

***COURSE
DESCRIPTIONS***

Spring 2008

ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM
KANSAI GAIDAI UNIVERSITY

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2008 SPRING ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Jan. 26-29 (Sat-Tue)	Arrival Period for New Students On-campus accommodations become available.
Jan. 30-Feb.1 (Wed-Fri)	Orientation and Class Registration
Feb. 2 (Sat)	A late registration fee of ¥2,000 will be charged from this date.
Feb. 2-3 (Sat-Sun)	Move into Permanent Accommodations
Feb. 4 (Mon)	First Day of Classes
Feb. 11 (Mon)	National Foundation Day (National Holiday)*
Feb. 12 (Tue)	A late registration fee of ¥5,000 will be charged from this date.
Feb. 18 (Mon)	Deadline for Adding Courses
Feb. 25 (Mon)	Deadline for Dropping Courses
Mid March	Mid-term Examination (Exams to be taken during regular class meetings)
Mar. 15-23(Sat-Sun)	Spring Break*
Apr. 14 (Mon)	All students will receive the "Application for Extension of Stay" & "Termination Report Form".
Apr. 25 (Fri)	Deadline for the submission of "Application for Extension of Stay" or "Termination Report Form"
Apr. 29 (Tue)	Showa no hi – Showa Emperor's Birthday (National Holiday)*
May. 3 (Sat)	Constitution Memorial Day (National Holiday)*

May. 4 (Sun)	Midori no hi (National Holiday)*
May. 5 (Mon)	Children's Day (National Holiday)*
May. 6 (Tue)	Substitute Holiday for the Midori no hi – Showa Emperor's Birthday (National Holiday)*
May. 12(Mon)	Deadline for submission of "Contract for the Completion of an Incomplete"
May. 19-23 (Mon-Fri)	Final Examination Week
May. 23(Fri)	Last day of the semester
May. 24 (Sat)	Graduation Ceremony
May. 28 (Wed)	Notification of "Approval or Disapproval of Extension of Stay"
May. 29-30 (Thu-Fri)	Payment Period for tuition deposit for the fall semester of 2008
May. 30 (Fri)	Deadline for moving out All students must move out of accommodations arranged by Kansai Gaidai by this date.

* No Classes

NOTE:

Please be aware that because of the differences in the Japanese academic calendar (which begins in early April) and the American calendar (which the Asian Studies Program observes), from time to time there may be conflicts regarding the use of facilities, etc.

Academic Regulations

1. Registration

Students are required to register for classes no later than the dates as indicated in the Academic Calendar. A late fee of ¥2,000 will be charged to those who register after this deadline. A late fee of ¥5,000 will be charged to those who register after the first week of classes.

When registering for classes, it is mandatory that you evidence your payment receipt (or "Loan Application Statement" for those paying by loan), together with your course registration form.

2. Credits

One semester is fifteen weeks long, and includes a half-week orientation program.

The required Spoken Japanese course carries 5 semester credits, which means five 50-minute class periods per week for fifteen weeks.

Japanese Reading & Writing course carries 3 semester credits, which means three 50-minute class periods per week for fifteen weeks. However, "Introduction to the Japanese Writing System" is a five-week course and carries 1 semester credit.

Other non-Japanese language courses carry 3 semester credits and meet for 80-minute twice a week for fifteen weeks.

3. Requirements

Students must register for a minimum of 14 semester credits, while registering for no more than 17 semester credits. All students must register for Spoken Japanese.

Students who plan to enroll in our program for one academic year are strongly advised to register for Japanese Reading & Writing, as well.

No student is permitted to take the Ceramics and Sumi-e courses at the same time, nor register for an increased load of either one.

4. Changing Courses (Drop/Add)

To change your registration, pick up a PETITION TO CHANGE CURRENT REGISTRATION FORM at the Center for International Education.

A student may withdraw (drop) from a course (except Spoken Japanese) without academic penalty during the first three (3) weeks. The final date for dropping courses is Monday, February 25.

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A student may add course(s) during the first two (2) weeks of the semester. The final date for adding courses is Monday, February 18.

Dropping a course on/before the deadline will leave no record of enrollment on your transcript. However, if a student fails to meet the deadline and/or fails to comply with the official procedure, his/her grade will be "F" in the course.

No petition will be accepted without the signature of the instructor of the course. It is the student's responsibility to see his/her instructor to secure the signature.

Not attending a class does not constitute official withdrawal from the course.

5. Audit

Students may register for a course on an audit basis by obtaining permission from the instructor of the course. Students may not audit Japanese language courses. Registration on an audit basis will not lead to academic credit, nor will it appear on the student's transcript.

Change of registration from audit to credit is permitted only during the period of adding courses.

Change of registration from credit to audit is permitted only during the period of dropping courses.

No changes will be permitted after the periods specified above.

6. Incomplete

An Incomplete grade will be assigned only when illness or other extenuating reasons beyond the control of the student prevent the completion of all course requirements by the end of the semester.

Students who apply for an Incomplete are required to complete a "Contract for the Completion of the Incomplete" form and submit it to the Center for International Education. Please note that any contract without the signature of the course instructor will not be accepted. The completed contract must be submitted to the Center no later than one week prior to the final examination week.

An Incomplete may not be assigned for any Japanese language course. In all other courses, the assignment of an Incomplete must be approved by the course instructor and the Dean of the Center for International Education.

All Incompletes must be removed within six weeks from the end of the semester for which the Incomplete was assigned. Notification of removal will be made by the instructor on the "Removal of Incomplete Grade" form.

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A grade of "I" which is not removed during the required period and by the procedure prescribed above will automatically become an "F" on the student's transcript.

No Incomplete is permissible for students applying to extend their stay at Kansai Gaidai into the second semester.

7. Academic Warning

An Academic Warning shall be issued during the semester to students who, in the determination of the instructor, are not making adequate progress in the course and are in danger of receiving a grade of "D" or "F" unless significant improvement is shown before the end of the semester. Student performance will be assessed on the basis of quizzes, reports, mid-term exams, class attendance, etc. Students receiving an Academic Warning are strongly encouraged to consult with the instructor concerning steps to be taken to meet course standards.

8. Repetition of Courses

If a student wishes to enroll in the second semester, a "D" in a Japanese Language course will require him/her to repeat the course.

9. Independent Study

Independent study is a credit course designed to allow students to investigate an area of interest not within our course offerings or to research more extensively than is possible in a regular course. Students applying for approval of an independent study are expected to have background in the proposed field of study adequate for pursuing work independently, under the supervision of a faculty supervisor. Students should make arrangements with the supervising faculty member before the end of the semester prior to that in which the independent study is to be undertaken.

Independent study will be permitted under the following conditions:

- 1) A project that the student wishes to study is not offered in a regular course.
- 2) Only those students who have completed one semester at Kansai Gaidai will be permitted to undertake an Independent Study during their second semester of residence.
- 3) Independent study projects cannot be arranged for Japanese language courses.
- 4) In principle, a student may receive credit for only one independent study course in a given semester.

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- 5) It is the student's sole responsibility to meet with the instructor who will supervise the study in the area of his/her interest. Thus we suggest that the student start making plans and contacting the instructor well in advance.
- 6) If there is any reason to believe that credit for an independent study project may not be accepted by the student's home institution, it is the student's sole responsibility to contact the proper authorities at that institution for clarification.

Proposals for Independent Study

- 1) Independent study requires a thorough description of the work to be undertaken. Therefore, it is essential to plan well in advance of registration.
- 2) Students are required to complete the "Application for Enrollment in Independent Study Program," in which they should outline the study topic, specifications of the work to be done, materials to be used, and a statement of the evaluative criteria to be used by the instructor.
- 3) The deadline for the application for independent study is **Tuesday, February 5**. A complete application, including a signature from your faculty supervisor, must be submitted no later than September 4. Since registration for independent study is based on permission from the faculty and the Dean, students are advised to register for four other courses by the end of the registration period, and drop one course (if you wish) when you are granted permission for an independent study course. Please carefully note that no application for independent study will be accepted after September 4. (i.e. The add period will not apply to independent study courses.) Application forms are obtainable at the office.

10. Examinations

Mid-term examinations will be given during regular class periods as specified in the course syllabus for each semester. There will be a separate schedule for final examinations. The specific schedule will be announced early in the semester. **Examinations will not be given outside the regular exam schedule, and thus will not be changed according to individual student's convenience.**

11. Attendance

Students are expected to attend all class meetings, in which they are enrolled. Specific attendance requirements will be individually established by instructors. Excessive absences may result in low grades and subsequent denial of approval to re-enroll.

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12. Grading System

The grading scale will be as follows:

A: Highest Level of Attainment B: High Level of Attainment
C: Adequate Level of Attainment D: Minimal Passing Level
F: Failed, No Credit I: Incomplete
W: Withdrawal

W (Withdrawal) may be granted only when a student must withdraw from a course because of extenuating circumstances. This must be approved by the Dean of the Center for International Education.

Quality Points:

A+ (4.0)	B+ (3.3)	C+ (2.3)	D+ (1.3)	F (0)
A (4.0)	B (3.0)	C (2.0)	D (1.0)	I (0)
A- (3.7)	B- (2.7)	C- (1.7)	D- (0.7)	

Grades combine the results of course work, mid-term and/or final examinations, quizzes, class attendance, and class participation. The Pass-Fail system or Credit - No Credit system is not used at Kansai Gaidai.

13. Transcript

One copy of the student's transcript will automatically be sent to his/her home institution free of charge.

Students who wish to have additional copies sent to institutions should make their requests to the Center for International Education and include ¥500 per copy.

In all cases, transcripts will be held until all outstanding obligations to Kansai Gaidai (loans, library books, etc.) have been completely settled.

14. Behavior

If a student acts in such a manner as to bring discredit to Kansai Gaidai (i.e. violates the laws of Japan), or conducts himself/herself in such a manner as to infringe upon the rights of other students, faculty, or staff, or through unacceptable behavior indicates that he/she has no interest in any longer pursuing studies at Kansai Gaidai (i.e. excessive absences), he/she may be asked to leave the Asian Studies Program.

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15. Academic Conduct

The Asian Studies Program takes very seriously any incident of academic cheating. Cheating is unfair to students who work honestly, and compromises both the learning and evaluation processes. Academic cheating includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism (using previously published work without properly acknowledging the source, including that available on the internet); submitting work done in collusion with a student or someone else in a manner not authorized by the instructor; misconduct on an examination; submission of a paper written for a previous course, or submission of substantially the same paper in two or more Asian Study Program courses without consent of the instructor(s) involved; or any other attempt to dishonestly pass off another's work as one's own or otherwise create an unfair academic advantage.

The penalties for academic cheating may include failure on the assignment, failure in the course, and refusal of request for extension into a second semester.

16. ID Card

Each student will be issued a Kansai Gaidai Student Identification Card. Since this card is indispensable (it is needed to enter the school library, gym, etc.), you should carry it with you at all times.

Also, various student discount fares are available for commuting, long distance travels, admission to movie theaters, etc.

If this card is lost or damaged, it must immediately be reported to the Center for International Education. A new card will be re-issued to you at a cost of ¥1,000.

17. Terminology for Enrollment Status

Students are roughly divided into two categories; participants who have been recommended from institutions having formal affiliation agreements with Kansai Gaidai, and participants who have directly applied to Kansai Gaidai. The latter are classified as Independent Students at Kansai Gaidai.

Those on affiliation programs can be generally divided into three types; Full-Exchange Students who pay tuition, room and board fees to their home institutions and thus are not charged any of these fees at Kansai Gaidai (except for deposits), Tuition-Only Exchange Students, who pay their tuition to their home institutions and are totally responsible for their room and board fees at Kansai Gaidai. In these two cases, the academic fees paid to their home institutions will be used by their counterpart Japanese students. The third type is Term/Year Abroad Program Participants, who are officially recommended by affiliated institutions and payments are usually handled through these institutions. In this case, however, there are no counterpart

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Japanese students going from Kansai Gaidai to these institutions.

Because the specifics vary somewhat according to the agreement with each institution, it is strongly advised that you contact the Center for International Education, should you have any questions regarding payments, registration, etc.

18. Field Trips

Arranging field trips to manufacturers and other enterprises is very difficult and usually requires that a list of participants be submitted to the enterprise well in advance of the date of the trip. Apparently because of security considerations, all participants listed must be present for the trip and if not, future field trips may be placed in jeopardy.

Thus, to ensure that future students in the Asian Studies Program will have the opportunity to participate in similar activities, we ask that you sign the participation agreement confirming your intentions to participate.

Should you for any reason not participate (after signing the participation agreement), ¥2,000 from your ¥10,000 deposit will be forfeited.

Extension of Stay

Since all participants are guaranteed admission for one semester only, students who wish to extend their stay at Kansai Gaidai for a second semester must apply for extension of stay, and are required to complete the following procedures. Please note that failure to comply with these procedures may result in denial of re-admission.

1. Submit to the Center for International Education, a completed "APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF STAY" no later than:

April 25 (Fri)

Forms will be obtainable from April 14 (Mon).

2. Approval of extension will depend on overall academic performance during the previous semester and faculty recommendation. Normally at least a 2.0 GPA with **no F's** will be considered the minimum standard for the approval of extension into a second semester. At least a 3.0 GPA and strong recommendations from the faculty will be required for the approval of extension into the third semester.

No "Incomplete" is permissible for students applying for extension.

3. Official Notification: Students will receive official notification of "APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION" on:

May 28 (Wed)

4. Students whose extension requests are approved must pay the tuition deposit of ¥200,000 or \$2,000 between:

May 29 – 30 (Thu - Fri)

This money will be credited to your tuition payment to Kansai Gaidai for the fall 2008 semester. Failure to fulfill this financial obligation will result in automatic cancellation from the program.

5. Students extending their stay are not required to participate in the fall semester orientation program. However, it will be the students' responsibility to officially register for classes by the end of the orientation period after completing all of the necessary payments to Kansai Gaidai, and to check their class schedule prior to the academic session.

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6. Kansai Gaidai will not arrange any accommodations during the summer break. Therefore, it will be the student's responsibility to secure appropriate housing during the summer break.
7. In case of sudden withdrawal from the program, refunds will be based upon our refund policy as specified in the Asian Studies Program brochure.
8. Students whose extension requests are not approved must leave their host families or the Seminar House by:

May 30 (Fri)

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Since visas for all the Asian Studies Program participants are sponsored by Kansai Gaidai, in accordance with Japanese immigration laws, if you terminate your relationship with Kansai Gaidai, you are responsible for securing new sponsorship and changing your visa status.

Furthermore, we are required to report to the Immigration Office that you are no longer students at Kansai Gaidai, and if you intend to remain in Japan, you must secure new sponsorship.

Regulations on Cancellation of Classes Due to storm or Train Strikes

交通ストライキ、台風に伴う授業の取扱について

The following are the regulations on cancellation of classes because of storm warnings or train strikes:

These regulations apply only in the case of a storm warning (Bofu Keiho or 暴風警報) or a rain storm warning (Bofuu Keiho or 暴風雨警報). Please note that these regulations will not apply in the case of heavy rain warning (Oame Keiho or 大雨警報).

大阪府に暴風警報が発令された場合。(大雨警報等は該当しない。)

The same regulations will apply in the case of KEIHAN TRAIN strikes only. Classes will not be canceled in the case of KEIHAN BUS strikes.

交通ストライキとは、京阪電車の場合のみ。京阪バスがストライキになっても授業は休講にならない。

- 1. If the warning/strike is resolved before 7:00 am, classes will be held from the first period.**
午前 7 時まで解除の場合は、1 限目より授業を行なう。
- 2. If the warning/strike is resolved between 7:00 am and 10:00 am, classes will be held from 1:00 pm.**
午前 10 時まで解除の場合は、1 時の授業から行なう。
- 3. If the warning/strike is not resolved by 10:00 am, all classes will be canceled.**
午前 10 時に解除されていない場合は、終日休講とする。

Japanese Language Class Policy

Japanese Only Policy

Learning a language does not happen only in class. It is very important to use the target language in real life. That is why we strongly encourage you to speak Japanese in every situation. As a Japanese course policy, you are required to talk to all Japanese instructors in Japanese except for emergency situations. Your effort to use Japanese could be evaluated as a part of your class performance in Reading and Writing classes as well as Spoken Japanese classes.

