

HENDRIX

PROPOSED COURSE ADDITION OR REVISION

Deadline for Area approval: 21 October 2011

Proposer: Michael Sprunger
Department/Program: History

Date: 9/20/2011
Area: Social Sciences

Check appropriate boxes:

- New permanent course
 Replaces existing course:
 Change to existing course:

- New temporary course
 Make temporary course permanent
 Eliminate a course

Proposal – one sentence summary:

I propose a new 200-level course on the history of modern Japan.

Proposed subject code(s) (indicate both if cross-listing): HIST

Proposed course # or level: ~~200~~ 246

Proposed course title: Modern Japan

Proposed course catalog copy:

This course surveys the political, social, cultural, and environmental history of Japan from 1800 to the present. The first part of the course examines early modern Japanese politics, society, economy, and culture, taking note of dynamic developments well underway by the mid-nineteenth century. Next, we will look at the upheaval of Japanese society from the mid-nineteenth century thru the beginning of World War II. This was a period of political, social, economic, and cultural experimentation, conflict, and revolution culminating in a terribly destructive war. In the second half of the course, we will examine the origins, experiences, and legacies of the Pacific War (1931-1945), then look at developments in Japan during the postwar period, the years of the Japanese economic "miracle" (i.e. "bubble"), and the late decades of the twentieth century. Throughout the course, we will keep an eye to the human and environmental consequences of Japan's modern experience.

Prerequisites/co-requisites and/or recommended prior courses, as listed in catalog copy:
none

How will the proposed revision affect any catalog lists of options for majors or minors?

Rationale for course within departmental and collegiate context and based on assessment results:

This course complements HIST 244 Modern China and HIST 292 The Two Koreas.

Proposed general education code(s) (check all that apply):

- EA HP LS NS NS-L SB VA QS W1 FL [Curriculum Committee]
 CW [CW Committee] W2 [Writing Across the Curriculum Committee]

Proposed Odyssey code(s) (check all that apply):

- AC GA PL SW UR SP [CEL Committee/Curriculum Committee]

For each of the checked general education or Odyssey codes, describe how the course fulfills the published criteria (see the Catalog, pages 18-23 or the Odyssey Program Guide, pages 10-16):

This course examines the development of Japan into a political and cultural world power from a historical perspective.

Justification for cross-listing:

How often will the course be offered? every 2-3 years

Who will teach the course? Sprunger

Equipment, supply, and bibliographic requirements (items and cost): none

Will the above items be covered by a present budget? Yes No

Approval Chain (type name and date of approval)

Department chair: Deb Skok, 10/7/11

Area chair:

Allison K. Shutt, 10/12/11