

Advanced Japanese
Organization for International Education and Exchange, University of Toyama

Course title	Japanese Culture C1
Instructor	NAKAGAWA, Kazuko
Period	Spring semester, Thursday, 4 th period
Eligibility	[General Japanese Language Course] Japanese Studies Students (Nikkensei), Exchange students from partner universities [Extracurricular Japanese Language Program] International students and researchers from all faculties
Credits	No credit given. In the General Japanese Language Course, a transcript (with grades) will be issued in the name of the Director of the OIEE.
Course Objectives	Students in this class will try to observe Japanese society as analytically as possible from the international student's viewpoint, by using a variety of media (TV programs, anime movies, manga, newspaper/magazine articles, municipality bulletins, etc.). For students who have not fully utilized accessible resources that help them understand Japanese society, this class will give them a means to utilize the resources. In addition, the class will develop an ability to transmit the information, obtained from the resources, in Japanese. The class will deal with several themes, including "young Japanese, ""Japanese technology - environmental issues -, ""Gender," to observe present-day Japan, while seeing what students are interested in as a means of observation. The class will have groups of Japanese students as guests a few times to mutually enhance skills of intercultural understanding and communication.
Course Goals	Reconsider student's current knowledge about Japan and their fixed views on their own cultures, by thinking a single theme from various perspectives where possible. Develop an ability to construct what you want to say as an organized discourse, through Japanese training.
Class schedule	Week 1: Orientation, explanation of "culture" used in this class * The themes and the order of using them may be changed depending on the interest of students, etc. * The activities with Japanese students will be held 3times in the semester. Week 2 - Week 3: "Human rights and discrimination" Week 4 - Week 6: "Young Japanese" Week 7 - Week 8: "Subculture (anime, manga, etc.)" Week 9 - Week 11: "Japanese technology - environmental issues, etc.-" Week 12 - Week 14: "Reconsidering your own culture" Week 15: "Summary"
Independent Study Outside of Class	Usually: Be interested in Japanese social issues on news papers, TV and so on. After class: Review what you learned in your class.
Keywords	Intermediate/advanced Japanese language, Situations in present-day Japan, Cultural literacy
Notices	
Textbooks	Not used. A handout, etc. will be provided each time.
Evaluation	Class participation: 30%, reports: 30%, presentations: 40% (Attendance is compulsory. Students with poor attendance will not be given a final grade.) *No grading is done in the Extra-curricular Japanese Language Program. Attendance and exam scores are recorded.
Related course	
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