Japanese Language Courses

1. Spoken Japanese courses (JPN): students are required to attend five periods of classroom work each week. Self-study outside classes is necessary, using the audio-visual materials available in the Language Lab.
2. Reading and Writing Japanese classes (R&W): Those students who take these courses are required to attend three periods of classroom work each week. All students who cannot read and write in *hiragana* and *katakana* characters well are strongly recommended to take a regular Reading and Writing course. If, however, this is not possible, such students are required to take Reading and Writing 1 for the first five weeks as Introduction to the Japanese Writing System (1 credit).
3. Prerequisites for classes

Spoken Japanese 1-6

C- or higher grade in the next lower level of Spoken Japanese course, or equivalent

Reading and Writing Courses

Corresponding Spoken Japanese proficiency is required; Reading and Writing level should not be higher than Spoken Japanese level. Additionally the following requirements should be satisfied.

Reading & Writing 1-4

C- or higher grade in the next lower level of Reading and Writing course, or equivalent

4. Repeating Courses (- If your grade did not allow you to advance to the next level)
Spoken Japanese 1-6
If your grade was in the D range, it is mandatory to repeat the same level in the next semester.

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Reading and Writing Courses

Reading and Writing 1-3

If your grade was in the D range, it is possible to repeat the same level or not to take a Reading and Writing course in the next semester.

5. Absence Policy

30% Absence Rule: If a student misses, for any reason, more than 30% of the regularly scheduled class periods in a semester, a final grade of F will be given regardless of academic performance.

6. Coming Late to Classes

Students must be on time for classes. If a student is **late three times**, it will be considered one full class period missed on the attendance record.

7. Absence on Quiz/Exam Days

Quizzes will be given regularly. As a rule, **no** make-up quizzes will be given. In case of an unavoidable problem, inform the instructor in advance. The Mid-term and Final Examination schedule will not be changed for any reason. However, absence owing to serious illness accompanied by a medical certificate will be taken into consideration.

8. Grading

The grading system for the language courses will be based upon the following, unless stated otherwise in the syllabus for a particular course:

Quizzes, attendance, performance in class and L.L., etc.	50%
Mid-Term Examination	20%
Final Examination	30%
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Total	100%

Letter Grade:

A 93-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 67-69	F 0-59
A- 90-92	B 83-86	C 73-76	D 63-66	
	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	D- 60-62	

Language Lab

The language lab (L.L.) will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Japanese Language Class Policy

Jump Test

Those students who have done exceptionally well and received a high A in a Japanese language course may be allowed to take the Jump Test after studying the designated materials during the summer/winter vacation. Those who pass the test will be permitted to skip the next level. In order to take the Jump Test students must follow the procedure explained below.

- 1) By the last day of classes,
express your interest in taking a Jump Test to your current Japanese language instructor and find out when she/he will finish grading for the course.
- 2) Soon after your instructor has finished grading for your course,
ask him/her whether you are eligible to take a Jump Test. (Your instructor will decide your eligibility on the basis of your class performance, final grade, and amount of time available for you to study during the break.)
- 3) If you are eligible to take a Jump Test,
receive from your instructor a written permission with the date and place of your Jump Test, and find out what materials you should study during the break. (Bring the permission to the Jump Test.)
- 4) During the break,
study the materials designated by your instructor. You must devote your time and energy thoroughly to it. If you leave the materials half done and fail the jump test, you will have to re-study the same materials.
- 5) On the day of the Jump Test,
come to the place at the designated time, show the written permission to any Japanese language instructor at the location, and take the test.

Important: The Jump Test is administered for only those who have followed the above procedure; those who ask to take a Jump Test for the first time at the beginning of a new semester will NOT be allowed to take one.

Japanese Language Courses

Japanese language courses are divided into two categories: Spoken Japanese and Reading & Writing Japanese. All students are required to take Spoken Japanese. Reading & Writing classes are electives. However, all four skills, speaking, listening, reading and writing must be adequately developed. Therefore, reading and writing skills are not entirely excluded in the Spoken Japanese classes. The same applies to the Reading & Writing classes, which include some conversation.

In all the language courses, there will be mid-term and final exams and additional quizzes in written and/or aural/oral form. Homework assignments will also be given.

Spoken Japanese Language Courses

Spoken Japanese 1

Elementary Spoken Japanese, for beginners who have no knowledge of the language or no formal training in the language. Those who have studied Japanese but have not yet attained a firm grasp of the basic grammar are also advised to take this course. The course aims at the development of speaking and listening skills. However, Hiragana and Katakana will be used throughout the course. At the end of the course, successful students should be able to speak simple sentences needed for daily conversation.

Textbook: Genki I: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese, The Japan Times

Genki Workbook I, The Japan Times (Lesson 1 to Lesson 9)

Spoken Japanese 2

Second semester course of Elementary Spoken Japanese. Spoken Japanese 1 of its equivalent is a prerequisite. New students must pass a placement test in order to enroll. Students must show fluency in speaking simple sentences. At the end of the course, students are expected to be able to adequately handle everyday conversation in Japanese.

Textbook: Genki I&II: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese, The Japan Times

Genki Workbook I&II, The Japan Times (Lesson 10 to Lesson 17)

Spoken Japanese 3

The first semester course of Intermediate Spoken Japanese. Spoken Japanese 2 is a prerequisite for enrollment. Other students must pass a placement test in order to enroll. The course aims to review and reinforce previous knowledge of Japanese and systematically develop the patterns of expression needed in various situations commonly in daily Japanese life. In addition to the textbook, videotaped materials such as movies will be used.

Textbook: Genki II: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese, The Japan Times

Genki Workbook II, The Japan Times (Lesson 18 to Lesson 23)

Spoken Japanese 4

The second semester course of Intermediate Spoken Japanese. Spoken Japanese 3 is a prerequisite. Other applicants must pass a placement test to be admitted to this course. In addition, further private study time listening to tapes is strongly recommended. The purpose of the course is to develop the ability to communicate in various situations commonly encountered at the university level. In addition to written materials, videotaped materials such as TV programs and movies will be used to help students improve both their speaking and listening comprehension.

Textbook: Materials prepared by the Kansai Gaidai language faculty.

Spoken Japanese 5

This course is designed for those who have had at least 2 years (or the equivalent) of Japanese and who do not have any difficulty in daily conversation. Approximately half of the class time will be spent on discussions, speeches, projects, and learning expressions. The other half of the class time will be devoted to lessons with videotaped materials, such as drama and news programs. This course aims at developing more grammatical complexity and strengthening skills with various new vocabulary and sentence patterns.

Textbook: To be announced in the class.

Videotaped materials

Handouts

Spoken Japanese 6

This course is for those who have had at least five semesters (or the equivalent) of Japanese. The course aims at developing a higher level of competency in listening to and speaking Japanese through discussion, debate and directed research on various topics, selected from the textbook. By performing these activities, students will gain a deeper understanding of contemporary Japanese culture and society. Videotape materials are used to further develop and refine listening and speaking skills. Individual projects will also be assigned.

Textbook: To be announced in the class.

Reading and Writing Courses

Introduction to the Japanese Writing System (1 Unit)

The very basic introductory five-week Reading & Writing course. This is not a separate course, but is integrated in the regular Reading & Writing 1 course. Hiragana and Katakana, and some very basic kanji will be introduced in this course.

This course is required for students who do not have enough knowledge of Hiragana and Katakana to handle the Spoken Japanese language course. The students in this course may upgrade by switching Reading & Writing (1 credit) to the regular Reading and Writing (3 credits) before the end of the fifth week.

Regular Reading & Writing Courses

These courses will be devoted not only to the learning of hiragana, katakana and kanji, but also to training in the writing of compositions and to the development of reading comprehension ability. Various kinds of materials may be used in class. Mid-term and final exams and quizzes will be given in each course. Homework assignments will also be given.

Reading & Writing 1

The basic introductory course for the Reading & Writing of Japanese. The course presupposes no prior knowledge of written Japanese. Starting with the introduction of Hiragana and Katakana, approximately 100 kanji will also be introduced during the semester. We will read and write Japanese on simple, everyday topics such as diaries, messages, letters, and so forth.

Textbook: Genki I: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese, The Japan Times

Genki Workbook I, The Japan Times (Lesson 1 to Lesson 9)

Reading & Writing 2

The second-semester level of Reading & Writing Japanese. Pre-requisite: R&W 1 (or the equivalent). Students should be able to read/write hiragana, katakana and some basic kanji (approximately 100 or more).

Approximately 125 more kanji will be introduced during the semester. We will read articles in the style of diaries, folktales, personal ads, and so forth. We will also practice writing on various topics related to the reading materials.

Textbook: Genki I&II: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese, The Japan Times

Genki Workbook I&II, The Japan Times (Lesson 10 to Lesson 16)

Reading & Writing 3

The third-semester level of Reading & Writing Japanese. Pre-requisite: R&W 2 (or the equivalent). Students should be able to read/write approximately 250 kanji characters. Approximately 200 more kanji will be introduced during the semester. We will read articles in the style of biography, letters, diaries, and so forth. We will also practice writing on topics related to the reading materials.

Textbook: Genki II: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese, The Japan Times

Genki Workbook II, The Japan Times (Lesson 17 to Lesson 23)

Reading & Writing 4

The fourth-semester level of Reading & Writing Japanese. Pre requisite: R&W 3 (or the equivalent). Students should be able to recognize approximately 500 kanji characters. Approximately 300 more kanji will be introduced during the semester. In this course, we will read authentic materials such as poems, short stories, and newspaper articles, as well as reading materials prepared for learners of Japanese. We will also practice writing letters using keigo, short stories, haiku, and so forth.

Textbook: To be announced in class.

Reading & Writing 5

The fifth-semester level of reading & writing Japanese. Prerequisites: Reading & Writing 4 (or the equivalent). Students should be able to recognize and produce approximately 1,000 kanji characters. About 400 more characters will be introduced. Authentic materials, such as selected essays, newspaper articles, short stories, etc. will be assigned for reading. Students are required to write their opinions, summaries, and essays throughout the semester.

Textbook: To be announced in class.

Reading & Writing 6

The sixth-semester level of reading and writing Japanese. Prerequisites: Reading & Writing 5 (or the equivalent). Students should be able to recognize approximately 1,500 kanji characters. Students will read authentic materials such as novels, essays, editorials, and so forth, and write regularly about the topics related to their reading.

Textbook: To be announced in class.

Academic Japanese

This program is offered for those who are almost ready to take regular courses for Japanese universities. Eligible students have to be able to recognize most of the Joyo Kanji. They must also have a good enough command of Japanese to carry on a regular conversation in Japanese without difficulty and also to begin carrying on an academic discussion in Japanese.

After the preparatory session (February-March), students will take three regular courses (April-June) taken by Japanese students and taught in Japanese on the Hotani Campus.

Each student or a group of a few students in this program will be paired with a native Japanese classmate or classmates who will be available to help in case some assistance is need in better understanding the course.

The courses in the Asian Studies Program are generally equivalent to 300- or 400-level upper division (third- and fourth-year) courses in most other universities, in terms of level of difficulty and amount of work required. Most of them are designed to accommodate non-majors. For a few courses, however, it is recommended that students have some level of background in the course discipline. Students are advised to read the course descriptions carefully and consult with the course instructor should there be any questions about course level or requirements.

Asian Economic Integration and Globalization

Dr. Joel Campbell

Globalization is perhaps the hottest concept on the planet. Everybody talks about it, but since there are so many differing views of it, few people really know what globalization actually is. To some, globalization means the advent of an economic paradise, promising prosperity to all. To others, it heralds world domination by huge Western corporations. Asians have both benefited and suffered from the inexorable forces of globalization. Meanwhile, Asia has taken tentative steps toward creation of a new regional identity. For the first time, Asia has become both a gigantic market and a center of global trade and finance. How is globalization transforming Asia? What are the challenges that Asian peoples face in a globalized world? Will increasing regional ties bring ever tighter economic integration?

This course is designed to show you how economic integration and globalization have transformed East, Southeast, and South Asia since the 1980s, to help you understand Asia's emergence as the core of the world economy, and to explain how business operates in the new Asia. It considers what lessons globalization teaches both the Asian region and other countries. We begin with a discussion of the nature of globalization and integration, as well as the current development of both phenomena in the Asian region. Then, we look at the issues of and problems caused by globalization and integration, and at what the debates over these issues say about the nature of political and economic development in Asia. We examine in detail the creation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (along with ASEAN+3 and the East Asia Summit) and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum (APEC), and carefully consider the direction of East and Southeast Asian development since the Asian Financial Crisis. We focus on a few illustrative cases of Asian business globalization, and we end by thinking about the future of the East Asian economies and our place in the globalized world economy.

Course Topics

- The dream of Asian integration
- The nature of globalization and economic integration
- Roots and development of Asian globalization
- Problems and issues of globalization and integration
- The Asian Financial Crisis and its aftermath: recovery and reform efforts in East/Southeast Asia
- The roles of Japan, China, the U.S. and Europe in Asia's globalization
- The creation and expansion of ASEAN and APEC
- ASEAN + 3: Japan, China, and South Korea join with Southeast Asia (and India and Australia) to create the world's biggest market
- Comparison to other regional integration efforts: the EU, NAFTA, etc.
- Asian business globalizes: creating world beaters
- Future prospects for Asian globalization and integration

Asian Economic Integration and Globalization

Requirements/Prerequisites

This is an introductory level course. Though a technical background is not required, it would be beneficial to have basic economic and political knowledge. This course is quite useful for students of economics and business, or political science and international relations. Globalization and Regional Integration are common topics in contemporary economics, political science, and international relations courses.

Readings

Weekly readings assignments will be drawn largely from:

John Baylis and Steve Smith, *The Globalization of World Politics: An introduction to international relations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005).

Samuel S. Kim, ed., *East Asia and Globalization* (Lanham, MD.: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2000).

Naoko Munakata, *Transforming East Asia: The Evolution of Regional Economic Integration* (Washington: Brookings Institution Press, 2006).

Shaun Narine, *Explaining ASEAN: Regionalism in Southeast Asia* (Boulder, CO.: Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc., 2002).

Arnoud De Meyer, et al., *Global Future: The Next Challenge for Asian Business* (Singapore: John Wiley and Sons, 2005).

Grading

- In-class performance: attendance, participation, and class preparation (25%)
- Two video reaction papers (25%)
- Mid-term examination, two quizzes, and final examination (50%) (exams are *not* scheduled during the language mid-term exam period, and are not cumulative)

This course uses a variety of activities. We will discuss Asian globalization and integration-related topics, in light of current events, in most classes. Other activities include interactive lectures on key subjects, videos on current globalization and economic integration issues, and various in-class group activities.

Doing Business in the New Japanese Economy

Dr. Joel Campbell

Japan's businesses and economy have stunned the world. Rising like a phoenix from the ashes of World War II, Japan was the world's fastest growing economy by the 1960s. Its businesses conquered industry after industry. Then, suddenly, in the 1990s it all came to a halt, and stagnation replaced high growth. Unemployment soared, bankruptcies skyrocketed, banks trembled, and the government seemed clueless. More ominously, an aging population, alienated youth, and unprecedented urban crime undermined the social stability that had underpinned postwar growth. Yet, an amazing Japanese business Renaissance began early this decade, as the consumer economy took off and new businesses brought innovation in products and services. Where is Japan headed? Will it stay on the road to healthy economic growth? What is Japan's business future?

The course is designed to help you understand how Japanese businesses (foreign businesses, too) operate in this new economy—so that you can work in Japan, do business with Japanese people in your own country, or gain a better idea what makes Japan tick. The course surveys recent developments and problems in Japanese business sectors, the economy, and politics. We will start with the “Lost Decade,” a time when Japan stumbled through a prolonged economic slump, business restructuring, political upheaval and social crisis. We will examine how Japanese business and government are struggling to adjust to the wrenching social changes that are remaking the business landscape. We will explore the challenges of globalization, the rise of China, and the “New Economy” of a wired/wireless world. Next, we will look at the seismic shifts ongoing in specific economic sectors, such as automobiles and electronics, retail and fast food industries, the IT industry and international trading companies. Finally, we will plot out possible future directions for Japanese business.

