

**Course:**

**HIST 4840 Meiji - The Making of Modern Japan**

4 hours

**Majors, Minors & Degrees:**

**Majors**

History (B.A., B.S.)

History-Social Science Education (B.A., B.S.)

**Minors**

East Asian Studies

**Departments/Programs:**

History

In this seminar we read widely in the political, social, and cultural history of the Meiji period (1868-1912) to develop an understanding of the period's powerful shaping influence on the course Japan took in the twentieth century. In addition to secondary scholarship by leading authorities on the Meiji period, we will read works of literature that illuminate the complexities and tensions within Meiji society. This also counts as an elective for the Modern Language Studies major. HIST 4840 meets with HIST 3840. The requirements of the courses are the same EXCEPT that a research paper is required for students in 4840.