

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Senior Research Seminar I

Course Number and Section

JAPANESE

3750F 550

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Course Description:

A senior level seminar to pursue students' own research interests in the topics involving Japanese culture, Japanese language, or foreign language pedagogy. Topics of comparative natures and an interdisciplinary approach are encouraged. Prior approval by the program required.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

- To prepare for a research paper regarding a Japan/Japanese culture-relate topic
- To develop a critical (and comparative) view toward a "foreign" culture.
- To develop research methods using English and/or Japanese
- To exercise modern research methods
- To formulate questions and discover the answers

Textbooks and Course Materials:

N/A

Course materials will be on Brightspace

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Proposal with Annotated Bibliography	10/22/2026	25%
Library Assignment	11/12/2026	20%
Class Participation		15%
Presentation		15%
Final Paper	12/03/2026	25%

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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].

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