Course Topics

- The “Bubble” economy, the “Lost Decade,” and the post-‘02 recovery
- Current challenges of growth and competitiveness
- Japan's international trade
- Japanese business and government
- The changed social landscape of Japanese business
- The critical roles of women, youth and the elderly
- Basic patterns of Japanese business (how to do J business)
- Life in the Japanese “kaisha”
- Key business case studies: Toyota, Nissan, Sony, Panasonic, and 7-11 Japan
- Foreign businesses in Japan (how to do gaishi business)
- Japan's business and economic future

Doing Business in the New Japanese Economy

Requirements/Prerequisites

This is an introductory level course. A technical background is not required, as this is an overview course, but it would be beneficial to have basic knowledge of business and the economy. This course is quite useful for students of business and economics, or international relations and political science. The Japanese Economy also is a subject within the macro and micro-economics of developed economies.

Readings

Weekly readings assignments will be drawn largely from:

Mark B. Fuller and John C. Beck, *Japan's Business Renaissance: How the World's Greatest Economy Revived, Renewed, and Reinvented Itself* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 2006).

Richard Katz, *Japanese Phoenix: The Long Road to Economic Revival* (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 2003).

Jeffrey K. Liker, *The Toyota Way: 14 Management Principles from the World's Greatest Manufacturer* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 2004).

Francis McInterney, *Panasonic: The Largest Corporate Restructuring in History* (New York: Truman Talley Books, 2007).

Panos Mourdoukoutas, *The New Emerging Japanese Economy: Opportunity and Strategy for World Business* (Mason, OH: Thomson/South-Western, 2005).

Grading

- In-class performance: attendance, participation, and class preparation (30%)
- "Business Opportunity Brief" paper (20%)
- Two exams and a final examination (50%)
(exams will *not* be scheduled during the language mid-term exam period, and are not cumulative)

This course uses a variety of activities. We will discuss current events in the Japanese economy and business, in light of course topics, during some classes. Other activities include interactive lectures on key topics, videos on current economic and business issues, and various in-class group activities. Each student will also prepare a brief of an emerging Japanese business opportunity or economic sector.

Political Economies of East Asia

Dr. Joel Campbell

The Asia-Pacific economy is the most dynamic in the world. It accounts for over one quarter of global GDP and nearly one half of world trade. It is home to probably the most diverse group of national economies. These include the second largest developed economy (Japan), the most populous and fastest growing economy (China), the biggest Muslim nation (Indonesia), two dynamo city states (Hong Kong and Singapore), the hub of the global computer hardware industry (Taiwan), a leading tourism destination (Thailand), perhaps the most wired/wireless, IT savvy nation (South Korea), and the world's only remaining Stalinist autarky (North Korea). All of East Asia's developmental success has come almost in the blink of an eye since the 1960s, but ironically, the creation of this most capitalist of regions was guided by heavy state intervention and planning. And East Asia has largely remade itself since the calamitous Asian Financial Crisis of 1997-1998. How has Asia achieved its success? What are its current challenges? Where is it headed?

This course helps you understand the interaction of economics and politics, the fast-paced business energy, and the complicated political realities that have made the East/Southeast Asian "miracle" possible. We begin by looking at the general process of development and the idea of Asian economies as "Flying Geese," a formation led by Japan, followed by the Newly Industrializing Countries (NICs, or "Four Tigers") and the "Little Tigers" of Southeast Asia. We briefly sketch the key features of past economic development of East and Southeast Asia, as well as the current basic business patterns in the region. We then consider typical cases of development, such as North Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia, the Philippines and Malaysia, which have followed vastly different paths in the past thirty years. We will also look at the social and environmental problems caused by rapid development, and end by examining China's rise to economic and political dominance of East Asia.

Course Topics

- Economic development of East and Southeast Asia
- The pathway of development of East and Southeast Asia—19th to early 20th centuries, the war legacy, the amazing postwar recovery, the boom years, economic maturity and "shared growth"
- The Japanese political economic "model" for East Asia
- The "Four Tigers"--South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore
- Southeast Asia and the "little tigers": Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia
- The Asian Financial Crisis: East Asia's meltdown
- East Asia since the Asian Financial Crisis: recovery and reform
- East Asia's political and economic future
- The "Chinese Century": China as the center of the New Asia

Political Economies of East Asia

Requirements/Prerequisites

This is an introductory level course. Though a technical background is not required, it would be beneficial to have basic economic and political knowledge. This course is quite useful for students of economics and business, and of political science and international relations. Political Economy is a sub-discipline of both economics and political science.

Readings

Weekly readings assignments will be drawn largely from:

Joseph A. Camilleri, *States, Markets, and Civil Society in Asia-Pacific: The Political Economy of the Asia-Pacific Region*, Vol. 1 (London: Edward Elgar Publishers, 2002).

Iyanatul Islam and Anis Chowdhury, *The Political Economy of East Asia: Post-crisis Debates* (Melbourne Oxford University Press, 2000).

Eun Mee Kim, *The Four Asian Tigers: Economic Development and Global Political Economy* (London: Academic Press, 1998).

Peter Nolan, *Transforming China: Globalization, Transition and Development* (London: Anthem Press, 2004).

Jim Rohwer, *Remade in America: How Asia Will Change Because America Boomed* (New York: Crown Business, 2002).

Grading

- In-class performance: attendance, participation, and class preparation (25%)
- Two video reaction papers (25%)
- Mid-term examination, two quizzes, and final examination (50%) (Exams will *not* be scheduled during the language mid-term exam period, and are not cumulative)

This course uses a variety of activities. We will discuss East Asian current events, in light of course topics, in most classes. Other activities include interactive lectures on key political economy subjects, videos on current economic and political issues, and various in-class group activities.

Principles of Economics with Applications to the Japanese Economy

Dr. Yutaka Horiba

Regardless of which country you may be from, you have undoubtedly been exposed almost daily to news of major economic issues and events affecting your country, such as the direction of the nation's GDP growth rate, wages, unemployment, the cost of living, changes in interest rates, international trade conflict, events in the banking sector, stock market conditions, the housing market crisis, the nation's monetary and fiscal policy, government debt, aging society and the associated social security problems, etc. We know they are important, having a profound impact on our current and future wellbeing. The problems we address in this course are universal in nature and often complex, and you will quickly realize that there are no simple answers or solutions. But a series of economic modeling and the analytical tools we develop go a long way toward shedding light on the fundamental economic issues involved. You will be challenged to think critically and analytically. We also use various examples selected from the Japanese economy to illustrate and to illuminate the basic concepts, relations among variables, and the deductive logic developed throughout the course.

The Japanese economy, characterized as it is by a different set of traditional norms, values and regulatory constraints relative to any other country, often provides a useful reference point against which the U.S. and other major economies of the world can be compared. However, the basic tenet of the course and the examples we draw emphasize that the Japanese economy is indeed unique, but not so unique as to defy the applicability of the modern economic analysis. Indeed, the economic science provides a useful framework and analytical tools that help to dispel some of the misconceptions and misunderstandings that exist regarding the Japanese economy.

Topics

- Introduction to economic modeling
- Interdependence and the gains from trade
- Market forces of demand and supply
- Elasticity considerations
- Supply, demand, and government policies
- Measuring national income
- Production and growth
- Saving, investment, and the financial system
- Basic tools of finance

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- Unemployment
- The monetary system
- Money growth and inflation
- Open-economy macroeconomics

Readings

The textbook used as a background for the course is Gregory Mankiw, *Principles of Macroeconomics*, 4th ed. (Thompson South-Western, 2007). Additional readings and exercises from other sources will be announced in class, and handouts will be given from time to time. It is critically important, therefore, that you keep up with all assigned readings, exercises, and classroom lecture and discussion materials.

Prerequisites

No prior coursework in economics is required.

Grading

The final grade will be determined on the basis of two in-class exams (20% each), the final exam (30%), assignments (20%), and classroom participation (10%).

Labor, Culture & HRM in Japan

Prof. Garr Reynolds

Human Resource Management (HRM) is the management process of meeting organizational goals by acquiring, developing, retaining, terminating, and appropriately leveraging the firm's human resources. In each of these areas, Japanese firms differ in important respects from their counterparts in other countries. In this class we'll examine the impact of culture and changing labor markets on HRM strategies and tactics.

Course Topics

- Key HRM concepts and objectives. The strategic role of HRM.
- Overview of HRM in Japan.
- The Japanese approach to recruiting, employee selection, and placement.
- Education, Training & Development in Japanese corporations.
 - Training programs
 - Development methods
- Corporate culture and the role of HR.
- Women in the Japanese labor force.
- Wage & salary management.
- Labor laws and regulations.
- Working for a Japanese company: Challenges and rewards for foreign nationals working for organizations in Japan.
- HRM challenges confronting Japanese organizations and Japanese society today (e.g., "life-time employment," unemployment, retraining, youth employment).

Classroom Activities

The course will be a combination of lecture, discussion, and group work. You will examine current, real-life challenges faced by HR departments in Japanese companies today. Working in small groups, you will have the opportunity to apply what you have learned by researching a specific HRM issue in Japan and presenting your research findings to the class in a formal presentation.

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Group Presentations

Students will be assigned to groups of three with the responsibility of researching the assigned topic, presenting their findings in class, and leading the class in discussions for the assigned class period. Visual aids should be used for the formal presentation (e.g., PowerPoint, flip charts, overheads, etc.). Creativity counts! Students will need to spend time outside of class researching and preparing their material together. Groups are strongly advised to meet with the professor before the presentation for direction and assistance with the topic research and presentation organization.

Textbook

Various readings will be issued in class, and a packet will be available for purchase for other required readings for ¥500.

Grading

Quizzes: 15% (3@5%)

Midterm: 25% (multiple choice questions)

Group presentations: 20%

Class attendance & participation: 10%

Final exam (take-home essays): 30%

Intercultural Business Communication in Japan

Prof. Garr Reynolds

The theoretical field of cross-cultural psychology and the applied field of intercultural communication training have grown in response to the increase in international business. Through an investigation of key intercultural communication concepts and research findings from the field of Intercultural Communication, this course will help you become a more effective communicator when you work with individuals from different cultural backgrounds.

Classroom Activities

The course will consist of a combination of lecture and discussion, group work, and the analysis of critical incidents.

Journal/“scrap book”

All students are required to keep a “scrap book,” a journal of your (1) thoughts on the assigned readings, (2) thoughts and interpretations on stories you see in the Japanese newspaper or on TV, and (3) your reflections and analysis on incidents (positive or negative) you experience(d) living in Japan. Be sure to incorporate what we learn in class and the readings into your journal writing.

Group presentations

Students will work in groups to write their own critical incidents based on their own experiences in Japan (or with Japanese abroad) and present them to the class for discussion. For the final presentation, students will write two (3) critical incidents and present these to the class with analysis based on the concepts and theories covered throughout the term. The presentation must be well researched and presented in a professional manner using presentation software or other visual aids. More detailed information about the group presentations will be given to you later in the semester.

Textbook

Brislin, Understanding culture's influence on behavior, Wadsworth Pub Co, 1999, ISBN: 0155083406. Four copies are on reserve at the library. Other readings will be given to you as handouts, especially later in the semester as we move into more Japanese-specific areas.

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Grading

Class attendance & participation: 10%

Journal/Scrapbook: 20%

Mid-term Exam: 25%

Group presentations: 15%

Final Exam: 30%

International Business: Doing Business in East Asia

Dr. Andrew Staples

This course aims to develop your analytical, conceptual and theoretical understanding of contemporary business and management in East Asia with a particular focus on inward investment in the target countries.

East Asia is confirmed as the world's most dynamic region of economic activity and will retain this position for decades to come. Japan (the world's second largest economy), China (the world's fastest expanding economy) and Korea (the world's most 'online' economy) are the key economic players in this region and are attracting increasing levels of foreign direct investment as European and North American firms seek to become part of this success.

The course will have a practical theme allowing students to understand and appreciate the varied business and investment environments in these key East Asian economies. Following a comprehensive introductory session, each component of the course consists of five sessions which cover the investment environment, models of business organization and management, modes of market entry, leadership and decision making, negotiation and business etiquette in the respective countries. The skills gained on this course will of considerable value to those students seeking employment in the region and beyond.

Course Topics

Introduction: Business, society and culture in East Asia

Korea 1 : The investment environment

Korea 2: Business and management in Korea

Korea 3: Approaching the market (1)

Korea 4: Approaching the market (2)

China 1: The investment environment

China 2: Business and management in China

China 3: Approaching the market (1)

China 4: Approaching the market (2)

Japan 1: The investment environment

Japan 2: Business and management in Japan

Japan 3: Approaching the market (1)

Japan 4: Approaching the market (2)

Review

Requirements

This module will appeal to those students seeking to gain a better understanding of international business, management practice and market entry in China, Korea and Japan. Knowledge of the three countries, business and (macro) economics would, therefore, be useful but is not a strict requirement. Students are, however, reminded that this is a 3-400, upper level

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class and that they are expected to prepare for, attend and actively participate accordingly. Students will also be required to use online resources in the course of their studies to seek out and acquire relevant information.

Reading

Readings will be drawn from a wide range of academic texts, journals, papers and policy documents to include:

Ambler, T. and Witzel, M. (2004), *Doing Business in China*, London: Routledge Curzon.

Bownas, G. et al (2003), *Doing Business with the Japanese*. London, Direct Image.

Burns, R. (1998), *Doing business in Asia: A cultural perspective*. Melbourne: Longman.

Chang C. and Chang N. J. (1994), *The Korean management system: Cultural, political and economic foundations*. Quorum.

Chen, M. (1995), *Asian Management Systems*. London, Thomson.

Child, J. (1994), *Management in China during the Age of Reform*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

East Asia Analytical Unit. (1999), *Korea rebuilds: from crisis to opportunity*. Canberra: East Asia Analytical Unit.

Harvard Business Review (2004) *Doing Business in China*, Harvard Business School Press.

Hofstede, G. (1991) *Cultures and Organizations*. Berkshire, McGraw-Hill Book Company Europe.

Jackson, K. (2004) *The Changing Face of Japanese Management*. London, Routledge.

Mente, B. (ed.) (1995), *Chinese Etiquette and Ethics in Business*, Lincolnwood, Illinois: NTC Business Book.

Warner, M. (2003), *Culture and management in Asia*, London: RoutledgeCurzon.

Students will be directed to relevant articles and other documents during the course in support of their studies.

Grading

Three country specific short question exercises	45% (15% x 3)
Presentation OR essay (2000 words)	25%
Final examination	25%
Attendance (80%+)	5%

International Business: Japanese Multinational Corporation Operations

Dr. Andrew Staples

The course aims to develop your analytical, conceptual and theoretical understanding of contemporary Japanese business and management in the global context. Japanese firms began to increase their overseas operations as the domestic economy developed and matured in the 1970s, and this activity dramatically increased in the mid-1980s due to yen appreciation. Today, Japanese firms can be found operating around the globe, though mainly within the three key centres of economic activity (North America, Europe and East Asia), and in many cases have assumed dominant positions in the host market. How (and why) has this happened and what impact does overseas expansion have on the supposedly unique style of Japanese business organisation and management practice?

The course will adopt a thematic and regional framework. Introductory sessions will examine key themes in international business (theoretical approaches to overseas operations, the nature of the multinational) and Japanese business management (the Japanese 'model') to establish a basic analytical framework. Remaining classes consider fundamental issues in the international transfer of Japanese business management in the three main areas of global economic activity. These are Europe (merger and acquisitions activity, human resource management and strategic investment), North America (adoption/adaptation of management systems, supplier networks, free trade agreements), and East Asia (technology transfer, the regionalisation of production in the automotive sector, and the rise of China).

Course Topics

Key issues in international business
Japanese business organisation and management practice
Japanese MNCs in Europe 1: Macro-economic analysis
Japanese MNCs in Europe 2: Mergers and acquisitions in the UK
Japanese MNCs in Europe 3: The rise of Eastern Europe case study
Japanese MNCs in North America 1: Macro-economic analysis
Japanese MNCs in North America 2: The hybrid factory
Japanese MNCs in North America 3: Electronics sector case study
Japanese MNCs in East Asia 1: Macro-economic analysis
Japanese MNCs in East Asia 2: Technology transfer in ASEAN
Japanese MNCs in East Asia 3: Automotive sector case study
Japanese MNCs in a regional framework

Requirements

This module will appeal to those students seeking to gain a better understanding of Japanese business and management in the globalised economy, and of international business in general. Knowledge of Japanese, business and (macro) economics would, therefore, be useful but is not a strict

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requirement. Students are, however, reminded that this is a 3-400, upper level class and that they are expected to prepare for, attend and actively participate accordingly.

