

Course Name	Contemporary Japanese Society		
Semester, Year	Second Semester, 2018	Number of Credits	2 credits
Course level	3000	Course Number	27112
Instructor(s) (Institution)	Peter FIRKOLA (高等教育推進機構)		
Course Objectives	This course examines current issues in modern Japanese society. This course will focus on a wide variety of topics including social and labor market issues.		
Course Goals	The goal of this course is to provide students with insight into current trends in order to better understand modern Japanese society.		
Course Schedule	<p>Week 1 Introduction</p> <p>Week 2 Overview</p> <p>Week 3 Geographic &amp; Generational Variations</p> <p>Week 4 Aging Society</p> <p>Week 5 Working Women</p> <p>Week 6 Labor and Employment</p> <p>Week 7 Media Presentations</p> <p>Week 8 Guest Lecture: Labor Issues</p> <p>Week 9 Field Trip: Factory Tour</p> <p>Week 10 Education Reform</p> <p>Week 11 Political and Media Establishment</p> <p>Week 12 Immigration Issues</p> <p>Week 13 Presentations</p> <p>Week 14 Presentations</p> <p>Week 15 Wrap Up: Future Trends in Japanese Society</p>		
Homework	A reading assignment of 20-30 pages will be given each week (1-2 hours).		
Grading System	Evaluation will be based on class attendance and participation, a media presentation, a term paper, and a presentation of the paper. Detailed information will be provided on the first day of class.		
Textbooks / Reading List	Sugimoto, Y. (2014). <i>An Introduction to Japanese Society</i> (4th ed.) Cambridge U. Press. A detailed reading list will be provided on the first day of class.		
Websites			
Website of Laboratory			
Additional Information			