

## Project Summary

My primary goal for attending the JSI was to consider how we might add courses on my campus that would constitute an Asian Studies concentration in the International Studies major that I direct. In addition to our current Art; Geography; History; and Political Science courses we already have, I learned that perhaps a Japanese Film Studies course could be added. When I return to WCU I will consult with our Japanese language professor and together we might approach the faculty member who would likely teach such a course. We might then approach our Dean to see if some sort of team teaching opportunity can be created.

Secondarily, I intend to add a section to my Political Theory course in which students will examine the Japanese Constitution of 1947. This will contribute to their knowledge of American political systems and will allow them to incorporate a range of different conceptions to their final assignment which is to provide a political blueprint of their own. Thirdly, I envision adding a Case Study on US-Japanese relations as part of the US Foreign Policy course. This would be a valuable addition to the course as it is currently structured and would give the students a concrete example to focus their attention upon, and because our relationship has been so varied over the years, it will illustrate to them the diverse range of US approaches to foreign policy.

Fourthly, I may incorporate the Japanese military security situation from the arrival of Perry to the current times, in the International Security. I envision having the class sort of follow long as Japan's security situation changes through time. This will make the point vividly clear, I think, that even national security is not permanent and static, but is constantly evolving and taking different forms.

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