Readings

Readings will be drawn from a wide range of academic texts, journals, papers and policy documents to include:

Beamish, P. et al (2001), *Japanese Subsidiaries in the New Global Economy*, Cheltenham, Edward Elgar.

Dicken, P. (2003), *Global Shift: reshaping the global economic map in the 21st century*, London: Sage Publications.

Hasegawa, H. (2001), “*Globalization and Japanization: implications for human resource management in Britain*”, Japan Forum, Volume 13, Number 2, 1 September 2001, pp. 159-175(17)

Hasegawa, H and Hook, G. (2001), *The Political Economy of Japanese Globalisation*, London: Routledge

Hatch, W. and Yamamura, K. (1996), *Asia in Japan's Embrace*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Kumon, H and Abo, T. (eds.) (2004), *The Hybrid Factory in Europe: Japanese Management and Production Systems Transferred*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan

Roehl, T. and Bird, A. (eds.) (2004), *Japanese firms in transition: responding to the globalization challenge*, Oxford: Elsevier

Staples, A. (2006), “Japanese Foreign Direct Investment and the Transformation of the East Asian Political Economy: Corporate Strategy in the Automotive Sector”, in Soderman, S., *Emerging Multiplicity: Integration and Responsiveness in Asian Business Development*, London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Students will be directed to relevant articles and other documents during the course in support of their studies.

Grading

Three region specific short question exercises	45% (15% x 3)
Presentation	25%
Final examination	25%
Attendance and participation (80%+)	5%

Japanese Business Management

Dr. Andrew Staples

This course aims to develop your analytical, conceptual and theoretical understanding of contemporary business and management in Japan. In recent years the nature of Japanese business and management and expectations of it have changed quite dramatically. The bubble economy is no longer and low growth and globalization are vital issues that Japanese business and management is obliged to confront.

In this course we first examine the origins and development of the Japanese 'model' of business and management within the broader economic, social and cultural context. Key issues in business organization (structure, inter-firm networks, and governance) and management (lean production, work organization, and employment practices) are then investigated before attention turns to consider the impact on these features of business and management of globalization (overseas operations of Japanese firms) and inward investment (M&A activity). A common theme throughout this course explores why and how traditional Japanese business and management is responding to both external and internal changes and what new realities are being established. Reference to the latest research and case studies of well known Japanese firms will reinforce and develop understanding of these themes and issues.

Course Topics

Establishing the context: changing models for changing times

Establishing the context: society, culture and management theory

Business organisation I: business/government relationships

Business organisation II: inter-firm relationships

Business organisation III: ownership, control and governance

Business management I: Toyotism

Business management II: Japanese production systems

Business management III: human resource management (1)

Business management IV: human resource management (2)

The impact of globalisation I:

The impact of globalisation II:

The impact of globalisation III:

The impact of inward investment I:

The impact of inward investment II:

The impact of inward investment III:

Japanese business management in the twenty-first century

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Readings

Readings will be drawn from a wide range of academic texts, journals, papers and policy documents to include:

- Aoki, M. and Dore, R.** (1994), *The Japanese Firm*, London: Routledge.
- Beamish, P. et al** (2001), *Japanese Subsidiaries in the New Global Economy*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
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Students will be directed to relevant articles and other documents during the course in support of their studies.

Requirements

This module will appeal to those students seeking to gain a better understanding of business and management in contemporary Japan. Knowledge of Japan, business and (macro) economics would, therefore, be useful but is not a strict requirement. Students are, however, reminded that this is a 3-400, upper level class and that they are expected to prepare for, attend and actively participate accordingly.

Grading

Project and presentation	25%
Mid-term examination	25%
Essay (2000 words)	25%
Final examination	25%

Advertising and Integrated Marketing Communications

Prof. David Taylor

Advertising and media experts, inside and outside Japan, have different opinions on the future of advertising and the implications of the changing media landscape. Yet, they all agree that brand building is important and the need for greater integration and accountability in marketing communication activities is essential for businesses to not only survive but thrive in the future. At a personal level, regardless of the career you choose, having a basic understanding of advertising and integrated marketing communications (IMC) will be helpful for several reasons:

- Marketing communication uses many of the basic communication skills that are found in both personal and business activities.
- For most organizations, advertising and marketing communications are the primary source of revenue. Revenue allows managers to pay the salaries and other bills necessary to operate the business.
- As a consumer, you are exposed to approximately 1,500 commercial messages every day. You need to understand how and what companies and organizations are doing to persuade you.
- Marketing communication is public and pervasive and is increasingly a major business and social concern in domestic and international markets.

For those of you who are *not* marketing majors, this course will provide a basic understanding of persuasive skills which can be used no matter what vocation you choose. For those who *are* marketing majors, this is a foundation for more advanced marketing and advertising courses.

Topics

- Building Brands: How Brands are Built
- Basic Marketing Strategies for Building Brands
- Creating, Sending and Receiving Messages
- The Marketing Communications Function
- Measurement, Evaluation and Effectiveness

Requirements

There are no set requirements for this course; however, the successful completion of an introductory marketing course is preferred.

Advertising and Integrated Marketing Communications

Readings

Select readings will be assigned. The primary text is:

Duncan, Tom (2005), Principles of Advertising & IMC, 2nd ed., McGraw-Hill Irwin.

Grading

Mid-Term Exam	25%
Class Participation (incl. Quizzes)	25%
Group Presentation(s)	25%
Final Exam	25%

International Organization Behavior

Dr. Masako S. Taylor

Organizational Behavior is a study of people in organizations. In any profession, you work with people, through people and for people. If you are going to be an excellent manager, you must first understand people and develop strong interpersonal skills. This course is an introduction to the study of how to manage and work with people in complex, dynamic and global business environments. The first section of the course will focus on understanding the basic organizational behavior concepts and their application to business situations. The second section of the course will focus on applying some of these concepts to different cultural contexts. You will learn to motivate others, make informed decisions, manage and lead teams and organizations in a global business environment. In addition to learning the skills to work well with people from different cultural backgrounds, you will learn about your interpersonal and management styles. This knowledge will assist you as you prepare for a career of your choice.

Class Activities

Class activities include lectures, discussions and exercises/simulations. You will be working individually as well as in small groups.

Course Topics

Part I Organizational Behavior

- Personality, Emotions and Values
- Motivation Theories and Applications
- Decision Making
- Groups Dynamics
- Communication
- Leadership Theories and Application
- Conflict and Negotiation

Part II International Organizational Behavior

- Culture and Management
- Global Leadership and Motivation
- Global Career

Textbook

Stephen, P. Robbins. Essentials of Organizational Behavior. 8th Edition. Prentice-Hall. (2005)

Nancy J. Adler & Allison Gundersen. International Dimensions of Organizational Behavior. 5th Edition. South-Western. (2007)

Grading

Group Project:.....	20%
Quiz.....	10%
Midterm Exam.....	30%
Final Exam.....	30%
Class Participation.....	10%

Leadership in Organizations

Dr. Masako S. Taylor

Leadership is a process of getting things done through people. In this course, you will learn about various leadership theories and its application to real work situations. First we will explore major theories of leadership. Through class activities, you will also analyze your own leadership style and identify areas for development to be an effective leader. Second, we will apply the cultural context to leadership. You will learn about leading in different cultures and in multicultural contexts.

Course Topics

- What is Leadership?
- Leaders' Traits, Skills and Styles
- Leadership Styles
- Contingency Approaches to Leadership
- Relationship Approach to Leadership
- Leading Teams
- Culture and leadership
- Global Leadership

Class Format

Class activities include lectures, discussions, cases and exercises/simulations. You will be working individually as well as in small groups.

Textbook

Peter, G. Northouse. Leadership: Theory and Practice. 3rd Edition (2004). Sage Publications.

Grading

Mid-Term.....	30%
Quiz(zes).....	10%
Group Project	20%
Class Participation.....	10%
Final Exam.....	30%

Entrepreneurship in Japan

Prof. Mark Tracy

This course will prepare students for the challenges of starting a business in Japan. Students will learn how to discover and evaluate ideas for new ventures. In addition to lectures and assigned readings, the students will work on teams that develop a comprehensive business plan for a new venture in Japan. The combination of lecture and team projects will give students an opportunity to see the interaction and importance of market research, legal planning, financial statements and management strategy. Although these concepts will be generally applicable to the process of starting a business anywhere in the world, we will also focus on the unique opportunities and challenges involved in launching a business in Japan. No prior business knowledge or coursework is required for this class.

Course Topics

Introduction to business terms	Introduction to entrepreneurship.
The world of business in Japan	Business plans.
Financial statements	Marketing research and market reports.
Management strategy	Venture funding
Pricing decisions	Advertising and promotions.

Readings

Understanding Financial Statements, Sixth Edition, Fraser and Ormiston
Understanding Business, Sixth Edition, Nickels, McHugh, McHugh
Portable MBA in Entrepreneurship, Second Edition, Bygrave (Editor)
Corporate financial reports
JETRO Documents
Competitive Advantage, Michael Porter.

Grading

Grading is based on a series of equally weighted quizzes and the project reports. Attendance and team participation will also affect the student's final grade.

Quizzes	25%
Business Plan	75%

In addition to all other factors, a student's total score may be increased or decreased by up to 5% based on participation and attendance.

International Negotiation Resolving Conflict and Closing the Deal

Prof. Mark Tracy

Every business transaction involves negotiation. Negotiations can involve matters as simple as the salary and benefits package for your first job or as complex as trade negotiations between governments. Negotiation is also an important activity in the non-profit sector. A human rights organization or charity is likely to be involved in negotiations with many different entities to accomplish their goals. In the global environment, understanding the opportunities and challenges involved in transnational negotiations can often make the difference between success and failure. This course is designed to introduce the student to fundamental concepts of negotiation as well as specific challenges, strategies, and opportunities in international negotiations.

Through a combination of academic study and practical application, students will learn how to successfully negotiate, implement, and evaluate international business transactions. Students will learn how different cultures prepare for and engage in negotiation and what strategies should be used to evaluate and adapt to foreign negotiation. The final portion of the course will be to explore the idea of a “global approach” to negotiation and to determine if there are strategies that are appropriate for every situation, regardless of nationality or culture

Course Structure

The fundamental principles of international negotiation will be taught through a combination of lecture and assigned readings. After a particular principle has been introduced, the student will then apply that principle in a negotiation exercise. Some of the negotiation exercises will be individual assignments while others will be team assignments. Some of the exercises will involve traditional business transactions while others may involve political, economic or social transactions. Each exercise will be designed to mimic scenarios that actually arise in international transactions and to highlight the application of the relevant principle in the negotiation.

Readings

The reading for this course will be distributed as a packet.

International Negotiation Resolving Conflict and Closing the Deal

Requirements/Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course. Although many of the negotiation exercises will involve business transactions, it is not necessary for the student to have a background in business in order to be able to complete the exercise.

Grading

1. Three or four quizzes which will constitute 35% of the final grade.
2. Individual and team negotiation exercises which will constitute 45% of the final grade.
3. Self evaluation, which will constitute 10% of the final grade.
4. Class attendance and participation which will constitute 10% of the final grade.

The Struggle for Justice

Prof. Mark Tracy

Rumors about criminal justice systems in Asia are common and often exaggerated. Newspapers report that Japan is a homogenous crime-free society while they publish pictures of caning in Singapore. This course will introduce the student to the nature of crime and criminal justice systems in several Asian countries. The main focus of the course is on Japanese criminal justice.

Along with other areas of focus, the class will examine how the Japanese criminal justice works to produce one of the lowest rates of crime in the developed world. We will learn why Japanese prosecutors win 99.98% of their trials and we will try to discover why the vast majority of criminal suspects confess.

We will examine the recent reforms of the criminal justice system in Thailand and measure the effect they have had on crime. After we have explored the intended and immediate results of the reforms we will try to discover how the system has allowed extra-judicial killing of thousands of suspects.

Our study of the criminal justice system in China will teach us to place the concept of criminal justice within the broader perspective of politics and sovereignty. We will examine those ways in which the system is changing and predict future change. We will also try to identify the ways in which criminal law is being used to limit the main threats to political stability in China. Finally we will place the death penalty debate into a global context by examining the strike hard campaigns and China's implementation of the death penalty.

There will be a field trip to watch criminal trials in the Osaka courthouse. Interpreters will be provided.

Course Topics

1. General Introduction

Introduce the general concepts of criminal law and explain the appropriate terms involved in the study of comparative criminal justice. Use statistics to highlight the differences between Japan and the rest of the world.

2. Nation Building

You will be divided into teams and will create a nation and a criminal justice system. You will explain that nation and its system to your colleagues and turn in a written summary of the system.

3. Prosecutors in Japan Pages 1-18

4. Defense Attorneys Pages 19-26

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5. Suspension of Prosecution Pages 27-37
6. Introduction to Japanese Police Pages 39-58
7. Investigations in Japan Pages 59-75
8. Reforms in Japan Supplementary Material
9. Thailand Supplementary Material
10. Test
11. China Supplementary Material
12. Singapore (If Time Permits)

Requirements

There are no prerequisites for this course.

Readings

David Johnson The Japanese Way of Justice
L. Craig Parker The Japanese Police System Today
UNAFEI Criminal Justice Profiles of Asia

Grading

There will be three equally weighted tests over the course of the semester.

Challenges in Modern Japanese History and Politics

Dr. Paul Scott

This is an upper level political science and public policy fieldwork class in which students are expected to engage in fieldwork. Field trips to the Osaka Peace Museum and the Shiga Prefectural Prison will be conducted.

Course Topics

Defining the challenges of modernization and democratization in Japan.
Looking at the Japan Almanac
Japan As Number 1; The Enigma of Japanese Power: Which?
The Japan They Do not Talk About
Homelessness and Japan's minority population.
Defense Consciousness and the SDF
Peace Museums
Crime and Punishment
Evaluating Shiga prison

Requirements/Prerequisites

Second semester students given priority or if first semester with the permission of the instructor

Readings

The Japan Almanac

Grading

Oral presentation	50%
Written write-up	50%

Japan-China: Problems in Historical and Cultural Interaction

Dr. Paul Scott

Japan-China: Problems in Historical and Cultural Interactions is an upper level comparative history and politics course that examines a complex relationship. The time frame begins in the 19th century and extends to the future proto-scenarios.

Course Topics

Defining the Problem – Comparing and contrasting worldviews.
The dilemmas of modernization.
Japanese Views of China: The majority view.
Japanese Views of China: Minority Views.
Japan's Imperialism
Discussion Kokoro and Diary of a Madman.
The question of nationalist China: Sun Yat-sen and Jiang Jieshi
The China war, peasant nationalism and the rise of Mao
Occupied Japan, Revolutionary China.
Red-versus expert –Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution
The rise of the Japanese economy and the Dengist gamble.
Proto-Scenarios for China and Japan.

Readings

Jansen, Japan and China.
Eto, and Jansen., My Thirty-Three Years' Dream.
Scott, Japan-China : Arao Sei and the Paradox of Cooperation.
Natsume Soseki, Kokoro.
Lu Xun, Selected Essays.

Grading

Grading: There will be two take home examinations each equally weighted at 50%. Students are expected to attend each class.

Pacific Rivalry

Dr. Paul Scott

The Asia Pacific Region is host to over-lapping and interlinking rivalries and challenges whose resolution is uncertain. Moreover, the post 9/11 world has made the outcome of any so-called Pacific Century problematic at best.

This course seeks to examine the various pressure points existing within the APR. The approach is traditional in the sense that the four major actors in the region: The U.S., Japan, China, and Russia, will be examined.

The course is arranged in weekly lecture themes. Readings are from a variety of sources but your main text is: Pacific Century – The Emergence of Modern Pacific Asia.

Course Topics

Examining the fault lines; Defining power.
The U.S. in Asia – Sentimental Imperialism
The Pacific War and Occupation
Creating Hiroshima's
U.S. Foreign Policy
The Powell Doctrine and post 9/11
Japan and Road to Pearl Harbor
War and Occupation
Conflicted Pacifism/Reluctant Realism
The growth of the Japanese economy and the new triad of power.
The People's Republic of China – The Mao Years
The Dengist Gamble
Democratizing Asia?
Toward a model of Pan Pacific Growth
The Koreas – Soft landing/hard Landing
Russia as a Pacific Power
Constructing Proto-Scenarios

Readings

The Pacific Century
Subscribing to a daily newspaper is strongly recommended. *The Japan Times* is the paper of record.

