Course Title 科目名	Japanese History A			Instructor 担当者	VAN GOETHEM, Ellen エレン・ヴァンフーテム		
Semester 学期	FALL 2026	Course Level 履修年次	N/A	Credits 単位	2	hrs/wks 時間数/週	2

【Course Objectives: 授業の到達目標】

1. To achieve a basic understanding of the flow of Japanese history through the twelfth century
2. To understand the historical background of present-day cultural phenomena
3. To become familiar with history-related terminology in Japanese
4. To understand the dynamics of historical change
5. To acquire and practice critical thinking and other study skills, strategies, and habits

【Course Summary: 授業の概要】

This course offers a deep dive into those periods of history that are covered only in passing in English-language surveys of Japanese history. Using a wide range of activities (lecture, discussion, online learning, quizzes, etc.) this course will provide an overview of Japanese history from its origins in the late Paleolithic to the twelfth century and demonstrate how ancient history is still relevant today. In addition, students will be introduced to Western scholarship on Japanese history and learn relevant Japanese terminology.

【Study Required outside Class (Preparation etc): 事前・事後学習】

There will be a moderate amount of required reading, short assignments, and video viewing.

【Class Outline: 授業計画（各回の授業内容）】

Session 1	Introduction
Session 2	The Paleolithic
Session 3	The Jōmon Period
Session 4	The Jōmon Period: (Why) Does It Matter Today?
Session 5	The Yayoi Period
Session 6	The Yayoi Period: (Why) Does It Matter Today?
Session 7	Mid-term Quiz
Session 8	The Kofun Period
Session 9	The Kofun Period: (Why) Does It Matter Today?
Session 10	The Asuka Period
Session 11	The Asuka Period: (Why) Does It Matter Today?
Session 12	The Nara Period
Session 13	The Nara Period: (Why) Does It Matter Today?
Session 14	Final Test

【Textbooks, Course Materials: 教科書、参考書等】

There is no textbook, reading materials will be provided by the instructor.

【Grading Criteria: 成績評価の方法】

Quizzes: 30 %, Short paper: 20%, Final examination: 40%, Class participation: 10%

【Note: 履修上の注意】

Students are required to complete all assigned readings/viewings before coming to class.