

Osaka Gakuin University 2023-2024 Fall Semester

The Power of Japanese Pop Culture

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Lesson : Tuesday & Thursday 15:30-17:15

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Subject Code: 1035

Course Description:

In this course, students will learn how Japanese pop culture (manga, anime, otaku, cosplay, etc.) and related industries have created new social movements and influenced Japanese civil society. The class will also analyze the impact of Japanese pop culture on today's world.

Classes will focus on discussions and presentations through a variety of intercultural collaborative learning.

Resources

Lecturer will prepare materials.

Grade Breakdown

Submitted works in daily lecture:	30 %
Participation in class activities and presentations:	50 %
Assignments:	20 %

Notes:

- Information in this syllabus is subject to change slightly. Any such changes will be announced in class.
- Classes are scheduled for weekend off-campus activities and collaborative learning in the local community.

Course Schedule :

Week 1	Introduction and preliminaries: - The beginning of Japanese Pop Culture
Week 2	Uniqueness of Japanese Culture - Idols, OTAK, Cosplay, Youth culture
Week 3	Japanese Manga and Anime ① - Visual expressiveness : The role of character
Week 4	Japanese Manga and Anime ② - Narrative expressiveness : The power of stories
Week 5	Japanese Manga and Anime ③ - Find hidden messages in anime scripts
Week 6	Japanese Manga and Anime ④ - Play an anime character
Week 7	Japanese Manga and Anime ⑤ - Learn about the animation production process
Week 8	Connections between pop culture and society ① - Collaborative learning project
Week 9	Connections between pop culture and society ② - Collaborative learning project
Week 10	Connections between pop culture and society ③ - Collaborative learning project
Week 11	The Power of Japanese Pop Culture ① - Social impact of Pop Culture : Positive impact
Week 12	The Power of Japanese Pop Culture ② - Social impact of Pop Culture : Negative impact
Week 13	Course review and final presentation