

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.

Class Methods:

Introduction to Japanese civilization from historical, geo-political, and cultural perspectives. The course presupposes no knowledge of Japanese civilization. The course begins by listing the characteristics of modern Japanese culture. We will examine how these characteristics have evolved. The course will be conducted through lectures and classroom discussion based upon the reading materials, students' individual (mini) research, and/or video and other materials. Students are expected to prepare for each class by doing short (preliminary) research.

Learning Outcomes:

- 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

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
One Short Paper	09/23/2024	15%
Second Short Paper	10/28/2024	15%

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation		15%
Presentation		25%
Final Paper	11/25/2024	30%

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

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