Course Name	**Asian Society and Culture : Characteristics of Japanese Buddhism**		
Semester, Year	First Semester, 2017	**Number of Credits**	2 credits
Course level	3000	**Course Number**	027302
Instructor(s) (Institution)	Takeshi FUJITA (大学院文学研究科) Frédéric Girard (フランス国立高等研究院)		
Course Objectives	In the present-day globalization it is more and more important to understand characteristics of Japanese culture in an essential way. This course introduces the current of Japanese religious thoughts in chronological order and presents what forms their basis, especially explaining Buddhist philosophy mainly in the Middle Ages. We also survey the history of art related with Buddhism, taking into consideration the influence of Buddhism upon Japanese culture.		
Course Goals	By the end of this course you will understand 1. the history of religious thoughts in Japan 2. the development of Japanese Buddhism in the Middle Ages 3. how the art related with Buddhism developed and what significance it has in Japanese culture.		
Course Schedule	Lectures are given in the following schedule. 1. Introduction 2. Japanese thought in the ancient times (Vth-XIIth centuries) 3. Japanese thought in the Middle Ages (XIIth- XVth centuries): regeneration and eremitism. Dogen, Honen, Myoe, Shinran 4. Japanese thought in the Middle Ages (XIIth- XVth centuries): poetry(Saigyo, Chomei) Zeami, Zenchiku, Muso Soseki 5. Christian century: 1/ Jesuits in Japan 6. Christian century: 2/ Reaction of Buddhism to Christianity 7. History of the religious art: 1/ kofun, mandala, Buddhist pantheon and paradise 8. History of the religious art: 2/ portraits, discourses, calligraphy and stanzas 9. History of the religious art: 3/ Zen gardens and views 10. History of the religious art: 4/ Buddhist iconology and figures (Manjusri) and triads 11. General discussion		
Homework	review of the lectures and preparation of the distributed documents		
Grading System	Your grade will be determined by how well you demonstrate your achievement of the course goals through the examination or reports.		
Textbooks / Reading List			
Websites			
Website of Laboratory			
Additional Information	Students can ask questions in English or in French.		