Grading

Position paper 1/3
In class Mid-term examination 1/3
In class Final examination 1/3

Position paper: Pacific Rivalry requires a position paper. I expect students to examine an existing tension in the APR and do three things: 1) describe the nature of the challenge; 2) analyze what has recently taken place, and 3) predict the outcome.

Peace, Development, and Democratization: The Asia Challenge

Dr. Paul Scott

This course is designed to explore and discuss the interrelated issues of creating peace, the utility of force, the dispatch of peacekeeping, the creation of institutions of justice, and the configuring of human rights. This discussion takes place in a post 9-11 environment.

Participants enrolled in this course are expected not to be passive observers. We will attempt to define the limits of Japan's pacifism, the question of Hiroshima, the nature of the state and society in North Korea, the tragedy of Tibet, the oppression in Burma, the lack of democratization in China, and the concept of preemption. Moreover, Operation Enduring Freedom and the continued wars in Afghanistan and Iraq will provide ample room for discussion.

There will be optional field trips to Hiroshima; Osaka Peace Museum; and possibly a trip to the Shiga Prefectural Prison. In addition there will be guest speakers including:

Mr. Sonam Wangyyal on Tibet.

Mr. Sumida Ichiro on the homeless community, and the buraku issue.

Ms. Madoka Chase on violence against women.

Course Topics

Evaluating power.

Defining democracy

Constructing a human rights agenda.

U.S. Foreign Relations—Sentimental Imperialism, The Road to Pearl Harbor

Hiroshima

The Politics of Memory, Constructing the Past

Homelessness in Japan, Japan's Minority

Peacekeeping

Burma Intervention, Interference – what to do.

Prison, Crime and Punishment

Readings

Readings will be assigned from a number of sources including the following:

Peter Van Ness, ed. *Debating Human Rights: Critical essays from the U.S. and Asia.*

Stuart Harris & Andrew Mack, eds. *Asia-Pacific Security; The Economics-Politics Nexus.*

Richard Rhodes, *The Making of the Atomic Bomb.*

Grading

20% mid-term exam

80% written or oral presentation

Introduction to Japanese History

Dr. George O. Hlawatsch

This course will concentrate on the period from pre-history to the early 19th century, with a focus on those continuities which extend to the present. Of concern also will be how present day Japanese regard their history.

Course Topics

1. Origins of the Japanese People
2. Formation of the Yamato State
3. Impact of Chinese Culture
4. Nara: Buddhism and the State
5. The Heian Period: Turning Inward
6. Fujiwara & the Rule of Taste
7. Rise of the Samurai: Kamakura
8. Medieval Society and Culture
9. Sengoku: the Country at War
10. Europe Encounters Japan: The "Christian Century"
11. The Tokugawa Peace
12. Early Modern Society and Economy

Readings

The Japanese Experience: A Short History of Japan, Mason & Caiger, Tuttle
The Gossamer Years, Seidensticker, Tuttle

RECOMMENDED READINGS:

Sources of Japanese History (vol. 1) David J. Lu

Nobility of Failure Ivan Morris, Holt Rinehart & Winston

Sources of Japanese Tradition (vol. 1), Ryusaku Tsunoda, Columbia UP

*Reading assignments in the above and in other works will be made during the course of the semester.

Grading

One Biographical Essay, a Map Quiz and a Film Review	30%
Mid-Term Examination	30%
Final Examination	40%

Japan and Its World to 1860

Dr. George O. Hlawatsch

Though an island country, Japan has hardly remained in isolation throughout its history. In the early period, relations with its nearest neighbors, Korea and China, were of great importance to Japan's development, and later with the coming of the West in the sixteenth century, Europe and then America became factors of change.

Nevertheless, as an island country, Japan has usually been able to control its relations with the "outside," at least in the traditional period. This course will examine Japan's relations with its neighbors and later the West.

Course Topics

1. The Chinese World Order and Early Japan
2. Cultural Exchange and the Silk Road
3. Mongol Invasions of Japan
4. Hideyoshi's Invasions of Korea
5. The "Christian Century"
6. National Isolation: A Japanese World Order
7. The "Opening of Japan"

Requirement/Prerequisites

This course should appeal to those students who have some background in Japanese and/or East Asian history. However, those without such background should also find it useful to initiate their understanding of East Asia.

Readings

Since there are no textbooks that deal specifically with the course topic, readings will be assigned from a number of sources, including:

Fairbank, The Chinese World Order

Tsunoda & Goodrich, Japan in the Chinese Dynastic Histories

Sansom, The Western World and Japan

Grading

Mid-Term Examination	30%
Term Paper	30%
Final Examination	40%

Culture and Everyday Life in Japan: Japanese Society in Anthropological Perspective

Dr. Jeffry T. Hester

This survey course is designed to help students make sense of Japanese society by exploring key aspects of cultural meaning and patterns of behavior, along with the institutional contexts that provide coherence as well as make Japan a dynamically changing society.

We will pursue these aims primarily through the perspective of cultural anthropology. This discipline's greatest strength, through the method of participant-observation fieldwork, lies in its focus on the texture of people's everyday lives and experiences, and its devotion to understanding how behavior and beliefs are shaped by the cultural and historical contexts in which we live.

Course Topics:

- (1) the construction of a Japanese national identity, and *nihonjinron*;
- (2) normative understandings of interpersonal relations;
- (3) youth and the educational system;
- (4) gender, family and work;
- (5) social relations and identity in the urban context;
- (6) ritual, festivity and religious practice;
- (7) exchange practices and social ties;
- (8) experiences of minorities, including "old- " and "new-comer" foreigners

Throughout the course, we will put our experiences of life in Japan to use in trying to understand changing patterns of behavior as well as the contradictions and conflicts that arise as people pursue meaning and satisfaction in their lives.

Course Level/ Requirements/Prerequisites

No background in the social sciences is required, but students should be prepared to reflect on their own cultural orientations, as well as work to make sense of those of people in Japan. Some cultural theory will be introduced in the course, primarily from cultural anthropology, to help provide a comparative framework for understanding Japan.

Reading

Students will read selections from a sampling of the "classics" in the anthropology of Japan (e.g., Benedict, Nakane). The bulk of the reading will be from more recent, carefully crafted ethnographic work such as that of Tobin, Fukuzawa and LeTendre on school settings, Ogasawara on gender and work, and Hester on Koreans in Japan.

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Grading

Evaluation will be made on the basis of the following: A mini-fieldwork project will offer students opportunities for and experience in direct, systematic investigation of Japanese social phenomena. (1) A fieldwork proposal will count for 20% of the final grade, while (2) a final report will amount to 45%. (3) In-class performance, e.g., participation in class discussion, preparation of readings and other assignments, and two quizzes will count for 35%. Students who wish to undertake a library research paper on a course-related topic, e.g., in connection with a senior thesis project, may petition the instructor to substitute a research paper for (1) and (2).

Onna to Otoko:
Gender and Sexuality in Japan

Dr. Jeffry T. Hester

This course aims to explore beliefs and practices in Japan related to gender and sexuality, and how they shape the lives of boys and girls, women and men, in Japan. Through the course, students will gain the conceptual, historical and cultural background for understanding gender issues within the context of Japanese society.

In exploring such gender-related phenomena, we will discuss the meanings underpinning contested ideas of femininity and masculinity, gender roles and the gendered division of labor in Japan, and issues of sexuality, reproduction, and the body. Discussion of these issues will provide opportunities to address broader issues of cultural relativism, ethnocentrism, power, and social change. A comparative, cross-cultural perspective will be employed throughout the course, and students will be asked to reflect on their own gendered perspectives and positions.

Course Topics

Topics to be covered include: (1) the symbolic construction of gender through language, religion and popular culture images; (2) the historical development of gender roles in Japan; (3) gender ideology, the politics of reproduction and the state; (4) socialization of gender roles; (5) family, work, and the gendered division of labor; (6) changing values and behavior at the intersection of sexuality and gender, including conjugal relations, commercialized worlds of sex, and commodification of the body; and (7) issues surrounding gay, lesbian and transgender orientations.

Gender and sexuality are contested and dynamic areas of social life in Japan. Among the gender-related issues that shape this dynamism are: legal changes involving equal employment opportunities in the workplace, sexual harassment, and support for family and childcare leave for men; rising ages of marriage and declining rates of reproduction; shifting ideas of motherhood and fatherhood, including changing attitudes among some men regarding the balance of family and work; the challenge to conventional gender roles by feminism; attempts by the state, in the face of an intensifying demographic crisis, to reshape gender roles through a "Plan for a Gender Equal Society," and a backlash from conservative quarters anxious to preserve rigid gender role distinctions. At the same time, gender-bending and gender-blending have become mainstays of Japanese popular culture, while sexual and gender minorities make tentative progress in their struggle for

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rights and recognition. By the end of the course, students are expected to have acquired a better understanding of the linkages among many of these issues, and a sense of their importance to Japanese society and to the lives of individuals in Japan.

Readings

Students will read a wide range of authors from the literature on gender, culture and society in Japan from both "native" and foreign scholars and commentators, including Jennifer Robertson, Yuko Ogasawara, Chizuko Ueno, Anne Allison, Mark McLelland, Karen Kelsky, Masako Ishii-Kuntz, Emiko Ochiai, Atsuko Kameda and many others.

Grading

Grading will be based on (1) in-class performance, including participation in class discussion, preparation of reading and other assignments, and brief quizzes (33%); (2) a take-home midterm examination (33%); and (3) a take-home final examination (33%). A research paper may be substituted for (2) and (3) with instructor's approval of a written proposal.

Popular Culture as Social Practice: Producing Pleasures, Styles, Identities

Dr. Jeffry Hester

The aim of this course is to investigate the relationship between the consumption of popular cultural products (objects, images, discourses, categories) and social life in Japan, based primarily on perspectives from cultural anthropology and cultural studies.

Popular culture is intimately involved in the production and circulation of codes of meaning, forming an ever more significant aspect of what anthropologists call “culture.” In addition to being a huge sector of commercial exchange, popular culture is the site of the creation of dreams and longings, of styles of adornment, forms of play, social belonging, and identity. We increasingly know one another, and ourselves, through practices of consumption on the commercial market. People’s interactions with popular culture is not simply passive consumption, but involves creativity, agency, and sometimes resistance to dominant norms in the active engagement of consumers with cultural resources.

Course Topics

In this course, we will critically explore selected topics from the broad field of popular culture in Japan, with a focus the relationships between cultural products, consumption practices, and social norms, practices, and tensions within Japanese society. We will also follow the global circulation of cultural products to and from Japan as they slip out of the original contexts of production and are adapted and indigenized in local contexts, thereby producing new meanings and connections.

Key concepts in the study of popular culture and society will be introduced, and we will briefly cover the topics of the historical development of popular cultural industry in Japan, the formation of leisured and affluent “youth” as a target market for popular culture, and the recent emergence of a discourse on “cool Japan.” Most of the course will be devoted to exploring specific fandoms, subcultures or cultural categories constructed around consumption practices such as *otaku*, *dôjinshi* fans, J-rappers, *gyaru*, visual-*kei* fans and the legendary fans of the Takarazuka Revue. Gender and sexuality, including questions of the queering of dominant norms in these areas, will be themes running throughout the course. We will also explore questions of creativity and self-expression, constructions of “deviance,” and the role of popular culture in resistance to, or reinscription of, dominant norms. The role of new media in the production of new dimensions of information flow, social interactions and identities will also be a thematic thread running through our various discussions. Students’ own interests in, experiences with,

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and expertise on aspects of popular culture will be utilized to help us reflect upon and make sense of popular culture consumption practices and social life.

Readings

Some readings will address theoretical topics in popular culture, or historical issues in the development of popular culture in Japan. The bulk of our readings address more recent, specific Japanese popular cultural phenomena, as discussed in the writings of Anne Allison, Ian Condry on J-rap, S. Kinsella on *kawaii*, L. Miller on *gyaru*, plus explorations of *yaoi*, Ladies' Comics, *idoru* groups, etc.

Grading

Students will be evaluated based upon (1) in-class performance, including: preparation of readings, leading and participating in class discussion, and midterm and final quizzes (33%); (2) mini ethnographic projects: fan interview and site report (33%); and (3) a final take-home essay exam (33%).

Under certain conditions, a research paper may be substituted for (3), following instructor's approval of a written proposal.

Sexuality and Culture in Japan: Desire, Power, and Social Order

Dr. Jeffrey T. Hester

In Japan today, young people are increasingly sexually active, the number of cases of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases are rising, the media is saturated with representations of sex as a risk-free, pleasant pastime, and serious sex education for young people in schools has been virtually suspended. Sexuality is a contested and dynamically changing field in Japan. In this course, we will explore a variety of issues concerning sexuality in Japan, with the aim of building a framework for understanding the complex currents of this aspect of human life in Japan.

Sexuality is often understood, and experienced, as among the most private and personal aspects of human life. But like other areas of human action, sexuality is shaped within society, and varies cross-culturally and historically. The content of our erotic desires, how we act upon them, the norms that regulate them and the consequences of breaching such norms are deeply shaped by social context. Beliefs and practices surrounding sexuality are embedded in worldviews and religious beliefs. And they are thoroughly linked to legal, political and economic systems and ideas about gender and the body.

In this course, we will investigate the shifting beliefs and practices surrounding sexuality in Japan, with particular attention to the links between sexuality and gender; the role of the state in the regulation of sexuality; the increasing commodification of sexual images, services, and bodies; transnational aspects of sexuality; and changing beliefs and practices regarding sexuality among young people in Japan.

Course Topics

Topics to be covered include sex education in Japanese schools and recent controversies over sex education policy and practice; contraceptive practice and abortion; HIV/AIDS in Japan; changing aspects of mating, romance and marriage in the Japanese value system and lifecourse: international romance and marriage; prostitution and the exploitation and commodification of bodies, from *karayuki-san*, to military sex slaves ("comfort women") to *enjo kôsai* ("assisted dating" with teenagers) and recent transnational trafficking in women; *mizu shôbai* (the after-dark "water trades") and eroticized servicing by hostesses and hosts: commodified sexual images in *ero-manga* and "Ladies Comics;" and heteronormativity, and lesbian, gay, transgender and other minority sexual and gender identities and practices.

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Readings

The English-language literature on sexuality-related issues in Japan has blossomed over the past decade or so. In addition to classic work by Ella Lury Wiswell and the 1970s research by S. Coleman, the course will be informed by the work of such authors as A. Allison, S. Früstück, M. McLelland, J. Robertson, K. Kelsky, and M. Jitsukawa. In addition, several films related to course themes will be screened.

Grading

Grading will be based on (1) in-class performance, including participation in class discussion, preparation of reading and other assignments, and brief quizzes (33%); (2) reaction papers on sets of readings and films screened in class (33%); and (3) a take-home final examination (33%). A research paper may be substituted for (2) and (3) with instructor's approval of a written proposal.

The Body and Communication in Japan

Dr. Steven C. Fedorowicz

Gestures, sign languages, postures and perceptions of the body are not universal. Nonverbal communication, associations between the body and linguistic meaning differ from culture to culture: a hand-shape in one country can be very offensive in another. The image of an attractive body in one country can be very different from that of another country and thus convey very different messages in the realms of health and the media. This class will explore these issues in the Japanese context. Lectures, in-class discussions and readings will deal with gestures and facial expressions that play important roles in interpersonal communication, rituals and entertainment. Japanese Sign Language and its importance to Deaf culture will be examined. Finally, the body itself, images of the body and how the body is modified and decorated will also be explored. Objectives of this course are 1) exploring the relationship between gesture and language, 2) gaining a better understanding of the role of the body in verbal and nonverbal communication, and 3) improving cross-cultural communication skills.

Course Topics

1. Japanese Sign Language and Deaf Culture
2. Japanese gestures
3. Emotion and facial expressions
4. Japanese theatre and dance
5. Japanese martial arts
6. Mudra, gestures and dance in Japanese religion
7. Jan-ken and hand games
8. Japanese perceptions of the body and ideal body types
9. Molding the body – fad diets and exercise
10. Portrayals of the body in advertising and the media
11. Ornamenting the body – fashion
12. Ornamenting the body – tattoos and body pierces

Readings

Weekly reading assignments will be drawn largely from:

Adam Kendon, *Gesture* (Annual Review of Anthropology 1997. 26: 109-128).

David F. Armstrong, William C. Stokoe and Sherman E. Wilcox, *Gesture and the Nature of Language* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995).

