

【Course Description】

A number of themes are taken up from postwar and contemporary peace issues in Japan. For each theme, after an outline is given by the instructor, assigned group of students are to conduct research and present their views, followed by class discussion. Students are exposed to Japanese perspectives on global/regional peace and security issues.

【Class Goals】

The goal of this course is to equip the students with knowledge and experience to think and understand better the current problems of international peace and security. Emphasis will be placed on the postwar pacifist thinking in Japan in contrast to the approach prevalent in the United States to these issues.

【Course Schedule】

- 【第1回】Introduction
- 【第2回】The Asia-Pacific War and its meaning in world history
- 【第3回】Student presentations/discussion
- 【第4回】Revisiting Hiroshima
- 【第5回】Student presentations/discussion
- 【第6回】The Bikini Incident and the nuclear peril
- 【第7回】Student presentations/discussion
- 【第8回】"Yasukuni" and the Memories of War
- 【第9回】Student presentations/discussion
- 【第10回】Wars in Korea and Vietnam and the US-Japan "Alliance"
- 【第11回】Student presentations/discussion
- 【第12回】Okinawa and the confrontation over US military bases
- 【第13回】Student presentations/discussion
- 【第14回】The "Peace Constitution" and the UN System
- 【第15回】Student presentations/discussion

【Preparation for Class】

Each week the students will have to write out their answers to questions posed by the professor, and also write out their questions to ask the class and professor.

【Review of Class】

After each lecture the students will be required to write on the class and pose questions.

【Remarks for Class】

The syllabus may be subject to changes to meet educational goals.

【Texts】

Introduced in class.

【Reference Books】

Introduced in class.

【Evaluation Criteria】

Class participation (not mere attendance) 40%, presentations 40% and homeworks 20%.

【Notes】