

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JAPAN
Graduate School of International Relations

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Course	Course code REC6200	Course title Japan's National Security Policy	
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Class Schedule Day / Time	Monday/ 10:30-12:00. 13:00-14:30		

Course Description: The course discusses evolution of Japan's national security policy since the end of WWII up to the currently evolving national security strategies and policies under the Abe administration.

Learning Objectives: Students are expected to have comprehensive understanding on fundamental elements of Japan's post-WWII national security policy as well as its origins and background.

Career Relevance: This course will provide students with a foundation for further studies on Japan's foreign policy in a broader sense, a basic knowledge required for professions related to Japan's foreign and security policy and strategy.

Course Context or Rationalization: This course will provide an essential part for understanding Japan's foreign and domestic policies and its international relations.

Delivery Methods: Lectures, students presentations and following discussions consist most of the classes while there will be short table-top exercises on security policy-related problems.

Assessment: Each student is required to make two or more presentations on required readings with one to two page long summary (30%) and to participate in in-class discussions on the subject (20%). At the end of the course, there is a take-home examination (two to three page long essay on a topic selected from the instructor's proposal/ 50%).

Prerequisite:

Textbook(s)	Required: Ministry of Defense, <i>Defense of Japan (Defense White Paper) 2015</i> , annual publications are available at http://www.mod.go.jp/e/publ/w_paper/
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	<p>Reference books/Journal Articles: Kenneth B. Pyle, <i>Japan Rising</i>, Alessio Patalano (edit.) <i>Maritime Strategy and National Security in Japan and Britain</i>, Jitsuo Thomas Berger, et al. <i>Japan in International Politics</i>, Noboru Yamaguchi, et al., <i>Global Oriental</i>, 2912; “Japan and China: towards a Strategic Relationship for Mutual Benefit from Politically Cold but Economically Warm Relations, <i>Strategic Year-book 2007</i>, Swedish National Defense College; Evolution of Japan’s National Security Policy under the Abe Administration, <i>Asan Forum (open Forum)</i>, Noboru Yamaguchi, 2014;</p>
Class Outline	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction: Pre-WWII Historical Overview of Japan’s Modernization since 1868 2. Origins of Post WWII National Security Policy: The Yoshida Doctrine 3. Overview on Basic National Security Policy: Constitution, Non-Nuclear Weapon Principles, civilian control over the military, ban on weapon exports, etc. 4. The Beginning of the Cold War and Japan’s National Security Policy: The Korean War (1950-1953) and the following buildup of defense capabilities. 5. Japan’s Defense Buildup since 1950s and the first National Defense Program Guidelines (NDPG 1976): A defense posture for the peacetime (basic defense force concept). 6. Current Security Environment Surrounding Japan: Post-Cold War Overview 7. Current Security Environment: Rise of China-1 8. Current Security Environment: Rise of China-2 9. Current Security Environment: Korean Peninsula 10. Current Security Environment: US Rebalance-1 11. Current Security Environment: US Rebalance-2 12. Current Security Environment: Issues Related to Nuclear Weapons (Japan’s non-nuclear policy, U.S. extended deterrence, BMD, etc.) 13. Current Security Environment: Non-Traditional Security (Newly emerging challenges such as failing states, terrorism, dangers in new domains such as cyber space and outer space; New missions such as PKO, HA/DR etc.) 14. The Gulf War (1990-91) for Japan and the Aftermath: Beginning of overseas missions for the JSDF (Mine-sweeping in the Gulf, UN PKO in Cambodia). 15. Japan’s post-Cold War National Security Policy: NDPG 1995 and Redefinition of the US-Japan Alliance (1995-1997) 16. 9/11. SDF missions in Indian Ocean and Iraq and NDPG 2004 17. Expanded Mission of the Self Defense Forces: Overview on the current Japan’s policy on JSDF’s overseas missions. 18. The Abe Administration’s National Security Policy: Newly established National Security Council, National Security Strategy 2012, NDPG 2012, Revision of Constitutional interpretation (July 2014), 19. Tasks for the Future: Discussion 20. Wrap up
Others (if any)	<p>A complete list of required readings will be provided at the early phase of the course.</p>

