Course Description. History 104 offers a broad overview of major developments in Japanese history from ancient to recent times. Roughly equal time is given to the following four chronological periods:

I. Ancient Japan & the Courtly Society (prehistoric to the 12th century)
II. The Age of the Samurai (12th to 19th century)
III. The Emergence of the Modern State (19th & early 20th century)
IV. Militarism & Its Aftermath

Lectures will cover social, cultural, political and economic topics and will be complemented with movies. The fourth class hour will consist of discussion on the readings assigned for that week, the schedule of which is given at the end of this syllabus.

Required Texts. There are 4 required books, plus a reader of approximately 200 pages to be purchased at Bob's Copy Shop, University Square.

- Edwin O. Reischauer & Albert M. Craig. JAPAN: TRADITION & TRANSFORMATION.
- Ivan Morris. WORLD OF THE SHINING PRINCE; COURT LIFE IN ANCIENT JAPAN.
- Donald Keene, ed. ANTHOLOGY OF JAPANESE LITERATURE.
- Mikiso Hane. PEASANTS, REBELS, AND OUTCASTES: THE UNDERSIDE OF MODERN JAPAN.

Course Requirements. There are two in-class examinations, scheduled for October 9 and November 18, and a final examination on December 14. The final will cover the entire course, and at least half of it will involve interpretative questions handed out ahead of time.

Grading. In-class exams, 22.5% each; final exam, 45%; participation in discussion sections, 10%.
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READING ASSIGNMENTS

I. Sept. 8
   Due by
   Reischauer & Craig, pp. 1-38
   Keene, pp.
   reader -- mythology, Chinese chronicles, Shinto

II. Sept. 15
    Morris, pp. 11-55 & 103-135
    Keene, pp. 106-136 & 145-155
    reader -- Buddhism, Amida & Pure Land

III. Sept. 22
     Reischauer & Craig, pp. 39-55
     Morris, pp. 153-261

IV. Sept. 29
    Reischauer & Craig, pp. 56-72
    Keene, pp. 179-228

V. Oct. 6
   Keene, pp. 231-241 & 259-285 & 314-331
   reader -- Zen, martial arts

VI. Oct. 13
    Reischauer & Craig, pp. 73-91
    Keene, pp. 336-362 & 386-409 & 416-422
    reader -- castles, Amakusa Shiro,
    excerpts from They Came to Japan

VII. Oct. 20
     Reischauer & Craig, pp. 91-115
     Keene, pp. 336-362 & 386-409 & 416-422

VIII. Oct. 27
      Reischauer & Craig, pp. 115-155
      Hane, pp. 1-49
      reader -- debate over seclusion and restoration;
      "People Under Feudalism"

IX. Nov. 3
    Reischauer & Craig, pp. 155-202
    Hane, pp. 50-76
    reader -- corporate history; Sino-Japanese War

X. Nov. 10
   Reischauer & Craig, pp. 202-244
   Hane, pp. 103-135 & 173-204 & 227-245
   reader -- excerpts from Seidensticker
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| XI.| Nov 17 | Reischauer & Craig, pp. 245-267  
Hane, 79-101 & 207-225  
reader-- section on women |
| XII. | Nov 24  | Reischauer & Craig, pp. 268-277  
reader--”Socialization for Death” & ”American-British Challenge” |
| XIII. | Dec 1  | Reischauer & Craig, pp. 277-302  
Hane, pp. 247-269  
reader--”People’s Art as History” & ”Reform and Reconsolidation” |
| XIV. | Dec 8  | Reischauer & Craig, pp. 302-329 |