

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Experiential approaches to foreign language pedagogy: A case with Japanese**

Course Number and Section:

JAPANESE

3690F 550

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Course Description:

Develops a “reflective practitioner” for the language teacher. This course is designed to provide students with a wide-ranging view of English Education in Japan and its problems. They will learn the history and emergence of the English language paradigm and the key issues surrounding English teaching and learning in Japan. The students apply the knowledge and skills developed in the course to actual teaching demonstrations.

Learning Outcomes:

- knowledge and understanding of the main parameters of Japan Studies and East Asian Studies
- their ability and skills in discussing and analyzing topics related to foreign language pedagogy
- critical reading and thinking skills on the subject matter
- teaching skills through actual teaching demonstrations
- awareness of self in the world by living abroad

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Required Textbook:

Clark, T., & Hazen, B. (2017). Business models for teams: See how your organization really works and how each person fits in. Portfolio/Penguin.

The participants must get the textbook above (Amazon Kindle version is available).

Please note that the participants shall be responsible for the following costs:

- Intersession Tuition
- Air ticket (Return: London-Haneda) will cost approximately \$2,600.
- Approximately \$500, which includes meals, local transportation fees and excursions.
- o Transportation expenses

Local train ticket (Return: Haneda Airport-Hotel) \$8 (approx.)

Local train ticket (Return: Hotel-Campus, 5 times) \$30 (approx.)

- Local train ticket (Return: Hotel-Kamakura) \$8 (approx.)
- o Food
- Approximately \$10 for lunch, \$20 for dinner x 8 days = \$240
- o Travel Insurance \$180 (approx.)
 - o Other personal expenses

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Critical Response 1	05/16/2025	4
Critical Response 2	05/23/2025	4
Critical Response 3	05/30/2025	4
Critical Response 4	06/13/2025	4
Critical Response 5	06/20/2025	4
Class Participation & Teaching Demonstration	07/13/2025	15
Trip Participation & Reflection Journal (Blog)	07/06/2025	20
Teaching Practicum	06/23/2025	15
Essay	07/06/2025	30

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

Friday, April 18, 2025