Desmond Morris, *Bodytalk: The Meaning of Human Gestures* (New York: Crown Trade, 1996).

David Matsumoto, *Unmasking Japan: Myths and Realities about the Emotions of the Japanese* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1996).

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Laura Spielvogel, *Working Out in Japan: Shaping the Female Body in Tokyo Fitness Clubs* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2003).

Harlan Lane, Robert Hoffman and Ben Bahan, *A Journey into the Deaf-World* (San Diego: Dawn Sign Press, 1996).

Japanese Federation of the Deaf Institute for Sign Language Studies, *An English Dictionary of Basic Japanese Signs* (Tokyo: Japanese Federation of the Deaf, 1991).

Grading

Students will be evaluated as follows:

1. Class participation and activities (30%)
2. Midterm take-home exam (35%)
3. Final take-home exam (35%).

With the approval of the instructor, a research paper may be substituted for the take-home exams.

Issues in Contemporary Japanese Society and Culture

Dr. Steven C. Fedorowicz

This course, as the name suggests, will focus on contemporary Japanese issues including but not limited to education, cultural diversity, gender, globalization, religion, recreation and popular culture from an anthropological perspective. The first half of the semester will be dedicated to reading recent articles about these topics and holding in-class discussions. The second half of the semester will feature student presentations. Students may choose any topic or article of interest to her/him (subject to approval by the instructor) and give an oral presentation. Objectives of this course include: 1) becoming familiar with and understanding contemporary issues in Japanese society and culture, 2) questioning stereotypes of traditional Japanese culture, and 3) developing the ability to conceptualize and discuss contemporary issues in a critical fashion. For this upper level course, a background in anthropology, sociology and/or Japanese cultural studies is useful although not required.

Course Topics

1. Japanese Stereotypes of Society and Culture
2. Cultural Diversity
3. Japanese Globalization
4. Regional Differences in Manners and Customs (especially Kansai vs. Kanto)
5. Declining Birthrates and an Aging Society
6. Japanese Education and Cram Schools
7. Returnee Students
8. Changing Roles of Japanese Women
9. Abortion and Sexual Politics
10. HIV/AIDS in Japan
11. New Religions
12. Sanctioned Violence in Japan
13. Sumo, Baseball and Sports in Japan
14. Karaoke and Other Recreational Activities

Readings

Readings will be drawn largely from the latest journal articles and monographs dealing with the above topics. Representative readings include:

Yoshio Sugimoto, *An Introduction to Japanese Society*, Second Edition, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003).

Takami Kuwayama, *Native Anthropology: The Japanese Challenge to Western Academic Hegemony* (Melbourne: Trans Pacific Press, 2004).

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Haruki Murakami, *Underground: The Tokyo Gas Attack and the Japanese Psyche* (London: Harvard Press, 2000).

Joy Hendry and Massimo Raveri, eds., *Japan at Play: The Ludic and the Logic of Power* (New York: Routledge, 2002).

Theodore C. Bestor, Patricia G. Steinhoff and Victoria Lynn Bestore, eds., *Doing Fieldwork in Japan* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2003).

Grading

Students will be evaluated as follows:

- 1) Participation in class discussions and activities - 30%
- 2) Three two-page review essays - 30%
- 3) Presentation and research paper - 40%

Japan and Globalization: A Cultural Approach

Dr. Steven C. Fedorowicz

In today's world, it is widely held that global scale culture supercedes governments and political boundaries; economy is paramount. The new buzz-word to explain this phenomenon is "globalization." But what does this supposedly new concept really entail? Globalization is about movement and interaction: people, culture, technology, goods and services, money, religion and ideologies are moving through porous borders causing immediate and intense contact. This cultural contact affects everyone in the global village albeit in vastly different ways. Globalization is an uneven process in terms of the spread of new technologies and communication. Where does Japan and Japanese culture fit within globalization? It is easy to see global influences inside of Japan: McDonald's, Starbucks and fancy European brand names are everywhere. But Japanese culture has long been moving out and influencing other areas of the globe as well. This course will investigate globalization from an anthropological perspective focusing on the important and interesting movements and interactions between Japan and the rest of the world.

Course Topics

1. Culture, Culture Scale and Globalization
2. Modernization and Development
3. Global Influences into Japan
4. Japanese Influences into the Globe
5. Third Culture Kids
6. Sushi and Japanese Cuisine
7. Fast Food in Japan
8. Japanese and American Baseball
9. Foreign Sumo Wrestlers
10. Hello Kitty and the Culture of Cuteness
11. Japanese Pop Culture
12. Japanese Migration
13. Foreigners in Japan
14. International Exchange Students

Readings

Weekly reading assignments will be drawn largely from:

Jonathon Xavier Inda and Renato Rosaldo, *The Anthropology of Globalization: A Reader* (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2002).

Koichi Iwabuchi, *Recentering Globalization: Popular Culture and Japanese Transnationalism* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2003).

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Roger Goodman, Ceri Peach, Ayumi Takenake and Paul White, eds., *Global Japan: The Experience of Japan's New Immigrant and Overseas Communities* (London: Routledge Curzen, 2003).

Harumi Befu and Sylvie Guichard-Anguis, eds., *Globalizing Japan: Ethnography of the Japanese Presence in Asia, Europe and America* (London: Routledge Curzen, 2001).

Robert Whiting, *The Meaning of Ichiro: The New Wave From Japan and the Transformation of Our National Pastime* (New York: Warner Books, 2004).

Grading

1. Class participation and activities (30%)
2. Midterm take-home exam (35%)
3. Final take-home exam (35%)

With the approval of the instructor, a research paper may be substituted for the take-home exams.

Visual Anthropology of Japan

Dr. Steven C. Fedorowicz

It has been suggested that “the camera never lies,” “seeing is believing” and “a picture is worth a thousand words.” Visual anthropology, in part, deals with the presentation and representation of culture through the use of film, video, still photography, art and other graphic media. How does one visually represent a culture? What are the advantages and disadvantages of using visual media as opposed to and/or supplementing written text as the final product of anthropological research? How have the methodologies and use of visual anthropology changed with the advent and availability of digital technology and the internet? This course will explore these issues in the Japanese context. Ethnographic films, photography and internet blogs focusing on Japan will be examined, analyzed and evaluated in terms of providing understanding of Japanese culture. Who constructs such visual images, for what purpose and in what context will also be of concern. While the focus of the course will be on the issues and consequences of visual representation, methodology and techniques will also be discussed. Students will have the opportunity to create their own photo journal blog as part of the course.

Course Topics

1. What is the Nature of Cultural Description?
2. Images and Perspectives of Japanese Culture
3. Gathering Data: Fieldwork in Japan
4. Ethics of Doing Research and Fieldwork in Japan
5. The Visual Representation of Culture
6. Planning and Practicing Visual Methods
7. Visual Representations in the Media and Popular Culture
8. Documentaries, Video and the Ethnographic Film
9. Photography and Photoethnography
10. Electronic Representations and Anthropological Blogs on the Internet
11. Visual Imagery in Japanese Culture

Readings

Representative readings include:

Marcus Banks, *Visual Methods in Social Research* (London: Sage Publications, 2001).

Ilisa Barbash and Lucian Taylor, *Cross-Cultural Filmmaking* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997).

T.C. Bestor, P.G. Steinhoff and V.C. Bestor, eds., *Doing Fieldwork in Japan* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2003).

Visual Anthropology of Japan

Susan Sontag, *On Photography* (New York: Penguin Books, 1973).

Grading

Grading will be based on:

1. Class Attendance, Participation and Activities (30%)
2. Midterm Exam (20%)
3. Final Exam (20%)
4. Photo journal blog (30%)

With the permission of the Instructor, a visual anthropology project such as a short ethnographic film or research paper may be substituted for the midterm and final exams.

Intercultural Communication in Japan

Dr. Scott L. Lind

Communicating in an international context requires an understanding of factors that affect interaction between people from diverse cultural perspectives. The ability to look beyond cultural differences in order to recognize and appreciate the motivations of others is an important early step in developing communicative competence in a foreign language. Study of intercultural communication theory and research is critical to the success, relational development, and satisfaction of students who strive to maximize their language and cultural learning while in Japan.

This course is a practical introduction to theory and research in the field of intercultural communication as applied to a Japanese context. The primary course content focuses on perceptions, behaviors, values, and cultural patterns of human interaction, thereby assisting students in developing a clearer understanding of their own communicative perspectives as related to life in Japan. A variety of methods and activities, including class discussion, groupwork, lecture, cultural enactment, video critique, story telling, critical incident, written reflection, and in-class engagement, will be used to help students to develop intercultural communication competence.

Course Topic

- Communication
- Definitions of culture
- Development of shared goals
- Intercultural competence
- Approaches to learning
- Cultural adjustment
- Perceptions and expectations
- Identity
- Cultural values
- In-group and out-group relations
- Language and culture
- Nonverbal communication and culture
- Ethnocentrism, stereotypes, and racism

Intercultural Communication in Japan

Readings

Readings will be drawn from a variety of academic writings in the field of intercultural communication.

Grading

Examinations.....	30%
Written assignments/Engagements	10%
Participation/Attendance.....	30%
Presentations	30%

Japanese Communication: Culture as Performance

Dr. Scott L. Lind

The stories of a culture and the daily encounters within are rich sources of cultural learning. This course is an examination of the nature of communication in Japan, as displayed in written texts and in daily life. By analyzing and performing aesthetic texts and utterances, including children's stories, folktales, legends, music, and poetry, international students can develop communicative competencies and gain a deeper understanding of their new environment. Thus, in addition to being a meaningful way to share interpretations with others, performance is also a powerful tool of discovery. A variety of approaches and activities will be used in class, including lecture, discussion, groupwork, video critique, written reflection, story telling, and cultural enactment workshops.

Course Topics

- Communication and performance
- Cultural values
- Roles in society
- Japanese aesthetic texts
- Dramatistic analysis
- Performance as a way of knowing
- Voice and body as analytic tools
- Cultural identity
- The cultural Other in written texts
- Cultural expression in customs, ceremonies, and rituals

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.

Readings

Readings will be drawn from the field of performance studies and from various other sources.

Grading

Performances.....	50%
Written assignments.....	25%
Participation/Attendance.....	25%

Principles of Sociology : Focus on Japan

Dr. Hiro Toyota

This course is intended to give international students basic knowledge and understanding of contemporary Japanese society from Sociological perspectives. The course explores basic sociological concepts, theories and research methodology and some of the major social issues facing Japanese society today.

Various sociological items to analyze Japanese “society” will be introduced. Based on reading, lectures, discussions and occasional audio visual presentations, the course focuses on Japanese case studies to highlight both cross cultural and national comparisons with native countries or culture backgrounds. Later part of the semester, oral research presentations will be required in the part of this course. Students may choose any topic of interest related to contemporary Japanese society (subject to consultation with the instructor) for their presentations.

Course Topics:

- 1) Overview of Japanese history, geography and people
- 2) Society, Culture and Social Structure
- 3) Social stratification and class in Japan
- 4) Gender and Family issues (focus on fertility and the elderly)
- 5) Educational Issues
- 6) Minority issues
- 7) Social problems in contemporary Japan

Readings

Sugimoto, Yoshio. 2003. *An Introduction to Japanese Society: Second Edition*. Port Melbourne, Victoria: Cambridge University Press.

Selected chapters from Kerbo, Harold R., and John A. McKinstry. 1998. *Modern Japan*. Boston: McGraw-Hill.

Additional reading materials will be provided by the instructor.

Principles of Sociology : Focus on Japan

Requirements/Prerequisites:

There are no prerequisites for this course – it is designed to be an Introduction to Sociology and Japanese Society. The class will use Japanese case studies to apply Sociological concepts, so it might be helpful if you have taken some Social Science classes before.

Grading:

First Exam	(30%)
Final Exam	(30%)
Research Presentation	(30%)
Class attendance and participation	(10%)

Research presentation:

The presentation format may vary depending on the enrollment numbers. Detailed preparation information will be provided by the instructor at the start of the semester.

Japanese Popular Media and Culture

Dr. Mark Hollstein

This course focuses on three central elements of Japanese popular media—manga, anime, and television drama. However, a variety of other media—such as pop music, theatre and live-action film—will be discussed as they relate to these three main topics. During the first half of the course, we will examine the historical development of each medium and the interplay between the three. This section will also cover aspects of their production distribution and consumption. During the second half of the course, we will examine the way popular media both reflect and influence specific aspects of Japanese culture. For example, we will look at how representative works treat historical memory, nationalism and war; gender identities and relations; science, technology and the future; folklore, religion and the supernatural, etc. The course will end with a discussion of the increasing popularity of these media abroad and their impact on how the world sees and understands Japan.

Readings

Assigned readings will be drawn from a variety of works including: F. Schodt, *Dreamland Japan: Writings on Modern Manga*, S. Napier, *Anime: From Akira to Howl's Moving Castle*; K. Iwabuchi, ed., *Feeling Asian Modernities: Transnational Consumption of Japanese TV Dramas*.

Grading

Midterm and Final Exams:	50% (25 points each)
Group Project:	20%
Final Paper:	20%
Class Attendance and Participation:	10%

Japan in Western Film and Literature

Dr. Mark Hollstein

Why come all the way to Japan and take a course on how foreigners see the Japanese? The answer is simple. Whether you make interpreting Japan an academic, journalistic, or artistic career, or just answer questions from friends and family about your experiences here, someday you will be called upon to explain Japan to non-Japanese. This course will help you understand how those who have gone before you have both succeeded and failed at this task from 1853 to the present day. A central concern of this course is why filmmakers and authors have emphasized, exaggerated, distorted or ignored various aspects of Japanese culture to meet the expectations of their audiences, and the way in which images of Japan, constructed in response to specific historical situations are often recycled to justify or explain later situations. We will also consider how changes in Western class, gender and race relations have influenced media images of the Japanese Other. By the end of this course, you should have both a good understanding of modern Japanese history and a clearer idea of how group identity is created and used. You will also be a more aware and critical media consumer.

Readings

Assigned readings will be drawn from a variety of sources including: I. Littlewood, *The Idea of Japan, Western Images, Western Myths*; G. Marchetti, *Romance and the Yellow Peril*; J. Dower, *War Without Mercy*. We will also read a variety of original works about Japan by selected authors.

Grading

Midterm and Final Exams:	50 % (25 points each)
Two Essays	40 % (20 points each)
Class Attendance and Participation:	10%

Making News in Japan

Dr. Mark Hollstein

This course has two main objectives. The first is to help you understand the nature of the Japanese news media and their role in society—how news is made in Japan. The second is to enrich your study-abroad experiences by helping you become more aware of, and better able to understand current events in Japan—the stories making the news. In order to achieve these two goals, one class period each week will be devoted to discussion of topics such as the structure of the news industry, newsgathering practices, media law, the relationship between government and the press, etc. The second weekly class will be devoted to discussing a wide range of recent news stories. You will play an important role in shaping these discussions by completing a weekly assignment of finding an interesting news story and writing down a few questions about it to discuss in class. (We will use Japan's English-language newspapers and bilingual news broadcasts. Proficiency in Japanese is not necessary for this course). Of course, we will be constantly comparing what we are learning about the news media with what we are seeing reported in the newspapers and on television. We will also regularly compare what the foreign media are saying about Japan with what the Japanese are saying about themselves and the world.

Readings

Reading assignments will be drawn from a variety of sources including: S. Pharr and E. Krauss, eds., *Media and Politics in Japan*; L.A. Freeman, *Closing the Shop: Information Cartels and Japan's Mass Media*; E. Krauss, *Broadcasting Politics in Japan: NHK and Television News*; O. Feldman, *Politics and the News Media in Japan*.

Students will also be expected to read some source of news about Japan on a regular basis.

Grading

8 Weekly News Assignments:	40 percent (5 points each)
Midterm and Final Exams:	50 percent (25 points each)
Class Attendance and Participation	10 percent

Death in East Asian Thought

Prof. Elizabeth Kenney

While it is an undeniable fact that people die, the interpretation of death varies greatly from culture to culture. In this course, we first consider the range of possible approaches to death and the afterlife (or non-afterlife): treatment of the corpse; funeral rituals; the destiny of the dead. Then we look at East Asian attitudes toward death (Confucian, Taoism and Buddhism) to see how these traditions answer questions immortality, morality and human hopes.

Japan is an especially intriguing case, since the two major religious traditions, Buddhism and Shinto, have significantly different conceptions of death and the afterlife. In exploring death in Japanese thought and culture, we look at: ancestor worship, funeral practices, cemeteries, and current attitudes toward abortion, brain death and organ transplant.

