PAAS 180 - Introduction to Premodern Japan:

This course is a historical introduction to the development of Japan, from the very earliest arrivals of the Japanese people, to the end of the Tokugawa Era in 1868. We focus on the development of artistic forms of expression, religion and philosophy, the effects of social stratification, and how ideological interactions set the stage for Japan’s phenomenal development during the early modern period. Through this course, students will develop key Humanities skills in research and rhetoric (the presentation of an argument) which they will be able to use in every other course and career path they will pursue.