
THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA AND THE PROGRAM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER



Update Your World History Course with Current Scholarship on Japan!

Japan in the World: Cultural Encounters, 16-19th Centuries

If academics agree that “*sakoku* (closed country)” is a myth, why do high school textbooks still discuss Tokugawa isolation? This 24-hour online course will explore Japan’s overlooked international relations with Asia and its encounters with the West before, during, and after the Tokugawa era (1600-1868). Participants will investigate teacher-developed lessons and primary sources to use in their middle and high school world history classrooms. The Program for Teaching East Asia offers this course for teachers nationwide.

Course Format and Expectations: The course will be conducted through four asynchronous online modules, each consisting of video lectures by Japan specialists, pertinent readings, featured lesson plans, and a participant discussion forum on content and pedagogy. The course starts September 28, 2017, with online introductions. The first module will begin October 5, and the final module will conclude on December 6, 2017. A final paper and evaluation will be due December 11, 2017. The first three modules will be open for participant completion for two weeks; the final module will be open longer to accommodate the Thanksgiving break.

Eligibility and Application: Secondary teachers nationwide are invited to apply. Admission is selective and priority will be given to world history teachers, contract teachers whose required curriculum includes Tokugawa Japan, and teachers who have not previously taken an online course with the University of Colorado’s NCTA or TEA programs. Enrollment is limited to 20 teachers; applications will be accepted on a rolling admission basis. Application closes September 18, 2017, or when course is full.

Program Costs and Benefits: Participants receive:

- 24 contact hours of study, curriculum, and discussion with Japan studies specialists and fellow educators.
- Course materials.
- \$50 recognition award upon satisfactory completion of the course.
- Certificate of completion for 24 hours.

Apply online at www.colorado.edu/ptea/Japan-Course-App. For more information, contact course leader Catherine Ishida at Catherine.Ishida@colorado.edu or 303-735-5115.

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