The course takes a multidisciplinary approach, and short stories and films will be used. Students are encouraged to make presentations based upon their own fieldwork

Course Topics

1. Overview of concepts of death in world religions
2. Confucian rituals, Taoist freedom
3. Ancestor worship: the dead among us
4. Funerals and other rites for the dead
5. Shinto mythology and constructions of the afterlife
6. Buddhist hell
7. *The Tibetan book of the dead*
8. The death of a baby: memorials for aborted fetuses
9. Buddhist mummies: triumph over death
10. When are we truly dead? : brain death debate in Japan
11. Pet cemeteries in Japan
12. The death of things: memorial services for dolls, needles, combs, glasses, postcards

Grading

One 10-page paper	90%
Class participation	10%

Religion in Japan

Prof. Elizabeth Kenney

This course is an introduction to the most important types of religious expression in Japan: ancestor worship, Shinto, Buddhism, and the New Religions. We focus on contemporary beliefs and practices, especially popular religion, common actions and easily observed gods and rituals. Throughout the semester, as a subtheme, we consider two tough questions: what, after all, is religion? and how should we study religion?

Field-trips: Tenri (headquarters of Tenrikyo); Fushimi Inari Shrine

Course Topics

1. Ancestor Worship and Household Rites for the Dead
2. Purity and Fertility in Shinto
3. The Fox God
4. The Emperor and Religion
5. Charms and Prayers
6. New Religions: Tenrikyo, Soka Gakkai and Aum
7. Buddhist Heavens and Hells
8. Rites for Aborted Fetuses
9. "The Evil Go Easily to Heaven": Shinran and Pure Land Buddhism
10. Jizo, the Buddhist Savior
11. The Return of the Dead

Grading

Interview write-up	Required
Mid-term examination	25%
Quiz	15%
7-page paper	50%
Regular class attendance	10%

Readings will be drawn from a variety of primary and second materials.

Shinto

Prof. Elizabeth Kenney

Mythology and manga, animism and anime. Shinto, the ancient religion of Japan, is still today a palpable influence on the Japanese cultural imagination. Shinto is visible everywhere, and there are few Japanese people who do not have some contact with Shinto during the course of their lives. We will look at Shinto from as many perspectives as possible: religious, philosophical, anthropological, artistic, and political. Japan is the place to study Shinto. We will make every effort to get out of the classroom.

Course Topics

Shinto gods

Shinto mythology

What does Shinto say about the afterlife?

Happy gods with a dark side: Ebisu and Daikoku-ten

Shrines and everyday life

Not everyday life: festivals and rituals

Shinto in popular culture: anime, manga, video games

The Emperor: priest, god, rice deity, silkworm god

Yasukuni Shrine: politics and soldier spirits

Shinto priests: who are they and what do they do?

Tokugawa Shinto philosophy

Insects that might not be bugs

Grading

2 tests 40%

one paper 40%

field report 10%

participation 10%

Readings will include: primary source material, such as Shinto mythology and the writings of Shinto thinkers; secondary articles of high scholarly quality.

Zen Buddhism

Prof. Elizabeth Kenney

This course presents an overview of Zen Buddhism, with a focus on the evolution of religious issues. Buddhism, like any religion, must provide some answers to the “big questions” of human existence: Does human life have a purpose? Are humans different from animals? What happens after death? The answers that Zen Buddhism provides to these questions are conditioned by the long history of Buddhism and the differing cultural climates of India, China, and Japan. Moreover, Zen asks some of its own distinctive questions: Is everyone enlightened? Is Nirvana different from everyday life? Can a dog become a Buddha? Is the Buddha a pound of flax?

Course Topics

1. Sakyamuni, the founder of Buddhism
2. The Buddhist Universe
3. Karma and Suffering
4. The Traditional Path to Enlightenment
5. Bodhidharma (Daruma), the Legendary Patriarch of Zen
6. Sudden Enlightenment vs. Gradual Enlightenment
7. Lin-chi, Strange Words, and Wild Deeds
8. Koans in Zen Practice
9. Dogen, the Preeminent Figure in Japanese Zen
10. Popular Zen during the Tokugawa Period
11. Zen in the World Today

Reading

P. Reys, Zen Flesh, Zen Bones.

This course emphasizes reading the texts that are important for Buddhism and Zen (that is, sacred scriptures, collections of Zen stories, and the writings of eminent Zen monks).

Grading

Mid-Term Examination	25%
Quiz	15%
7-page paper	50%
Class participation	10%

Asian Psychologies

Dr. Reggie Pawle

People everywhere have long wondered about some of the basic questions that modern psychology tries to address in a scientific way. In particular people have wondered about the mystery of mind. For example, why is it that some people suffer and have various mental difficulties, and what are the potentials of mind or how can people develop to become full human beings? Psychology originated in the West and has been based on Western approaches to the mystery of mind. Within other cultures there are different approaches that point to possibilities and potentials of human beings that are not so clearly addressed in Western psychology. Psychologies from Asia differ in fundamental ways from the traditional Western psychological understandings and point to alternatives that are helpful for all human beings. This course will first study traditions from India and China that have had important influences on modern psychology and then study how these traditions have been applied in modern psychotherapeutic ways both in Asia and the West. Attention will be given to the Asian idea of “self-cultivation,” the idea that people need to “cultivate” themselves in order to heal from mental disorders and to develop fully as a human being. Study will be oriented towards students gaining both an intellectual and experiential understanding of the psychologies studied. There will be an optional field trip on Saturday, October 6, 2007. For more information, see Dr. Pawle’s website: www.reggiepawle.net.

Course Topics

Yoga psychology (India)

Yogacara Buddhist psychology (India)

Taoist psychology (China)

Naikan and Morita psychology (Japan)

Tantric and Ayurveda psychology (India)

Zen Buddhist psychology (Japan)

Self-cultivation

Buddhist mindfulness psychology applications

Yoga breath psychology applications

Taoist energy and artistic psychology applications

Historical comparisons – Greece and China

Jung and Eastern practices

Asian Psychologies

Readings

- Feuerstein, Georg. (1979). *The Yoga Sutra of Patanjali*. Rochester, Vermont, USA: Inner Traditions International.
- Kakar, Sudhir. (1991). *Shamans, Mystics, and Doctors*. Chicago, Illinois, USA: University of Chicago Press.
- Kochumuttom, Thomas. (1982). *A Buddhist Doctrine of Experience: A New Translation and Interpretation of the Works of Vasubandhu the Yogacarín*. Delhi, India: Motilal Banarsidass.
- Kuriyama, Shigehisa. (2002). *The Expressiveness of the Body and the Divergence of Greek and Chinese Medicine*. New York: Zone Books.
- Wilhelm, Richard (Trans.). (1962). *The Secret of the Golden Flower: A Chinese Book of Life*. New York: Harcourt Brace and Company.

Grading

- 5% Explanation paper of one verse of Vasubandhu's *The Thirty Verses*
Due Week 5 – Class 2 (Thursday, October 4, 2007)
- 30% Midterm Debate and Paper – yogis vs. Buddhists vs. Taoists
Debate Week 8 – Class 1 (Tuesday, October 23, 2007)
Paper Due Week 8 – Class 2 (Thursday, October 25, 2007)
- 30% Individual project on self-cultivation
Due Week 12 – Class 2 (November 22, 2007)
- 30% Final take-home exam
Due Finals Week Thursday, December 13, 2007
- 5% Class participation

Cross-Cultural Psychology-Social Experience

Dr. Reggie Pawle

One part of cross-cultural psychology is the study and comparison of the psychological factors that make up a person's cultural social experience. In this course students will both expand their awareness and knowledge of their own cultural experience and become more aware and knowledgeable of other cultural experiences. Particular emphasis will be given to people from "individualistic" cultures learning about "collective" cultures and vice versa. Attention will be given to those aspects of a person's social experience that can be psychological challenges that for people living in a cross-cultural context. This class will be appropriate both for students who have cross-cultural experience and for those who are interested in living in a cross-cultural situation. Classes will include both intellectual study and experiential learning. This is a participatory course, so students should be willing to interact with other students in an examination of the psychological factors in their own cross-cultural experience. These psychological factors include values, ways of perception, thinking patterns, gender considerations, emotions, body considerations, understandings of self, behavior, and ways of interacting with others. The approach taken will be that cross-cultural experience is a process of discovery, both of what one is by cultural inheritance and of what one can be by not-yet-realized potential embodied in the other culture. For a class-by-class description, see Dr. Pawle's website: www.reggiepawle.net.

Course Topics

The relationship of culture and psychology
Acculturation and adaptation
How behavior is interpreted culturally
Cultural value orientations
Cultural influences on perception and cognition
Culture and sense of self
Cross-cultural romantic relationships
Sex, gender, and culture
Negotiating conflicts cross-culturally
Cross-cultural communication
Cross-cultural family considerations
Culture in the workplace

Cross-Cultural Psychology-Social Experience

Readings

- Bennett, Milton. (ed.). (1998). *Basic Concepts of Intercultural Communication*. Yarmouth, Maine, USA: Intercultural Press.
- Berry, John; Segall, Marshall; & Kagitcibasi, Cigdem. (1997). *Handbook of Cross-cultural Psychology*. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.
- Hofstede, Geert, & Hofstede, Gert Jan. (2005). *Cultures and Organizations: Software of the Mind*. New York: McGraw-Hill.
- Romano, Dugan. (2001). *Intercultural Marriage: Promises and Pitfalls*. Yarmouth, Maine, USA: Intercultural Press.
- Triandis, Harry. (1994). *Culture and Social Behavior*. New York: McGraw-Hill.

Grading

- 5% Response Paper - Psychological issues
Due Week 4 – Class 2 (Thursday, September 27, 2007); 500 words.
- 30% Case Studies Values Report & Discussion Report
Due Week 8 - Class 1 (Tuesday, October 23, 2007); 1200 words.
- 30% Group Role Play and Individual Report
Group Role Play – Due Week 12 – Class 1 (Tuesday, November 20, 2007):15% of grade.
Individual Report – Due Week 12 – Class 2 (Thursday, November 22, 2007): 800 words -15% of grade
- 30% Final Paper – Comparison of Cultural Experience with a Classmate
Discussion report due last class of the term (Thursday, December 6, 2007)
Final paper due Finals Week, Thurs day, December 13, 2007
- 5% Class participation

Mind, Society, and Psychotherapy: Cross-Cultural Perspective

Dr. Reggie Pawle

Our psychology is interwoven with the society within which we live. How we understand ourselves and our mental functioning is culturally based. Psychotherapy works with various psychological challenges and difficulties that people have while living within their social context. There are a huge variety of psychotherapies from around the world, each of which in various ways reflects cultural and social understandings of the functioning of mind, what is psychological pathology, and what is psychological health. This course is an examination of how the influence of social context on mind is understood in cross-cultural psychological research, a comparative study of psychological theories, and a study of how this research and theory is applied in working in psychotherapy with people who are struggling with the challenges of life. The particular challenges of life that will be focused on will be psychological challenges that are common to everyone: styles of thinking, emotions, sense of self, and dealing with pain and unpleasant experience. In each of these challenges there will be an examination of how they are influenced by different social contexts and there will be comparisons of different cultural styles in understanding and dealing with these challenges. The study of social contexts will include when relevant family, society, and historical influences. How psychotherapies approach and deal with these issues will be studied and compared. Case studies that are examples of these psychotherapies will be explored and discussed. For more information, see Dr. Pawle's website: www.reggiepawle.net.

Course Topics

Cognitive and perceptual differences between East and West

The search for cross-cultural similarities

Sense of self: collective or individual?

Self in relationship – cross-cultural considerations

Universal emotions

Emotions and cross-cultural interactions in psychology

Comparisons: psychoanalytic psychology, Japan and Great Britain

Comparisons: approaches to pain and unpleasant experience

Comparisons: Existential psychology and Buddhist psychology

Approaches to stress

Types of Psychology Studied:

Cognitive research

Neurological brain research

Self psychology

Jungian psychology Psychoanalytical psychology
Existential psychology Gestalt psychotherapy
Cognitive-behavioral psychology Family systems therapy
Buddhist psychology Dialectical Behavioral Therapy
Satir family therapy

Readings

- Begley, Sharon. (2007). *Train Your Mind, Change Your Brain: How a New Science Reveals Our Extraordinary Potential to Transform Ourselves*. New York: Ballantine Books.
- Doi, Takeo. (1971). *The Anatomy of Dependence*. Tokyo: Kodansha International.
- Ekman, Paul. (2003). *Emotions Revealed*. New York: Henry Holt and Company
- Nisbett, Richard. (2003). *The Geography of Thought: How Asians and Westerners Think Differently ... And Why*. New York: Free Press.
- Roland, Alan. (1988). *In Search of Self in India and Japan: Toward a Cross-Cultural Psychology*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Stolorow, Robert, and Atwood, George. (1992). *Contexts of Being: The Intersubjective Foundations of Psychological Life*. Hillsdale, New Jersey: Analytic Press.

Grading

- 5% Response paper – “How is My Thinking Cultural?”
Due Week 5, Class 2 (Wednesday, October 3, 2007)
- 30% Midterm themes explanation and personal considerations paper
Due Week 8, Class 2 (Wednesday, October 24, 2007)
- 30% Take-home final exam
Due Finals Week, Wednesday, December 12, 2007
- 30% Group presentation and paper
Due Week 13, Class 2 (Wednesday, November 28, 2007)
- 5% Class participation

Contemporary Topics in East-West Psychology

Dr. Carolyn S. Turner

This seminar-style course will focus on a developmental view of Psychology and Consciousness, featuring some recurring themes in human experience. We will explore, together, some of the issues which are emerging in our lives with the purpose of expanding our perspectives to include ideas from east and west that may help us make necessary adaptations and adjustments: As paradigms rapidly shift, changes are required in all aspects of life.

This course will utilize a cooperative approach, creating a learning environment that is interdependent, with students assuming responsibilities for their own learning plus contributing to the learning of the group. Unique aspects of individuals and groups will be considered in the context of cultural differences with a goal of recognizing and appreciating commonly shared experiences and the enrichment of diversity. This class will provide experiences that illustrate the necessity and usefulness of one of the major essentials for our collective future: collaboration.

Course Topics

Cluster One: Emotional and Relational Beginnings

Readings on attachment, separation, and loss, the importance of parental figures—major themes that recur through life and are subjects of psychotherapy

Investigations into cultural differences in the development of the self and early family relations

Cluster Two: "Growing Pains"--Challenges and Opportunities

Adolescent issues of girls becoming women, and boys becoming men

Family systems and family therapies

Educational implications—

Emotional Intelligence

Educating for Love, Caring, and Cooperation

Investigations: Multiple Intelligences, Issues of boys/men

Cluster Three: Exploring Psychological Theories and Therapies from East and West

Contemporary Topics in East-West Psychology

A brief history of the development of psychology and its current expansion into humanism, transpersonal psychology, and positive psychology, with eastern and western influences

Some useful theories and therapies from east and west

Recent ideas and their applications: Investigations

Cluster Four: Theory into Practice: Ourselves

We will read, write, and discuss feelings and attitudes—our own and those we observe and share with others.

Investigations: More about feelings and emotions

Cluster Five: Theory into Practice: Expanding Communications and Relationships

We will conclude this course with articles, discussion, writing and projects which elaborate our applications and enlarge our ideas and practices in consciousness and growth, personally and with ever-expanding relations and groups.

Investigations: Personal projects to be shared with class

Readings

Readings from a variety of sources will be utilized to stimulate thinking, discussion, and writing. Audio-visual materials will provide examples, illustrations, and practical applications of ideas. Students will participate in group and individual investigations and presentations to the class.

Grading

Attendance and participation in classes.....	15%
Written assignments/Response pages.....	15%
Midterm Learning Experience.....	20%
Group Investigation Project.....	15%
Individual Investigation Project.....	15%
Final Learning Experience and Personal Evaluation.....	20%

The Intersection of Fantasy and Real Life in Modern Japanese Fiction

Dr. Paul Berry

A major feature of modern literature in Japan is the tension between the representation of real life and fantasy. Although these aspects can be seen as polar opposites, writers in Japan will often deploy their plots to examine basic life issues whether writing about mundane aspects of daily life or detailing elaborate fantasies. This course will examine the issues raised in a variety of novels by authors in the last few decades. Many of the novels are recent translations of current fiction.

