

Huron Brief Course Outlines

Fall/Winter 2023-2024

Course Title: Perspectives on Japan

Course Number and Section

JAPANESE

1650F - 550

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Course Description:

A multi-disciplinary overview of Japan, including territory, people, language, religion, economy, popular culture, science and technology, among others.

Class Methods:

The course presupposes no knowledge of Japanese civilization. Students investigate – and formulate questions – on Japan and East Asia within today's globalized world, identify their own cultural bias toward less familiar subjects, and critically evaluate diverse perspectives. Students are expected to prepare for each class by doing short (preliminary) research.

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 Japan;
- critical reading and thinking skills on the subject matter;
- their ability to use modern research methods;
- their ability to evaluate the relevance and importance of different ideas.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Hendry, Joy. Understanding Japanese Society, 5Ed. Routledge, 2019

Other required readings are available on OWL and will be posted each week.

Methods of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Paper Proposal	10/04/2023	10%
Short Paper 1		10%
Short Paper 2		10%

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Short Paper 3		10%
Final Paper	11/29/2023	40%
Participation		20%

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