Required Books
Berry, Mary Elizabeth. *Japan in Print*
Bix, Herbert. *Hirohito and the Making of Modern Japan*
Bestor, Theodore. *Neighborhood Tokyo*
Bestor, Theodore. *Tsukiji: The Fish Market at the Center of the World*
Dower, John. *Embracing Defeat: Japan in the Wake of World War II*
Hanley, Susan. *Everyday Things in Premodern Japan*
Keene, Donald. *Emperor of Japan: Meiji and His World, 1852-1912*
Lu, David. *Japan: A Documentary History*
McCullough, Helen. *Classical Japanese Prose: An Anthology*
Ohnuki-Tierney, Emiko. *Rice as Self: Japanese Identities Through Time*
Rupp, Katherine. *Gift-Giving in Japan*
Seeley, A *History of Writing in Japan*
Souyri, Pierre François. *The World Turned Upside Down*
Varley, Paul. *Japanese Culture*

Reserve Books
Frederic, Louis. *Japan Encyclopedia*
Bestor, Theodore. *Doing Fieldwork in Japan*

Course Description
This course will examine Japanese history and culture in the context of the wider East Asian world. We will begin with early Japanese history and the influence of both Korea and China on early Japanese institutions. We will then examine the development of Japan’s indigenous traditions during the Heian (794-1185), Kamakura (1185-1333), and Ashikaga (1336-1568) periods. The second half of the course will deal with modern Japanese history and culture, paying equal attention to historical and ethnographic materials, and taking a careful look at the development of the Kanto and Kansai regions in modern Japanese history and culture. Throughout the course we will use examples from the Japanese language—spoken phrases, the two major syllabaries (*hiragana* and *katakana*), and *kanji*, or Chinese characters—to analyze Japanese history and culture in linguistic context.

Evaluation
- Abstracts/quizzes 25%
- Midterm assignment 25%
- Paper 25%
- Final exam 25%

Daily attendance and class participation are expected; absences during the semester will affect your grade. Late assignments will be penalized.
Japanese History and Culture  
Spring 2010

Week I  Introduction: Language, History, and Culture  
Tuesday, January 12
Seeley, A History of Writing in Japan

Thursday, January 14
Seeley, A History of Writing in Japan
Language Exercises (see e-mail message of 12/26 or handout)

Week II  Early Japan (Prehistory to CE 710)  
Tuesday, January 19
Varley, Japanese Culture: 1-18
The Emergence of Japanese Civilization
Lu, Japan: A Documentary History: 3-20
Amaterasu and Susano-o
Okuninushi-no-Mikoto and Izumo
The Eastern Expedition of Emperor Jimmu
From the History of Wei
Conquest of the Eastern Frontier…
From the Engishiki
McCullough, Classical Japanese Prose: 27-69
Tale of the Bamboo Cutter
Tales of Ise

Thursday, January 21
McCullough, Classical Japanese Prose: 70-155
A Tosa Journal
The Gossamer Journal
Style Sheet and Exercises (and test)
Kana and Kanji Review (and test)
Reading Quiz — Early Japan

Week III  Nara and Heian Japan (710-c. 1000)  
Tuesday, January 26
Varley, Japanese Culture: 19-76
The Introduction of Buddhism
The Court at its Zenith
Lu, Japan: A Documentary History: 21-79
The Seventeen Article Constitution, 604 AD
The Reform Edict of Taika, 646 AD
The Administrative System, 718 AD
The Law of the Households
Preface to Kojiki, 712 AD
From the Manyoshu
Temmu’s Propagation of Buddhism, 676-685 AD
Sutra of the Golden Light…
Erection of Provincial Temples
A Parable of the Burning House
Directions to the Teachings of Three Doctrines…
Ennin’s Diary of His Pilgrimage to China
Statement of Opinion on Twelve Matters, 914
Regulations Concerning Trade with Pohai, 828
Diary of Lady Murasaki, 1008-1010
Observations on the Heian Capital, 982
Daily Observance, Last Testament...
How a Priest Put the Magic Incantation
About Aotsune (Sir Evergreen)
How a Sparrow Repaid Its Debt of Gratitude