Course Topics

The key themes include questions of identity, sexuality, environment, social change, individual responsibility, and the contrast/fusion of pure vs. popular fiction.

Requirements/Prerequisites

The course does not assume a prior background in Japanese literature.

Readings

Yu Miri, *Gold Rush*
Murakami Haruki, *The Windup Bird Chronicle*
Taguchi Randy, *Outlet*
Oe Kenzaburo, *Essays*
Kawabata Yasunari, *House of Sleeping Beauties*
Mishima Yukio, *Forbidden Colors*
Yoshimoto Banana, *Tsugumi*
Miyazaki Hayao, *Nausicca* (manga version)
Ekuni Kaori, *Twinkle, Twinkle*
Miyabe Miyuki, *Shadow Family*
Setouchi Seimi, *Beauty in Disarray*
Abe Kobo, *The Box Man*

Grading

Essays on themes studied in class:	40%
12-page research paper	45%
Class participation and discussion	15%

Japanese Cinema 1949-1987

Dr. Paul Berry

Regularly winning awards at film festivals, Japanese cinema may be the most internationally popular aspect of modern Japan culture. This course explores Japanese cinema through an examination of eleven noted films by eight directors. In several cases comparisons will be made between the original text and the film version. The social significance and relation to national and international film history will be discussed. Lectures will introduce the background of the director, the circumstances of the making of the film and its historical setting, and the relation of the film to other Japanese and foreign films.

Course Topics

The themes and issues of the films include quests for the meaning of life, modernized Kabuki drama, conflict among generations, censorship of sexual scenes, satiric comedies, and science fiction animation.

Requirements/Prerequisites

This course does not assume a background in film studies and is open to students at all levels.

Readings

Readings are drawn from a large variety of books and articles on the films, directors, and cultural aspects related to the themes of the films.

Film list:

Kurosawa, *Stray Dog (Nora Inu)*, 1949)
Kurosawa, *Ikiru* (1952)
Mizoguchi, *Ugetsu Monogatari* (1953)
Ozu, *Tokyo Story (Tokyo monogatari)*, 1956)
Ichikawa, *Fire on the Plains (Nobi)*, 1959)
Oshima, *Graveyard of the Sun (Taiyo no hakaba)*, 1960)
Teshigahara, *Woman in the Dunes (Suna no onna)*, 1964)
Shinoda, *Double Suicide (Shinju ten no Amijima)*, 1969)
Kurosawa, *Dodesukaden* (1971)
Itami, *Tanpopo* (1987)
Otomo, *Akira* (1986)

Grading

Film responses on all 11 films	40%
Final Paper (12 pages)	50%
Class participation and general assessment	10%

Manga and Anime: Japan's Image Carnival

Dr. Paul Berry

The course surveys the development of these intertwined forms of popular art from their origin in ukiyoe prints to the current popularity of computer graphics and *dojinshi* (fanzines). The carnival-like qualities of these media are analysed to ascertain their defining features, representative techniques, diversity of genres, and so on. A selection of manga will be read and some anime will be viewed in class. Four papers will be assigned to aid in the exploration of different aspects of these media. A wide range of readings and examples are employed to better understand the Japanese cultural characteristics that distinguish these forms within the broader context of worldwide comics and animation.

Course Topics

Features of popular art forms	
Edo period background and transition from ukiyoe to manga	
Manga from Meiji period through WW II	Postwar manga until the 1970s
Changes in manga during the 1980s and 1990s	Manga techniques and styles
Shonen manga	Shojo manga
Gekiga and Ladies's comics	Manga as fantasy
Manga as everyday life	Dojinshi (fanzines)
Animation techniques	Postwar animation through 1970s
Early animation in Japan from origins through WW II	
Anime of the 1980s and 1990s	Oshii's, <i>Angel's Egg</i> , 1985
Contemporary anime categories	Looking at <i>Mind Games</i>
Manga/Anime and viewer identities	Future perspective

Readings

Paul Wells, *Understanding Animation*
Sharon Kinsella, *Adult Manga*
Frederik Schodt, *Manga! Manga! The World of Japanese Comics*
Frederik Schodt, *Dreamland Japan: Writing on Modern Manga*
Frederik Schodt, *The Astro Boy Essays*
Steven Brown, ed. *Cinema Anime*
Patrick Drazen, *Anime Explosion*
Susan Napier, *Anime*
Anne Allison, *Permitted and Prohibited Pleasures*
Fred Patten, *Watching Anime, Reading Manga*
Brian Rush, *The stray Dog of Anime: The films of Mamoru Oshii*
Timothy Lehman, *Manga: Masters of the Art*
Helen McCarthy, *Hayao Miyazaki*
Shiro Masamune, *Ghost in the Shell*

Grading

4 papers	85%
Class participation	15%

Japanese Art in the Kansai Area

Prof. Karin L. Swanson

The Kansai area, which includes Osaka, Kyoto and Nara has for the majority of Japanese history, been the center of Japanese art production. Beginning with the art found in tomb mounds of 4th century leaders, the area's dominance continued with only minor interruptions until power and patronage shifted to Tokyo during the Edo period (1615-1868).

This is an introductory-level course designed to maximize the experience of looking at Kansai area art, much of which can still be seen in the original locations. Focusing on locally-produced painting and sculpture from the 4th through the 19th centuries, the class will consist of presented lectures with slides. There will be field trips during the semester to sites studied in the class.

Course Topics

The following themes, which reflect the dominance of Buddhist art in this area, will be presented in chronological order:

- Tomb and burial-centered art
- Early Buddhist art
- Esoteric Buddhist art
- Pure land Buddhist art
- Secular arts of the Heian period
- Zen art of the early feudal period
- Momoyama and early Edo period castle-centered art
- Edo painting

Readings

The majority of reading assignments will be from the following books, on reserve in the library:

- P. Mason, A History of Japanese Art.
- Joan Stanley Baker, Japanese Art.
- Paine and Soper, Art and Architecture of Japan.
- Various authors, Heibonsha Survey of Japanese Art.
- Akiyama Terukazu et al, Genshoku Nihon Bijutsu Series.
- James Cahill, Chinese Painting.
- Dale Saunders, Mudra.
- Lorraine Kuck, The World of the Japanese Garden.
- Stephen Addiss, The Art of Zen.

Grading

Quizzes	50%
Visual Analysis Assignment	35%
Class Attendance and Participation	15%

Ethics: East and West

Dr. John Hanagan

The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity.

W.B. Yeats

We live in troubled times. Humankind seems torn between an idealistic moralism leading us down the road to violence and an amoral realism teaching that the highest value is simply the fulfillment of self-interest. This spinning moral compass is worse than useless as a guide through the labyrinth of issues which engulf us: globalization, AIDS, increasing economic disparity, and the ancient religious tensions which are literally exploding in the Middle East. Clearly, the time is ripe for thinking deeply about the nature of human life and human relationships. This course responds to this need by bringing the student and the teacher into contact with the enduring moral wisdom of the West and the East: Jesus, Mohammad, Kant, and Mill; and Lao Tzu, Confucius, and the Buddha. We will also engage with such great classics as Plato's Republic and the Bhagavad Gita, seeking to develop a moral vision which is liberating, not confining; which is loving, not self-righteous; which does not sacrifice principle for expediency, yet proceeds gently and with compassion for ourselves and others.

Course Topics

1. Introduction: Plato's Cave—The Play of Light and Shadows
2. The Judeo-Christian Tradition: The Ten Commandments
3. The Judeo-Christian Tradition: The Sermon on the Mount
4. Nietzsche's Critique of Christian Morality
5. The Islamic Tradition: Hadith and Rumi
6. Plato: Arete (Virtue) in the Republic
7. Kant: The Categorical Imperative
8. John Stuart Mill: Utilitarianism
9. The Vedic Tradition: the Bhagavad Gita
10. The Vedic Tradition: Ashtanga Yoga
11. The Buddhist World: The Dhammapada
12. Buddhist Ethics: the Five Precepts and the Four Virtues

Ethics: East and West

13. Chinese Ethics: The Vision of Confucius
14. Chinese Ethics: Taoism—Tao, Te, and Wu Wei
15. Non-attachment: The Handbook of Epictetus
16. Non-attachment: the Shinjin no Mei of the Third Zen Patriarch.

Grading

The grade for this course will depend upon four factors:

1. Studentship: the quality of a student's involvement with course, as shown by regular attendance and thoughtful reading and writing. 25%
2. A series of short reaction papers, as the occasion warrants. 30%
3. A mid-term exam. 20%
4. A Final Essay examination (partially take-home). 25%

Wisdom Literature East and West

Dr. John Hanagan

Science is organized knowledge. Wisdom is organized life. Immanuel Kant

The very nature and meaning, even the existence, of wisdom remains a mystery—a hazy ideal given lip service at graduation ceremonies, but whose worth is often trivialized by the deadly serious business of surviving in a competitive and materialistic world. In most western universities, philosophy—the Love of Wisdom—is seen as the pursuit of dilettantes. This is a prejudice which can be traced as far back as Aristophanes' *The Clouds* which places Socrates at the head of the “Thinkery.” Yet Socrates himself observed that the greatest fools are those whose heads are filled with a factual learning which weaves the illusion of certitude and self-righteousness.

The pursuit of Wisdom, on the other hand, is the passionate rearrangement of thought, which, as the Dhammapada teaches, rearranges our entire world. Classical Western Philosophy and the traditions of India, China, and Japan, regard foolishness as a clinging attachment to received conventional beliefs and assumptions about the nature of reality. This lack of wisdom is seen as the fundamental source of human suffering. The point, then, of the Perennial Philosophy of all cultures is not simply to understand the truth about God and the world, but to alleviate—and finally to escape—the suffering at the heart of human existence. The intention is to challenge accepted thinking, to break the chains of conditioned minds, and to experience the clarity and freedom which already abides in the amplitude of the inner reaches of human consciousness.

In this course, we will enter into dialogue with classics of Wisdom Literature—ancient and modern, eastern and western-- outlined below, but not in a purely academic or detached way. The essential subject matter of this course is the mind and the heart of each one of us—teacher and student alike. As Foucault observed: “philosophy is the displacement and transformation of frameworks of thinking, the changing of received values and all the work that has been done to think otherwise, to do something else, to become other than one is.”

Course Topics and Readings

Part One---The Wonder of Greece
Plato's Vision of Wisdom in the Republic
The Handbook of Epictetus

Wisdom Literature East and West

Part Two—Indian Origins
Hinduism: The Bhagavad Gita.
Buddhism: The Dhammapada.

Part Three—Chinese Depth
Taoism: Tao Te Ching of Lao Tzu
Zen: The Shinjin no Mei of the Third Zen Patriarch

Part Four—Existential Renewal
William Barrett: Irrational Man. In this work, Barrett charts the descent of Philosophy into arid discourse, and then he shows how Existentialism is in fact the rebirth of the Socratic Quest for Philosophy as a Way of Life.

Grading

Studentship: the quality of a student's involvement with the course, as shown by regular attendance, and thoughtful reading, writing, and class participation (which includes attentive listening). 30 points

A short 2 or 3 page response to each of seven readings. These should contain the important conclusions you have drawn, and stimulating questions which still remain. 5 points each: 35 points total

A final take-home project/examination of 10 pages, which shows what you have learned from your readings and the discussions of the course. Specifically, how has the experience of the course "transformed your frameworks of thinking, changed your received values, and helped you to become other than you were." If none of this has happened for you, please use the final project to reflect on the inability of the course and its readings to suspend your basic assumptions. 35 points

Basic Ceramic Techniques

Mr. Yoshio Inomata

The object of this course is to establish a basic mastery of traditional Japanese techniques through actual practice, with the emphasis on wheel throwing. The course will also include, from time to time, a consideration of distinctive regional techniques, and the special characteristics of some modern Japanese pottery, presented in the context of studio practice.

A practice fee of ¥10,000 per semester, payable in advance, will be charged to all students accepted for enrollment in the course. Enrollment will be limited to 35 students. This course requires 8 hours studio practice per week, and it will be arranged around your other classes.

Recommended Reading:

Penny Simpson, Japanese Pottery Handbook

In addition, a number of illustrated volumes in Japanese and English will be put on non-circulating reserve in the library, for general reference.

Course Procedures:

Instruction will begin with clay wedging and proceed to building and slab construction, and the basic throwing techniques for cups and bowls. Various glaze compositions and glazing methods will be introduced at an appropriate point along with a consideration of certain decorative devices such as stamping, inlay and brushwork.

Evaluation:

Grades will be based on the level of technical skill achieved during the semester, and on the quality of finished pieces submitted for possible inclusion in a final exhibition of student works. This overall rating of technical proficiency will constitute sixty percent of the final grade. Regular attendance is regarded as essential, and more than ten percent absence could result in a failing grade. Attendance will count for twenty percent of the final grade. The final twenty percent will be a rating of student effort and participation.

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Note:

Payment of materials fee must be completed before registration. Otherwise you cannot be enrolled in the course nor permitted to attend the class.

In case of dropping the course, the refund of the materials fee will be based upon the following schedule:

1) During orientation	100%
2) During the first week	90%
3) During the second week	80%
4) During the third week	70%
5) After the third week	0%

Intermediate Ceramic Techniques

Mr. Yoshio Inomata

The objective of this course is to advance the techniques mastered in the "Basic Ceramic Techniques". Main items to master in this course include: various sets of ceramics works (i.e. multiples of same-sized works), large pots, large dishes, large bowls, and so on.

Students in this class will also pursue decorative techniques introduced in the previous semester, and try to combine them.

The schedule of studio practice will be the same as "Basic Ceramic Techniques".

Students eligible to apply to take this class are: 1) those who have finished "Basic Ceramic Techniques" at Kansai Gaidai, or 2) those who have more than one year experience with ceramics. (See the instructor before registration, as he gives permission based upon the student's skill with the potter's wheel.)

Material Fee: ¥10,000.-

Japanese-Chinese Brush Painting (Sumie)

Ms. Kathleen Scott

This studio course is designed to introduce students to the basic techniques of Japanese-Chinese monochromatic ink painting. Material specific to this medium are introduced and include various papers, inks, and brushes. During the first half of the semester, traditional flower motifs (bamboo, orchid, plum, and chrysanthemum) are used as points of departure. The latter half of the course is devoted to the compositional principles and brush techniques involved in Japanese-Chinese landscape painting, (J., sansui-ga).

Five hours of studio time are supplemented by a minimum of three hours of individual work. Students are required to display one of their final works in an exhibition at the end of the semester.

Classes meet three times a week, and one of these meetings is considered the primary teaching day. New material is introduced and techniques applied. Due to the importance of this first teaching day, in order to enroll in sumi-e, students must be able to arrange their schedules to fit into one of the teaching blocs. The remaining schedule will be arranged according to priorities.

Notes:

- No prior painting experience is required.
- As with all studio courses, attendance is mandatory.
- Class enrollment is limited to 25 students.
- Payment of the ¥10,000 materials fee must be completed before registration. In the event this course is dropped, the following refund policy will be enacted:

1) During orientation	100%
2) During the first week of school	50%
3) During the second week	0%

- This course is worth 3 semester units of credit.

Advanced Ceramics Techniques

Mr. Yoshio Inomata

The objective of this course is to perfect the technique which is the most suitable for each student. The course also gives students the opportunity to mix glazes as well as to work on their original techniques.

The schedule of studio practice will be the same as "Basic Ceramic Techniques".

In order to apply to take this course, students must obtain permission from the instructor. They must have finished "Intermediate Ceramic Techniques" at Kansai Gaidai, or have more than two-year experience with ceramic. (See the instructor before registration in order to obtain permission. His judgment is based upon the ceramic techniques and the basic knowledge of ceramics.)

Material Fee: ¥10,000.-

Advanced Sumie

Ms. Kathleen Scott

This course is a continuation of work begun in Japanese-Chinese Brush Painting. The focus of this advanced course will be on compositions of increased complexity with emphasis placed on the development of the student's personal painting imagery.

Course Topics

Points of departure will include: peonies, roses, grapes, and gourds. Areas such as zen-ga and abstracts will be explored.

Requirements/prerequisites

Five hours of studio time are supplemented with an absolute minimum of three hours of individual work. Students are required to display several works in the exhibition at the end of the term.

Prerequisite: Japanese-Chinese Brush Painting and the permission of the instructor.

The materials fee for the advanced course will be ¥4,000