This course will explore the development of Japanese foreign policy since World War II and how Japan is seeking to adjust its policies to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Through the prism of Japanese foreign policy students will develop a better understanding of the dynamics of international relations in East Asia, as well as of U.S. policy towards the region. The central question that will guide our inquiry is what could be termed the enigma of Japanese power. Despite having the world’s third largest economy – and the second largest in Asia – and despite its formidable technological resources and well-armed military, Japan is widely seen as “punching below its weight” in world affairs. At the same time, over the past two decades the structural parameters within which Japan’s post-1945 approach to foreign policy was formed have been altered beyond recognition. Japan today faces a daunting array of challenges, including a serious territorial confrontation with China, South Korea and Russia, continued demands for military burden sharing from the US mixed in with demands for restraint, potential economic instability at home and in the Asia-Pacific region, the acquisition of nuclear weapons by a belligerent and unpredictable North Korea, demands for apologies and compensation for Japanese Imperial atrocities from China and South Korea, continued impetus for regional integration, cross-cutting pressures on regional integration (eg TPP versus AIIB) and above all the specter of a nascent Chinese superpower. Japan has thus plenty of incentives to emerge as a major regional military as well as economic power. Will it do so? Prime Minister Abe Shinzo certainly is trying, but faces significant domestic resistance. How will a more (or less) militarily capable Japan fit into a region where interstate relations continue to be characterized by the quest for power? Will Asia – and Japan – be able to transition to a more cooperative, liberal path of relations? What are the consequences of Japanese policy for the US position in Asia? And what are the implications of Japanese action, or inaction, for the prospects for conflict or cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region?
Required Texts:


Both required and recommended course texts are available at the book store. All course readings (but not recommended readings) are available in the Reserve Reading Room of Mugar Library.

Requirements

1) For undergraduates - Two short (1.5 hour tests) based on the required readings - 50% identify key terms, 50% short answer. One 12 to 15 page term paper. The term paper is due on the last day of class. Grade is based on:

   Midterm Exam    25%
   Final Exam      25% (date to be arranged by the registrars)
   Research Paper  50%

2) For graduate students - as undergraduates, except a longer, 15 to 25 page research paper is required.

   Students are urged to make an early appointment to discuss term paper topics, no later than the fourth week of the course. A brief written summary of the progress made on the term paper, is to be e-mailed to me by the end of the Seventh week of the semester – March 3. I am willing to look over drafts of the term paper up to one week before they are due and offer general comments.

   Students are expected to participate in class discussion. In order to do so effectively, they will need to do the readings in advance of class. Active and informed participation in class discussion will be rewarded with a bonus to the final grade. Unconstructive interventions in class discussion, or other behavior not appropriate to the class room environment, will be penalized.

   Students are expected to attend class and attendance will be taken. Students will be allowed up to two unexplained absences. Beyond that, a penalty will be imposed for each additional day missed.
Students are required to adhere to the academic code of conduct. Cheating, plagiarism, handing in the same work to more than one class, destroying or interfering with the work of other students, and so forth will not be tolerated. Please refer to the on-line code for further guidance, available at http://www.bu.edu/academics/policies/academic-conduct-code/. If you have doubts or questions regarding such issues as how to footnote your sources, please consult with me.

I. **Course Introduction** – January 19

Required:

Hook, *Japan’s International Relations*, chapter 1 (23 pages) + start readings for next week

II. **Empire and Aftermath** - January 24 and 26

Required Readings:

Hook, *Japan’s International Relations* chapter 2 (54 pages)

Pyle, *Japan Rising*, chapters 1-6 (210 pages)

Recommended:


Akira Iriye, *Pearl Harbor and the Coming of the Pacific War: A Brief History with Documents and Essays* (New York: St., Martin’s 1999)


James Morley, ed., *The China Quagmire: Japan’s Expansion on the Asian Continent, 1933-1941*
Mark Peattie, Ishiwara Kanji and Japan’s Confrontation with the West (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1975)

III. Japan and the Cold War – January 31 and February 2
Readings:

Pyle, Japan Rising chapters 7-9 (102 pages)

Recommended Readings:

Walter LaFeber, The Clash, especially chapters 8 to 12
Robert Scalapino, ed, The Foreign Policy of Japan (Berkeley: University Of California Press, 1977)
Jitsuo Tsuchiyama, “The end of the Alliance? Dilemmas in the U.S.-Japan relationship,” in Peter Gourevitch, et.al., eds, United States-Japan Relations and International Institutions after the Cold War (San Diego: Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, 1995), pp.3-34

IV. The History Problem in Japanese Foreign Policy – February 7 and 9

Thomas Berger, War, Guilt and World Politics (Cambridge University Press, 2012) chapters 4 and 5, pp. 123-230 (107)

TBA
Recommended:


Laura Heine and Mark Selden, eds., *Censoring History: Citizenship and Memory in Japan, Germany and the United States* (Armonk, NY; M.E. Sharpe, 2000), chapters 1 and 2


George Hicks, *Japan’s War Memories: Amnesia or Concealment?* (Aldershot: Ashgate, 1997)


