

# POLI 3010 POLITICS OF POST-WAR JAPAN

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 100278

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**Description** The subject studies the post-war Japanese political experience: a vanquished country transformed into an economic super power with a 'peace' constitution and now in relative decline. In particular the subject will examine the impact of the dominance of the Liberal Democratic Party on domestic politics and the intersection between domestic political developments and security and foreign policy matters.

**School** Humanities & Comm Arts

**Discipline** Political Science

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

## Restrictions

Successful completion of 60 credit points of study in currently enrolled program.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Describe the major developments in post-war Japanese politics
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the linkages between 'domestic' and 'international' politics in Japan
3. Show an understanding of the main political parties and the assumptions implicit in each party
4. Identify multiple perspectives on Japanese politics
5. Interpret current policy debates and international trends relevant to Japan.

## Subject Content

1. World War II: What was Japan fighting for?
2. The occupation period and impact
3. Independence and the Yoshida Doctrine
4. Godzilla and the fear of nuclear annihilation
5. Security Treaty Crisis
6. Tokyo Olympics
7. Japan as number one?
8. Japan in the brave new, post-Cold War world
9. Remembering World War II
10. Revisiting Article 9
11. What does it mean to be Japanese, anyway?

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are

regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Presentation	Between 5 minutes and 7 minutes	25	N	Individual	N
Essay	3,000 words	30	N	Individual	N
End-of-session Exam	2,000 words maximum	30	N	Individual	Y
Participation	Semester-long participation in class	15	N	Individual	N

## Prescribed Texts

- Stockwin, J.A.A.A. (2008). Governing Japan: Divided Politics in a Resurgent Economy. Oxford: Blackwell.