

Week	Class Meetings	Week/Topics	Discussion & Activities	Readings/Video Watching
Week 1 August 27- September 1	Aug 27 - Introduction Aug 29 - <i>Campaign</i> Film	Module 1 Postwar Japan and Politics	Discussion 1-Introduction, DROPBOX-autobiography questionnaire Discussion - News Posting Discussion 2 - Campaign Discussion 3 - Journal #1	Kingston, Chapter 1 "Transformation after World War II" (pp.3-22) Kingston, Chapter 6 "Contemporary Politics" (pp.103- 123) McCormack, Chapter3 (D2L)
Week 2 September 2-8	Sep 5 Wed	Module 2 The Post-war Constitution	DROPBOX -Group Project: Japan's Political Parties (Due on Monday) Quiz #1 Discussion 4 - Constitution Discussion 5 - The Emperor System	Kingston, Chapter 7 "Security and the Peace Constitution" Kingston, Chapter 11 "The Imperial Family" Pre-war and Post-war Constitutions of Japan (D2L)
Week 3 September 9-15	Sep 12 Wed	Module 3 War Memories, Hiroshima and Nagasaki	Hiroshima and Nagasaki - website Discussion6 - film reaction and Hiroshima/Nagasaki Discussion 7 on Kono Essay #1	Stephen Okazaki, <i>White Lights, Black Rain</i> (on reserve; or via Netflix and local video stores) Kingston, Chapter 10 "War Memory and Responsibility" Kono, Fumiyo. <i>Town of Evening Calm, Country of Cherry Blossoms</i> Bozeman Chronicle articles on Sasamori (D2L)
Week 4 September 16-22	Sep 19 Wed	Module 4 Economy and the Environment	Discussion8 on Minamata DROPBOX Minamata Group Work Survey #1	Kingston, PartIII, Chapter 8 "Environmental Issues" Youtube - Mercury Poisoning and Trailer, Minamata (D2L) Minamata: Eileen Archive (D2L) Johnston on Minamata (D2L)
Week 5 September 23-29	Sep 26 Wed	Module 5 The Lost Decade, Hanshin Earthquake and Aum Shinrikyo	Discussion9 on <i>After the Quake</i> Discussion10 on Aum Shinrikyo Quiz #2	Kingston,-Chapter 2 "The Lost Decade" Murakami, <i>After the Quake</i>

Week 6 September 30- October 6	Oct 3 Wed	Module 6 Women, Girls, Birth Rate, and Aging	Discussion 11 on birth rate and aging Discussion 12 on Bounce Ko-gals	Kingston Chapters 3 "Defusing the Demographic Time Bomb" Kingston, Chapter 4 "Families at Risk" Leheny, Chapter3 Video <i>Bounce Ko-gals</i> (via Netflix, local video store or on reserve)
Week 7 October 7- 13	Oct 10 Wed	Module 7 Youths, NEET, hikikomori and Yakuza	Discussion 13 on Youths, NEET and hikikomori Discussion 14 on Yakuza Essay #2 Due	Kingston, Chapter 5 "Jobs at Risk" Kingston, Chapter 12 "Yakuza" Japan Focus articles on NEET, hikikomori etc.
Week 8 October 14-20	Oct 17 Wed	Module 8 Day Laborers and Buraku Issues	Discussion 15 on Oyama Discussion 16 on buraku Quiz #3	Oyama, Shiro. <i>A Man with No Talents.</i>
Week 9 October 21-27	Oct 25 Wed	Module 9 Indigenous peoples, zainichi Koreans	Discussion 17 on indigenous peoples Discussion 18 on zainichi Koreans Dropbox: Group Project on Minorities Survey #2	Kingston Chapter 9 "Immigration" Japan Focus articles on the Ainu, Okinawans and zainichi Koreans
Week 10 October 28- November 3	Oct 31 Wed	Module 10 Brazilians and foreign trainees	Discussion 19 on Roth Discussion 20 on <i>Sourt Straberries</i>	Roth, <i>Brokered Homeland Sour Strawberries</i> film
Week 11 November 4-10	Nov 7 Wed	Module 10 Brazilians and foreign trainees	Post-election discussion: reaction from Japan Discussion 21 on Roth Quiz #4	Roth, <i>Brokered Homeland</i>
Week 12 November 11-17	Online Only	Module 11 Tohoku Earthquake and Fukushima	Discussion 22: Tohoku Earthquake and Fukushima DROPBOX: Group Work on Fukushima	Japan Focus articles on the Earthquake and Fukushima (D2L) Youtube links on Fukushima and nuclear energy

Week 13 November 18-24	Online Only	Module 11 Tohoku Earthquake and Fukushima	Essay #3 Due (Wed)	Japan Focus articles and other news stories (D2L)
Week 14 November 25- December 1	Nov 26 (Mon) Nov 28 (Wed)	Module 12 Post- Fukushima Japan	Discussion 23 on Fukushima Discussion 24 on suicides Quiz #5	Fukushima film Japan Focus articles and recent news articles
Week 15 December 2-7	Dec 5 (Wed)	Module 12 Post- Fukushima Japan	Course Project due Discussion 25 Journal #3 Survey #3	Course Project - in-class Presentations