

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
26HS106	HISTORY OF MODERN JAPAN (1868 –1968)	04

Course Objectives

- To explain the historical evolution of modern Japan, including the decline of the Shogunate, Meiji Restoration, and transformation into a modern state.
- To demonstrate understanding of Japan's imperial expansion and international relations, including major wars, alliances, and territorial expansion in East Asia.
- To analyze the rise of militarism and Japan's role in World War I and World War II, along with its causes and consequences.
- To evaluate the post-war reconstruction of Japan, focusing on democratization, American occupation, and economic-industrial development.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course it is intended that a student will be able to:

- Identify key events, treaties, and phases in modern Japanese history such as Meiji Restoration, Sino- Japanese War, and Post-war reconstruction.
- Explain major historical developments including industrialization, constitutional changes, imperial expansion, and Taisho Democracy.
- Use historical concepts to interpret Japan's transformation from a feudal society to an industrial and militarized nation.
- Analyze the causes and consequences of imperialism, militarism, and Japan's involvement in global wars.
- Critically assess Japan's political and economic transformations, including the impact of war and American occupation.
- Develop informed interpretations and arguments about Japan's modernization, militarism, and post-war recovery in global historical context.

Unit 1 - Meiji period (12 Hrs.)

The Shogunate and its decline; Meiji Restoration; abolition of feudalism; industrialization; constitutional development; rise of nationalism in Japan.

Unit 2 – Imperialism in Japan (12 Hrs.)

Rise of imperialism; First Sino-Japanese War; Anglo-Japanese Alliance; Russo-Japanese War; annexation of Korea.

Unit 3 - Japan and the First World War (12 Hrs.)

Lansing–Ishii Agreement; Four-Power Treaty; Five-Power Naval Treaty; Japanese intervention in Siberia; Taishō Democracy (c. 1912–1926).

Unit 4 – Growth of Militarism in Japan(12 Hrs.)

Axis alliance; Second World War—Japan's entry, course of the war, and consequences.

Unit 5 - Post World II Japan (12 Hrs.)

Constitution of Japan; demilitarization; American occupation; economic and industrial development of Japan.

Reference Books:

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5. David, M. D. (1979). *History of modern Japan*. Himalaya Publishing House.
6. Henshall, K. (2012). *A history of Japan: From Stone Age to superpower*. Springer.
7. Jansen, M. B. (2000). *The making of modern Japan*. Harvard University Press.
8. Mason, R. H. P., & Caiger, J. C. (1977). *A history of Japan*. Tuttle Publishing.
9. Morris, I. (2009). *Why the West rules—for now: The patterns of history and what they reveal about the future*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux.
10. Pyle, K. B. (1996). *The making of modern Japan*. Lexington Books.
11. Ronald, T. (2014). *State and diplomacy in early modern Japan: Asia in the development of the Tokugawa Bakufu*. Princeton University Press.
12. Sims, R. L. (1991). *Japanese political history since the Meiji renovation 1868–2000*. Palgrave Macmillan.
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COs and Bloom's Taxonomy Mapping – 26HS106

Course Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:	BTL
CO1	Recall and describe valuable lesson for understanding the complex historical events that shaped Japan's modernization and its impact on society, economy, politics and foreign policy.	K1, K2
CO2	Apply information to understand the rise of imperialism in Japan, the significance of the Sino-Japanese war, Japan entry into global great power system, its alignment with Western powers and its expansion into East Asia.	K3
CO3	Analyze Japan role in WWI leading to the significant shift in global balance of power, getting a recognized status quo in Pacific and subsequent change in Japan's foreign policy and the emergence of new social movement.	K4
CO4	Evaluate and develop a strong understanding on how militarism emerged in Japan in the 1920's and 1930's and how it contributed to the country's aggressive expansion in Asia and the devastating consequences of these actions on the attack on Pearl Harbor.	K5
CO5	Design and perform critical thinking skill by analyzing the significant impact of WWI on Japan, role of United States in shaping Japan post-war history and Japan struggles with historical memory, accountability and compensation.	K6

BTL (Bloom's Taxonomy Level) - K1 – Remembering, K2 – Understanding, K3- Applying, K4 – Analyse, K5- Evaluate and K6 - Create

Relationship Matrix – 26HS106

Course Outcomes	Programme Outcomes (POs)						Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs)						Mean Score of Cos
	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO6	
CO1	2	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	1	1	3	3	1.83
CO2	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	2	2	1.58
CO3	2	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	3	2	1.75
CO4	3	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	1	1.66
CO5	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2
Total													1.76

Mean Score: 3- High, 2- Medium/Moderate, 1-Low