

Year/Semester	2025年度 1 期
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Classroom	
Course Title	Japan Studies 205 (Culture)
Course Subtitle	Japanese Culture and Society Basics
Instructor	Jakub E. Marszalenko(ヤコブ マルシヤレンコ)
Course Description	<p>The course will focus on introducing different aspects of Japanese culture and society. Each class will start by introducing basic concepts related to the topic. The class will be conducted entirely in English.</p> <p>The purpose of the course is to deepen the students' understanding of Japan and its culture with all its complexities beyond cliches and stereotypes.</p> <p>Students will be expected to review the materials used in the previous class for approximately 90 minutes and prepare for the next class for approximately 90 minutes (180 minutes in total).</p> <p>All materials for this class will be provided either directly (handouts) or via Google Classroom. Students will also submit all their assignments directly or via Google Classroom. Therefore, they will need to obtain the access code by contacting the instructor. Students may be given short assignments (such as question forms or "reaction papers") or quizzes after each class to check their understanding of the class's content.</p> <p>Students will be given reading or other learning material to prepare to discuss a given cultural or social issue. Students will also gather materials and information on the assigned topic by themselves and prepare to express their ideas. They will be expected to do research on the topic and think of the most effective ways to express their position on the topic using logical and convincing arguments. Students will also be expected to give an in-depth presentation on an assigned topic.</p>
Syllabus	<p>01. Orientation and Introduction to the Course</p> <p>02. Everyday culture, customs, and social norms</p> <p>03. Sports</p> <p>04. Cuisine</p> <p>05. Language</p> <p>06. Literature</p> <p>07. Arts and Aesthetics</p> <p>08. Religion and Philosophy</p> <p>09. History: Ancient/Medieval Japan</p> <p>10. History: Pre-modern and Modern Japan</p> <p>11. Law and Politics</p> <p>12. What does it mean to be "Japanese"? Introduction and Brainstorming</p> <p>13. What does it mean to be "Japanese"? Discussion</p> <p>14. Final Exam (online)</p>
Evaluation Criteria	<p>Term Paper: 20%</p> <p>In-class assignments and homework: 35%</p> <p>Final Exam: 35%</p> <p>In-class performance and participation: 10%</p>
Textbooks	None (all materials provided by the instructor)