Franziska Seraphim, *War Memory and Social Politics* (Harvard University Press, 2008)


V. The U.S.-Japanese Relationship and the Alliance – February 14 and 16

Readings:

Hook, *Japan’s International Relations*, chapters 3, 4, 5, 6-7, 13-17 (130 pages)


David Santoro and John K. Warden, “Assuring Japan and South Korea in the Second Nuclear Age,” *The Washington Quarterly* Vol. 38, No.1, 2015, pp. 147-165 (19)

Recommended:


Christopher Hughes, *Japan’s Reemergence as a “Normal” Military Power* (London: Routledge, 2013)

Christopher Hughes, *Japan’s Foreign and Security Policy under the “Abe Doctrine”: New Dynamism or Dead End?* (Palgrave 2015)


Christopher W. Hughes, *Japan's Remilitarization* (New York; Routledge 2009)


Yoshide Soeya, and David A Welch, *Japan a “Normal Country”? A Nation in Search of its Place in the World* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2013)

John Ikenberry, “America in East Asia,” in Pempel, et.al., *Beyond Bilateralism* (Stanford, CA; Stanford University Press 2003)

VI. Japan’s Territorial Disputes – February 23, 28 and March 2

**Note: No Class on Tuesday February 28 – A “Substitute Monday”**

Michael M. McDevitt and Catherine K. Lea, *Japan’s Territorial Disputes*

Center for Naval Analysis, 2013, available at


Recommended:

Robert Haddick, Fire on the Water: China, America and the Future of the Pacific (Rhode Island: Naval Press Institute, 2014)
James Holmes and Toshi Yoshihara, Red Star over the Pacific (Rhode Island: Naval Press Institute, 2013)
James Manicom, Bridging Troubled Waters: China, Japan and Maritime Order in East Asia (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2014)

March 3 – Memo on Term Paper Due

Spring Break

Midterm – Tuesday March 14

VII - Japan and Europe – March 16
Readings: Hook, Japan’s International Relations Chapters 13-17 (56)

VIII and IX. Japan, China and East Asia - March 21, 23, 28, 30
Readings: Hook, Japan’s International Relations chapters 8-12 (98)
Sheila Smith, Intimate Rivals whole book (appx 260 pages)

Recommended:
Brad Glosserman and Scott Snyder, The Japan-South Korea Identity Clash (New York: Columbia University Press 2015)

X.Japan and Global Institutions – April 4 and 6
Readings:
Glenn Hook, et.al, *Japan’s International Relations*, chapters 18-22 (72)

TBA

XI. Japan and Regional Institution Building – April 11 and 13

Readings:


Recommended:


T.J. Pempel, et.al., *Beyond Bilateralism* chapters 11 and 12


XII. The Politics of Trade – March 18 and 20


TBA

XIII. Comprehensive Security–The Politics of Immigration – March 25 and 27

Readings: TBA

Recommended:
Erin Chung, Immigration and Citizenship in Japan (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014)
Micahel O Sharpe, Postcolonial Citizens and ethnic Migration: The Netherlands and Japan in the Age of Globalization (New York: Palgrave, 2014)
Michael Weiner, Race and Migration in Imperial Japan (Routledge, 1994)

XIII. Course Conclusions – Japan and the World – May 2

Term Papers due last day of Class – May 2
– please send electronically in PDF or word format

Some Journals available in the Library and which you may wish to consult for your papers:

Asian Survey
Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars (Now renamed as Critical Asian Studies – left-wing academic take on Asian affairs)
Current History (each issue focuses on different regions of the world)
Diplomat
Foreign Affairs (Flagship of the Council on Foreign Relations and representative of the views of the American Foreign Policy establishment)
International Security (Premier journal on International Security, has a lot on Asian Security)
Japan Review of International Affairs*
Journal of Japanese Studies
Journal of North East Asian Affairs*
The National Interest (like Foreign Affairs, but with shorter and often livelier articles)
Orbis
Pacific Affairs
Pacific Review*
Survival (Journal of the International Institute of Strategic Studies in London, quite good)

* Journal not available at Boston University

For Maritime issues, check out CSIS Asian Maritime Initiative Website as well as a similar site at the Center for New American Security (CNAS)

Also check on Congressional Research Service Briefings on various issues

Internet Resources:

The following are a few basic internet resources that you may find useful in getting your search started:

www.asiaobserver.com – a very useful portal with links to every country in the region
http://apjjf.org/ - Asia Pacific Journal: Japan Focus – an outstanding, if somewhat left leaning
http://coombs.anu.edu.au/WWWVL-AsianStudies.html - the very large, academic web site for Asian studies maintained by he Australian National University
www.bu.edu/eas - our very own, Boston University site. Especially helpful on local sources, it has a good and easy to use links sectio)
http://www.mofa.go.jp – The Japanese ministry of foreign relations website. Includes press bulletins and useful overviews, including copies of the official yearly Japanese Bluebook on diplomacy going back to 1994. See also their U.S. mirror site,
http://www.infojapan.org/