

**HIST S-1851. The Samurai (CRN: 31514)**

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An analysis of the rise and fall of Japan's warrior class, and the mythology associated with it. Its emergence at the beginning of Japanese history will be examined, together with its development through civil war, bureaucratic stagnation, and late nineteenth-century dissolution, concluding with a scrutiny of its romanticized legacy.