

Osaka Gakuin University 2023-2024 Spring Semester

Japanese Society and Culture

Instructor :

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Lesson: Wednesday 15:30 – 17:15 & Friday 13:30-15:15

Subject code : 2051

Course Description:

Welcome to "Japanese Society and Culture: Customs, Etiquette, and Social Norms." This course offers an in-depth exploration of the intricate web of customs, etiquette, and social norms that shape the vibrant tapestry of Japanese society. Japan is a country renowned for its unique blend of tradition and modernity, and understanding its cultural nuances is crucial for anyone seeking to navigate its rich social landscape effectively.

By the end of this course, students will have a comprehensive understanding of Japanese customs, etiquette, and social norms. They will be equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to engage with Japanese culture respectfully and effectively, whether in a personal or professional context.

Resources

The materials will be provided throughout the course.

Evaluation

Class Participation: [30%]

Quizzes and Assignments: [30%]

Final Project/Presentation: [40%]

Notes:

The content of the course is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.

Course Schedule:

Course starts from the week of 2/5

Week 1: Introduction to the course

Week 2: Introduction to Japanese Culture

Week 3: Social Hierarchy and Harmony

Week 4: Communication and Etiquette

Week 5: Rituals and Traditions

Week 6: Cultural Insights

Week 7: Contemporary Issues and Adaptations

Week 8: Case Studies and Guest Speakers

Week 9: Japanese Martial Arts

Week 10: Group Discussions and Cultural Immersion

Week 11: Final Project Preparation

Week 12: Final Project Presentations

Week 13: Course Conclusion and Cultural Competence