The postwar U.S. occupation of Japan has generated intense scholarly interest and debate. The debate has centered on the effects of the American-directed reform program and the so-called "reverse course" in Occupation policy. Just how significant was the Occupation for the postwar development of Japan? Did the Occupation cause a sharp break in modern Japanese history? Or, for the most part, did it simply reinforce trends that were already underway? To what extent did the United States remake Japan in its own image? Finally, how successful was the Occupation in terms of its objectives, and to what extent did those objectives change over the course of the Occupation?

For preparation, students are advised to take History 5.5 (Emergence of Modern Japan), History 79 (Postwar Japan), or History 25.3 (The United States and the World since 1945). Enrollment priority will go to students who have taken one of those courses.

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