

Warriors in Japanese History

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This course traces the figure of the warrior in Japanese history from ancient times to the twentieth century, with special emphasis on his (and in some cases, her) changing social and cultural roles. Our topics will include medieval war tales, the genesis of the “way of the warrior” in the early modern period, and the modern re-appropriation of the samurai as a masculine ideal.

(Fulfills Diversity Proficiency as well as Global History and Seminar requirements (for HIS majors and minors).