**Thursday, January 28**
McCullough, *Classical Japanese Prose*: 156-250
The Pillow Book of Sei Shonagon
A Tale of Flowering Fortunes

*Reading Quiz—Nara and Heian Japan*

**Week IV**  
**Late Heian and Early Kamakura Japan (c.1000-c.1200)**

**Tuesday, February 2**
Souyri, *The World Turned Upside Down*: 1-28
The Curtain Rises
Social Dynamics of the Late Heian Period
Varley, *Japanese Culture*: 77-109
The Advent of a New Age
The Canons of Medieval Taste
Lu, *Japan: A Documentary History*: 81-116

Allotment Land (Kubunden)...
Plan to Cultivate One Million Cho...
Land Held for Three Generations...
Private Ownership of Reclaimed Land, 743
Proscription of Private Ownership of Land, 765
Privilege of Tax Immunity (Fuyu), 951 and 953
Immunity from Entry by Public Officials...
Establishment of a Shoen, 845, 920, and 1042
Commendation of a Shoen
Edict to Curtail Spread of Shoen, 902
Provincial Governors Not Permitted to Interfere...
Lands Occupied by Private Parties...
Emergence of Tato, 859 and 1091
Management of Shoen by Tato
Establishment of Myoden, 1000
The Kondei System
Proscription Against Heian Nobility...
Master of His Retainers, 1114
Establishment of Relationship...
Rewarding the Vassals, 1180
Proclamation of Yorimoto’s Rule over Kanto...
Establishment of the Samurai-dokoro, 1180
Building for Kumon-jo, 1184
Establishment of Monchu-jo, 1184
Appointment of Protectors and Stewards...
Goseibai Shikimoku--Formulary...
Week IV (con’t)

Thursday, February 4
Souyri, *The World Turned Upside Down*: 29-100
  The Crisis in the Late Twelfth Century
  Kamakura: The Warrior Regime
  Kamakura: A Society of Questions
  Kamakura: A Society in Transformation
  The Confessions of Lady Nijo

Reading Quiz—Heian/Kamakura Japan

Week V  Kamakura and Ashikaga Japan (c. 1250-c. 1500)

Tuesday, February 9
Souyri, *The World Turned Upside Down*: 101-180
  The Second Middle Ages
  Warriors, Pirates, Peasants, and Priests
  The Splendor and Misery: Ashikaga and Trade
  The Splendor and Misery: New Uprisings…
Lu, *Japan: A Documentary History*: 117-179
  Ojo Yoshu, or the Essentials of Salvation
  The Ancients Not Necessarily Our Superiors
  Nembutsu and the Founding of a New Sect
  The Short Letter (Isshi Koshosoku)
  A Catechism
  On the Salvation of Women
  Doubts Expressed by a Believer of Nembutsu...
  From the Tannisho
  Conversation with the Master
  Nichiren’s Letter to Lord Nanjo
  Efficacy of Simple-Hearted Faith
  The Lotus of Perfect Truth
  Buddhism with Japan as Its Center
  Jito Ukedokoro, 1308
  On Matters Relating to the Annual Rent..
  Shitaji Chubun, 1318
  The Tokusei Edict of Einin, 1297
  Scribbling on the Dry River Bed of Nijo
  Kemmu Shikimoku, 1356
  Appointment of Shugo, 1356
  On Matters Relating to Shugo…
  Increase in the Powers of the Shugo
  Adoption of the Law of Sharing Rent, 1352
  Shugo-uke (Contract for Shugo), 1402
  Contrast Between the Prosperity of Samurai…
  Matters Relating to the Sale of Title Deeds to Fields
  Sale of Hyakusho Shiki on Certain Fields, 1480
  A Covenant for the So (Village Governing Assoc.)…
  Joint Petition by Farmers, 1407
  Substitution of Money to Pay Taxes, 1355
  Determination of Equivalent Money Value for Rice
  Money Draft, 1468
  Land Owners and Pawnshops
  Peasant Uprisings
  Fighting for Tokusei, 1441
Rise of Chi (Market) c. 1415
Disputes Between Two Za, 1405
Soryo System of Divided Patrimony
A Deed of Transfer..., 1350
Voluntary Renunciation of Inheritance, c. 1279
Challenging Traditional Authority
Seizure of Shoen
The Seventeen-Article Injunction...
Hojo Soun’s Twenty-One Article Injunction...

