

BW30: Modern Japan				Study Programme:	B
Module Type:	ECTS Credits:	Workload:	Study Semester:	Module Duration:	
Optional compulsory	12	360	4. or 5.	one semester	
Courses (HPW=hours per week):			Contact hours:	Independent study:	Planned Group Size:
Course 1: Introduction to Japanese Society (2 HPW)			30h	90h	60
Course 2: Introduction to Japanese Culture (2 HPW)			30h	90h	60
Course 3: Introduction to Japanese History (2 HPW)			30h	90h	60
Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs):					
<p>Course 1: Introduction to Japanese Society By the end of the course, students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - describe and explain the basics of Japan's development into a modern industrial society - use their basic knowledge of contemporary Japanese society comparatively - apply sociological categories and definitions to social processes in Japan; <p>Course 2: Introduction to Japanese Culture By the end of the course, students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - outline the fundamentals of the historical development of the Japanese culture; - comparatively apply cultural concepts to the Japanese presence and modern era - reproduce and categorize essential facts and connections of the Japanese cultural history; <p>Course 3: Introduction to Japanese History By the end of the course, students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - name and outline the various eras of Japanese history; - comprehend the basics of the historical development of Japan up until the presence; - name Japan's historical backgrounds/classify events, persons and connections; - discuss Japanese positions on history. 					
Key competencies:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Academic research and writing - Self-reliance skills - Critical thinking - Analytical skills - Knowledge transfer and competence development - Self-reflection - Intercultural competence - Ability to provide constructive feedback and critique - Expressiveness (oral and written) - Capacity to consider different point of views and interests 					
Description/Contents:					
Course 1: Introduction to the Japanese Society					

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social structures and institutions 2. Social relations 3. Population and minorities 4. Fundamentals of the Japanese economy 5. Japan's political system 6. Demographic, social and institutional change in modern Japan <p>Course 2: Introduction to the Japanese Culture</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cultural concepts 2. Cultural history from the Nara-era onwards 3. Everyday and Popular culture 4. Japanese discourses 5. Literature genres and theatre forms 6. Religion and Philosophy <p>Course 3: Introduction to the Japanese History</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of the Japanese history from the Jōmon-era to the presence 2. Overview and introduction to the different eras of Japanese history 3. Focus: pre-modern and modern era 4. Change of position and significance of the Tennō 5. Different interpretations of history
Language:
The course language is German.
Teaching Methods:
Lectures, literature studies, self-study, group work.
Module Applicability:
B.Sc. Business Administration; B.Sc. Economics.
Pre-requisites/Requirements:
Admission to study Business Administration or Economics for a Bachelor's degree. Admission to the module Modern Japan results from a selection procedure of the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics; the participant's number is regulated in a separate agreement between the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics and the Institute Modern Japan and amounts currently 10 students per year.
Examination Types:
Comprehensive examination in the form of a written exam at the end of the semester (90 min), which will be offered by the Institute Modern Japan. The Institute is responsible for the set dates of the examination.
Requirements for Award of Credit Points:
Successful participation in the exam. The exam will be passed if the grade is at least „sufficient“ (4,0).
Availability:
The courses are usually offered each term.

Assessment:

This course will be graded and is part of the calculation for the overall grade of your bachelor degree. Particular information concerning the calculation of the overall grade can be gathered in the respective examination regulations.

Person Responsible and Main Lecturer:

Contact person for the module: Ludgera Lewerich, M.A.

Further Information:

The number of participants is limited at 10 students of the Master's degree of Business Administration/ Economics. Before the beginning of the semester, students can sign in for the module (up to 20.9. for the winter term, up to 20.03. for the summer term) via Email (Jacqueline.Voss@hhu.de) at the chair of Economics, especially Monetary Economics. If the number of applications overrides the available spots after the registration deadline, it will be decided via random selection about the participation. Students will be informed about the result of the random selection written via E-Mail at the latest two weeks after the registration deadline. The registration for the examination takes place at the Institute for Modern Japan. Additionally a language course "Japanese I a" (4 HPW) can be taken, which will be offered by the students' academy during the winter term. It is not an obligatory course of the module, but rather an additional voluntary offer. It is possible to gain a language certificate.

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