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Political Science 329  
Politics of Japan

Fall 2005  
Office Hours: 10-11 MWF  
LA 349

Text: Hayes, INTRODUCTION TO JAPANESE POLITICS (Required)

This course is concerned with the organization, structure and operation of the political system of Japan. Apart from exploring the main features of the system, the course addresses those social and cultural factors that give Japanese politics its distinctive character.

Requirements:

There will be two exams. The mid-term will be on October 14 and will count for 30% of the final grade. A comprehensive final exam will count for 70% of the final grade. This exam is scheduled for December 12, 8:00-10:00. Exams will consist of identification, short answer and/or essay questions. (BLUEBOOKS REQUIRED)

In order to make the experience of this course as pleasant and rewarding as possible for all concerned, you are asked to observe the following rules. Do not come to class late or depart early. Do not use class time to read the Kaimin, write letters, chat with your neighbors or engage in other activities not related to the course.

Topic Outline:

1. Introduction  
Read: Hayes, Introduction
2. Historical Background  
Read: Hayes, Ch. 1
3. The Occupation  
Read: Hayes, Ch. 2
4. Government  
Read: Hayes, Ch. 3
5. Political parties  
Read: Hayes, Ch. 4-5
6. Electoral Reform  
Read: Hayes, Ch. 6

7. Political Participation  
Read: Hayes, Ch. 7

Mid-term Exam October 14

8. The Social Order  
Read: Hayes, Ch. 8

9. The Economy  
Read: Hayes, Ch. 9

10. Civil Society  
Read: Hayes, Ch. 10, 11

12. Japan and the World  
Read: Hayes, Ch. 12-13

16. Prospects for the future  
Read: Hayes, Ch. 14

Final Exam December 12 8:00-10:00