

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Japan Through Film

Course Number and Section

JAPANESE

3650F 550

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Course Description:

Examination of various aspects of Japan, Japanese society and culture using Japanese cinema. The works by Itami and other Japanese films will be used to prompt discussion of such topics as contemporary issues in Japanese society, aesthetics, and communication. Taught in English.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

Any student who successfully completes this course will be able to:

- Utilize a basic knowledge of the history of modern Japan for any task.
- Conduct structural analysis of film arts.
- Critically view (unfamiliar) cultures.
- Research any topic using modern research methods.
- Formulate questions and discover the answers.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Reading materials are to be distributed in class or posted electronically.

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
1st small paper	09/27/2026	15%
2ns small paper	11/02/2026	25%
Final paper	12/06/2026	40%
Class participation	Fall Term	20%

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

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In-course Costs

\$000.00

For Textbooks and Course Materials (below), you are required to include the cost of each textbook or other learning material.

Note whether there are any restrictions that would prevent a student from using a second-hand copy. Here is some suggested text:

- Required textbook: [author, title, edition, publisher, date]. Cost: [insert amount].
 - Or include the weblink of the textbook's publisher site that includes the cost information.
- Students need to purchase this edition. Second-hand or older editions will not be sufficient.
- OR Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.
- This course has an optional field trip that costs [insert amount].
- This course has a required field component that costs [insert amount].

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.