

Course title	Japanese Culture II A			
Responsible person to enter grades	PARK Jong Woo		開講区分	単位数
			1st quarter	0.0
Numbering Code	R1IG050	Day・Period, etc.	Tues3(対面)	Timetable Slot Code

Lesson topic

The purpose of this class is to gain a deeper understanding of Japan through learning Japanese culture from multiple perspectives such as history, religion, politics, and society.

Lesson target

1. To learn about Japan' s historical development.
2. To learn about Japan' s foreign interaction and culture.
3. To learn about the characteristics of Japanese politics.
4. To learn about Japan' s modern history and Meiji Restoration
5. To learn about Japan' s annual events and daily customs.
6. To develop skills to promote Japan.

By learning about these themes, students will not only gain a deeper understanding of various aspects of Japanese culture, students will develop the skills to promote Japan to the people surrounding them.

Syllabus and plan

This class will be conducted face to face classes. The syllabus may be subject to change. Students are required to keep up to date by attending classes.

- Week 1. Introduction and Overview
- Week 2. Changes in the Japanese political system 1
- Week 3. Changes in the Japanese political system 2
- Week 4. Japanese Mind and Religion
- Week 5. Japanese Mythology and Shinto
- Week 6. The Development of Japanese Poetry and the World of Haiku
- Week 7. Presentations - My Japan ①
- Week 8. Presentations - My Japan ②

Evaluation method

1. Class Participation (10%)
 2. Report on Each Class (30%)
 3. Final Group/Individual Presentation (60%)
- *An attendance rate of over 80% is mandatory.

Evaluation baseline

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Notice (include info. on related class)

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This class is designed for students with Upper Intermediate Japanese levels or above. Students with JLPT N3 scores, or assessed as "Upper Intermediate" in the CIE-J test will be permitted to join the class. Exchange students (special auditing students) are also permitted to attend. Students are highly recommended to also undertake Japanese Studies IIB to learn about the context of Kobe City.

Review and preparation

Students are required to prepare and research assigned vocabulary list beforehand.
Students are required to complete a report on the content covered after each lesson.
*Each unit comprises of 45 hours of contact time. Students should ensure they prepare beforehand and revise the content after the class.

Office hour · Contact information

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*Virtual meetings over Zoom also available.

Message for student

Students with an active interest in Japanese culture, history or culture are highly encouraged to attend.

Improvements in Teaching

Aiming to improve learning outcomes through organic use of technologies including BEEF and online meeting software.

Text

Additional resources may be updated onto BEEF, which students are required to read in advance.

Reference Material

日本文化論キーワード / 遠山淳他 : 有斐閣 , 2009 , ISBN:

Classroom Language

Japanese and English

Keywords

japan, Culture, History, City, Upper Intermediate, Presentation