Thursday, February 11
Varley, *Japanese Culture*: 109-139
   The Canons of Medieval Taste (con’t)
   Journal of the Sixteenth Night Moon
   An Account of My Hermitage
   Essays in Idleness

   Reading Quiz — Kamakura/Ashikaga Japan

Week VI Warring States (Sengoku) and Early Tokugawa Japan (c. 1450-c. 1700)

Tuesday, February 16
Souyri, *The World Turned Upside Down*: 181-218
   The Sengoku Period
   The Sengoku Period: Warlords Seeking Power
Lu, *Japan: A Documentary History*: 180-228
   Takeda Shingen’s Control of Kai, 1547
   The Hundred Article Code of Chosokabe, 1597
   Compulsory Military Service Decreed by...
   Nobunga’s Destruction of Hieizan, 1571
   Removal of Barriers, 1568
   Free Market and Abolition of Za, 1577
   Collection of Swords, 1588
   Toyotomi Hideyoshi’s Vermilion Seal Letter...
   Nagamasa on Cadastral Survey, 1590
   Cadastral Survey, 1598
   Census-Taking, 1591
   Edict on Change of Status, 1591
   Control of Daimyo, 1595
   Control of Mt. Koya, 1585
   Limitation on the Propagation of Christianity...
   Expulsion of the Missionaries, 1587
   St. Francis Xavier’s View of Japanese, c. 1550
   Cosme de Torres on Japanese Receptivity, c. 1550
   Alessandro Valignano on Japanese Prudence...
   Alessandro Valignano on Patience and...
   Alessandro Valignano on Sensual Vices...
   Joao Rodrigues on Japanese Craftiness, c. 1610
   Oath of Fealty
   Laws of Military Households, 1615
   Amendments of Kanei to Buke Shohatto, 1635
   The Group of Five, 1632
   Farmers and Annual Tax, 1603
   Sale of Land in Perpetuity Forbidden, 1643
   Proscription of Parcelization of Land, 1672
   Injunctions for Peasants, c. 1619
Regulations for Villagers, 1643
Regulations for the Residents of Edo, 1655
Regulations Regarding Lawsuits, 1653
Regulations for Temples in Different Domains
The Edict of 1635 Ordering the Closing of Japan
Completion of the Exclusion, 1639
The Fate of the Embassy from Macau…
Renouncing the Kirishitan, 1645
Of the Dutch Trade in Japan, 1692

Thursday, February 18
Varley, Japanese Culture: 164-204
The Flourishing of a Bourgeois Culture
Katakana Exercises (everyone)

Reading Quiz — Warring States Japan

Week VII Everyday Life in Tokugawa Japan (c. 1600- c. 1800)
Tuesday, February 23
Hanley, Everyday Things in Premodern Japan: 1-103
The Level of Physical Well-being in Tokugawa Japan
Housing and Furnishings
A Resource Efficient Culture
A Healthful Lifestyle

Thursday, February 25
Adler, How to Read a Book (Handout)
Richards, How to Read a Page (Handout)
Hanley, Everyday Things in Premodern Japan: 104-175
Urban Sanitation and Physical Well-being
Demographic Patterns and Well-being
Stability in Transition

Reading Quiz — Tokugawa Life

Week VIII Spring Break

Week IX Midterm Exercise — Rice, Self, and Samurai
Ohnuki-Tierney, Rice as Self
Food as a Metaphor of Self: An Exercise in Historical Anthropology
Rice and Rice Agriculture Today
Rice as a Staple Food?
Rice in Cosmogony and Cosmology
Rice as Self, Rice Paddies as Our Land
Rice in the Discourse of Selves and Others
Foods as Selves and Others in Cross-cultural Perspective
Symbolic Practice through Time: Self, Ethnicity, and Nationalism

Kurosawa, The Seven Samurai (七人の侍)
Part One
Part Two

Midterm Assignment Due in my Office (MI 111)
By 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 15th
Week X  
Tokugawa Japan (1603- c. 1800)

