of learning for the individual and others, the University may impose severe sanctions on activities that undermine academic integrity. There are two major categories of academic dishonesty:

Academic fraud is a form of academic dishonesty that involves making a false representation to gain an unjust advantage. Without limiting the generality of this definition, it can include:

- falsification of data;
- using a substitute person to undertake, in full or part, an examination or other assessment item;
- reusing one’s own work, or part thereof, that has been submitted previously and counted towards another course (without permission);
- making contact or colluding with another person, contrary to instructions, during an examination or other assessment item;
- bringing material or device(s) into an examination or other assessment item other than such as may be specified for that assessment item; and
- making use of computer software or other material and device(s) during an examination or other assessment item other than such as may be specified for that assessment item.
- contract cheating or having another writer compete for tender to produce an essay or assignment and then submitting the work as one’s own.

Plagiarism is the presentation of the thoughts or works of another as one's own. University policy prohibits students plagiarising any material under any circumstances. Without limiting the generality of this definition, it may include:

- copying or paraphrasing material from any source without due acknowledgment;
- using another person's ideas without due acknowledgment;
- collusion or working with others without permission, and presenting the resulting work as though it were completed independently.

Turnitin is an electronic text matching system. During assessing any assessment item the University may - Reproduce this assessment item and provide a copy to another member of the University; and/or Communicate a copy of this assessment item to a text matching service (which may then retain a copy of the item on its database for the purpose of future checking). Submit the assessment item to other forms of plagiarism checking.

RE-MARKS AND MODERATIONS
Students can access the University's policy at: [http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policylibrary/000769.html](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policylibrary/000769.html)

MARKS AND GRADES RELEASED DURING TERM
All marks and grades released during term are indicative only until formally approved by the Head of School.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES AFFECTING ASSESSMENT ITEMS
Extension of Time for Assessment Items, Deferred Assessment and Special Consideration for Assessment Items or Formal Written Examinations items must be submitted by the due date in the Course Outline unless the Course Coordinator approves an extension. Unapproved late submissions will be penalised in line with the University policy specified in Late Penalty (under student) at the link above.
Requests for Extensions of Time must be lodged no later than the due date of the item. This applies to students:
applying for an extension of time for submission of an assessment item on the basis of medical, compassionate, hardship/trauma or unavoidable commitment; or whose attendance at or performance in an assessment item or formal written examination has been or will be affected by medical, compassionate, hardship/trauma or unavoidable commitment.

Students must report the circumstances, with supporting documentation, as outlined in the Special Circumstances Affecting Assessment Items Procedure at: [http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policylibrary/000641.html](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policylibrary/000641.html)

Note: different procedures apply for minor and major assessment tasks.

Students should be aware of the following important deadlines:

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Special Consideration Requests must be lodged no later than 3 working days after the due date of submission or examination.
Rescheduling Exam requests must be received no later than 10 working days prior the first date of the examination period. 

Late applications may not be accepted. Students who cannot meet the above deadlines due to extenuating circumstances should speak firstly to their Program Officer or their Program Executive if studying in Singapore.

STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY OR CHRONIC ILLNESS
University is committed to providing a range of support services for students with a disability or chronic illness. If you have a disability or chronic illness which you feel may impact on your studies please feel free to discuss your support needs with your lecturer or course coordinator.
Disability Support may also be provided by the Student Support Service (Disability). Students must be registered to receive this type of support. To register contact the Disability Liaison Officer on 02 4921 5766, email at: student-disability@newcastle.edu.au . As some forms of support can take a few weeks to implement it is extremely important that you discuss your needs with your lecturer, course coordinator or Student Support Service staff at the beginning of each semester. For more information on confidentiality and documentation visit the Student Support Service (Disability) website: www.newcastle.edu.au/services/disability .

CHANGING YOUR ENROLMENT
Students enrolled after the census dates listed in the link below are liable for the full cost of their student contribution or fees for that term. http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/fees/censusdates.html

Students may withdraw from a course without academic penalty on or before the last day of term. Any withdrawal from a course after the last day of term will result in a fail grade.

