

Osaka Gakuin University 2019-20 Spring Semester

## Sub-cultures and Philosophies in Japan

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Subject code : 2033

### Course Description:

This course focuses on learning more of and looking deeper into Japanese society and culture. The relationship between various social aspects in Japan established a unique culture which developed many kinds of social movements or philosophies such as BUSHIDO, OTAKU and Cosplay and so on in each era. This class teaches students both traditional and modern elements and analyzes how Japanese developed own cultural spirit and social identity in a group-oriented society by looking at Pop-culture, industrial technology, craftsmanship, Japanese food and hospitality.

### Resources

Handouts will be provided for each class.

### Evaluation

A grade will be given based on:

Participation to the lecture and discussion 30%  
Project Report and Presentation 40%

Final exam 30%

### Notes:

### Course Schedule:

Week 1: Introduction and preliminaries;  
An overview of Japanese Society and culture.  
Week 2: A history of Japanese games  
Week 3: Public relations strategy : Advertisement  
Week 4: Japanese technology, craftsmanship and design  
Week 5: Masses-culture in Edo period  
Week 6: Japanese " Do:道" : Tea ceremony  
Week 7: Japanese Proverbs  
Week 8: Japanese food and hospitality  
Week 9: Japanese fashion and color  
Week 10: Pop-culture : Manga and Anime  
Week 11: Osaka culture : A sprit of OWARAI  
Week 12: A history of Japanese sub-culture  
Week 13: OTAKU culture in Tokyo and Osaka  
Week 14: Japanese culture in outside world  
Week 15: Course review and final exam