Tuesday, March 16
Varley, Japanese Culture: 140-163
The Country Unified
Berry, Japan in Print: 1-103
A Traveling Clerk Goes to the Bookstores
The Library of Public Information
Maps are Strange

Thursday, March 18
Berry, Japan in Print: 104-252
Blood Right and Merit
The Freedom and the City
Cultural Custody, Cultural Literacy
Nation

Reading Quiz — Tokugawa Japan

Week XI  
Late Tokugawa and Early Meiji Japan (c. 1800- c. 1900)

Tuesday, March 23
Keene, Emperor of Japan: 1-209

Thursday, March 25
Keene, Emperor of Japan: 210-415

Reading Quiz — Meiji Japan

Week XII  
The Late Meiji, Taisho, and Showa Eras (c. 1900-1945)

Tuesday, March 30
Bix, Hirohito and the Making of Modern Japan: 21-252
Part I: The Prince’s Education, 1901-1921
The Boy, the Family, and the Meiji Legacies
Cultivating an Emperor
Confronting the Real World
Part II: The Politics of Good Intentions
The Regency and the Crisis of Taisho Democracy
The New Monarchy and the New Nationalism
A Political Monarch Emerges

Thursday, April 1
Bix, Hirohito and the Making of Modern Japan: 233-530
Part III: His Majesty’s War, 1931-1945
The Manchurian Transformation
Restoration and Repression
Holy War
Stalemate and Escalation
Prologue to Pearl Harbor
The Ordeal of Supreme Command
Delayed Surrender

Reading Quiz — Meiji/Taisho/Early Showa
Week XIII  The Postwar Era

Tuesday, April 6
Dower, Embracing Defeat: 19-275
Part I: Victor and Vanquished
Shattered Lives
Gifts from Heaven
Part II: Transcending Despair
Kyōdatsu: Exhaustion and Despair
Cultures of Defeat
Bridges of Language
Part III: Revolutions
Neocolonial Revolution
Embracing Revolution
Making Revolution

Thursday, April 8
Dower, Embracing Defeat: 277-564
Part IV: Democracies
Imperial Democracy: Driving the Wedge
Imperial Democracy: Descending Partway from Heaven
Imperial Democracy: Evading Responsibility
Constitutional Democracy: GHQ Writes a New National Charter
Constitutional Democracy: Japanizing the American Draft
Censoring Democracy: Policing the New Taboos
Part V: Guilt
Victor’s Justice, Loser’s Justice
What Do You Tell the Dead When You Lose?
Part VI: Reconstructions
Engineering Growth
Epilogue: Legacies/Fantasies/Dreams

Reading Quiz — Postwar Japan

Week XIV  Contemporary Japanese Culture I: Urban Anthropology

Tuesday, April 13
Bestor, Neighborhood Tokyo: 1-161
Introduction
Miyamoto-cho, a Portrait
The Development of a Neighborhood
Local Politics and Administration
Community Services and Neighborhood Events

Thursday, April 15
Bestor, Neighborhood Tokyo: 162-268
Formal Hierarchies of Participation and Power
Friends and Neighbors
The Festival and the Local Social Order
Conclusion

Reading Quiz — Neighborhood Tokyo
Week XV  Contemporary Japanese Culture II: Market, Nation, World

Tuesday, April 20
Bestor, *Tsukiji*: 1-176
  Tokyo’s Pantry
  Grooved Channels
  From Landfill to Marketplace
  The Raw and the Cooked

Thursday, April 22
Bestor, *Tsukiji*: 177-313
  Visible Hands
  Family/Firm
  Trading Places
  Full Circle

*Reading Quiz — Fishmarket Japan*

Week XVI  Contemporary Japanese Culture III: Gifts and Exchange

Tuesday, April 27
Rupp, *Gift-Giving in Japan*
  Examples of Giving
  Strength of Relationship, Gratitude, and Hierarchy
  Life Cycles
  Seasonal Cycles
  Variations in Attitudes toward and Practices of Giving
  Conclusion

*Reading Quiz — Gifts and Exchange*

**Final Paper Due April 28**

**Final Exam**
  *Saturday, May 1* (2:00-5:00 p.m.)