Students cannot enrol in a new course after the second week of term, except under exceptional circumstances. Any application to add a course after the second week of term must be on the appropriate form, and should be discussed with staff in the Student Hubs or with your Program Executive at PSB if you are a Singapore student.

To check or change your enrolment online go to myHub: https://myhub.newcastle.edu.au

STUDENT INFORMATION & CONTACTS
Various services are offered by the Student Support Unit: www.newcastle.edu.au/service/studentsupport/
The Student Hubs are a one-stop shop for the delivery of student related services and are the first point of contact for students studying in Australia. Student Hubs are located at:

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<td>Shortland Hub: Level 3, Shortland Building</td>
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<td>Hunter Hub: Level 2, Student Services Centre</td>
<td><a href="mailto:EnquiryCentre@newcastle.edu.au">EnquiryCentre@newcastle.edu.au</a></td>
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<td>Phone 4921 5000</td>
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<td>City Hub &amp; Information Common, University House</td>
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OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION
Faculty Websites
www.newcastle.edu.au/faculty/business-law/
www.newcastle.edu.au/faculty/education-arts/
www.newcastle.edu.au/faculty/engineering/
www.newcastle.edu.au/faculty/health/
www.newcastle.edu.au/faculty/science-it/

Dean of Students Office
The Dean of Students and Deputy Dean of Students work to ensure that all students receive fair and equitable treatment at the University. In doing this they provide information and advice and help students resolve problems of an academic nature. http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/dean-of-students/
Phone:02 4921 5806
Fax: 02 4921 7151
| Rules Governing Undergraduate Academic Awards | Email: [Dean-of-Students@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Dean-of-Students@newcastle.edu.au) |
| Rules Governing Postgraduate Academic Awards | **University Complaints Managers Office** |
| Rules Governing Professional Doctorate Awards | The University is committed to maintaining and enhancing fair, equitable and safe work practices and promoting positive relationships with its staff and students. There is a single system to deal with all types of complaints, ranging from minor administrative matters to more serious deeply held grievances concerning unfair, unjust or unreasonable behaviour. |
| Ourimbah | Phone: 02 4921 5806 |
| Phone: 02 4921 5000 | Fax: 02 4921 7151 |
| Email: [EnquiryCentre@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:EnquiryCentre@newcastle.edu.au) | Email: [Complaints@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Complaints@newcastle.edu.au) |
| Phone: 02 4348 4030 | **Campus Care** |
| Email: [EnquiryCentre@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:EnquiryCentre@newcastle.edu.au) | The Campus Care program has been set up as a central point of enquiry for information, advice and support in managing inappropriate, concerning or threatening behaviour. |

This course outline will not be altered after the second week of the term except under extenuating circumstances with Head of School approval. Students will be notified in advance of the change.

**Online Tutorial Registration:**
Students are required to enrol in the Lecture and a specific Tutorial time for this course via the Online Registration system. Refer - [http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/enrolment/regdates.html](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/enrolment/regdates.html)  
NB: Registrations close at the end of week 2 of semester.  
**Studentmail and Blackboard:** Refer - [www.blackboard.newcastle.edu.au](http://www.blackboard.newcastle.edu.au)  
This course uses Blackboard and studentmail to contact students, so you are advised to keep your email accounts within the quota to ensure you receive essential messages. To receive an expedited response to queries, post questions on the Blackboard discussion forum if there is one, or if emailing staff directly use the course code in the subject line of your email. Students are advised to check their studentmail and the course Blackboard site on a weekly basis.

**Important Additional Information**
Details about the following topics are available on your course Blackboard site (where relevant). Refer - [www.blackboard.newcastle.edu.au](http://www.blackboard.newcastle.edu.au) /  
- Written Assignment Presentation and Submission Details  
- Online copy submission to Turnitin  
- Penalties for Late Assignments  
- Special Circumstances  
- No Assignment Re-submission  
- Re-marks & Moderations  
- Return of Assignments  
- Preferred Referencing Style  
- Student Representatives  
- Student Communication  
- Essential Online Information for Students