



**HISDSC352T**  
**HISTORY OF JAPAN FROM 1852 TO 1945 CE**

Contact Hours: 60

Full Marks = 100 [ESE (70) CCA (30)]

**Objective:**

*The course aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of Japan in modern times in response to the threat posed by imperialist powers in the late nineteenth century. Japan quickly modernized itself economically and emerged as a major military power posing a challenge to the erstwhile imperialist powers. This course will also provide knowledge about the process of Japan's development, its imperial expansion, its participation in the Second World War, and finally its defeat and occupation by Allied forces.*

**Unit I**

1. Decline of Shogunate.
2. U.S.-Japan relation: Perry Mission, Treaty of Kanagawa
3. The Meiji Restoration of 1868, Nature of Restoration (12 Lectures)

**Unit II**

1. Economic Development in the Meiji Era:
  - a) Agrarian Settlement
  - b) Industrialization and Capitalism
  - c) Women's Rights in the Meiji Era.
2. The Meiji Constitution of 1889-90 (12 Lectures)

**Unit III**

1. The territorial expansion:
  - a) Sino-Japanese war 1894-95
  - b) The Anglo-Japanese Alliance of 1902
  - c) Russo-Japanese War 1904-05 and its Consequences
2. Emergence of Japan as an Imperialist Power. (12 Lectures)

**Unit IV**

1. Japan's relation with Korea (1870- 1905)
2. Role of Japan in the First World War: 21 Demands.
3. Washington Conference.
4. Manchurian Crisis (12 Lectures)

**Unit V**

1. Rise of Militarism in Japan
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sino-Japanese War 1937: Causes, Effects
3. Japan's Joining the Second World War: Circumstances
4. Role of Japan in Second World War. (12 Lectures)

**Expected learning outcomes:**

*After completing this course, the students will be able to understand about the about the process of Japan's development, its imperial expansion, its participation in the Second World War, and finally its defeat and occupation by Allied forces.*

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Andrew Gordon: A Modern History of Japan: From Tokugawa Times to the Present. OUP, 2003
2. E.O.Reischauer: Japan: The Story of a Nation. McGraw-Hill, 1989 (4<sup>th</sup> Ed.)
3. James L. McClain: Japan: A Modern History (College Edition). W.W.Norton & Co., 2002
4. John Dower: Origins of the Modern Japanese State: Selected Writings of E. H. Norman. Pantheon Books, 1975
5. John K. Fairbank et al: East Asia: The Modern Transformation. Houghton-Mifflin, Boston, 1973
6. John W. Hall: Japan: From Prehistory to Modern Times. Dell Books, NY, 1970