

Course Name	Introduction to Japanese Studies II (Culture)		
Semester, Year	Second Semester, 2018	Number of Credits	2 credits
Course level	2000	Course Number	27141
Instructor(s) (Institution)	Jonathan Edward Bull (大学院メディア・コミュニケーション研究院)		
Course Objectives	This is an introductory course on contemporary Japanese culture. The course will cover aspects of culture in Japan since 1945 by focusing on a current topic in the news. In addition, during the course we will discuss these broader themes: who uses the term 'Japanese culture'? In what contexts do they use it? How have understandings of 'Japanese culture' changed over time?		
Course Goals	By the end of the course, students should be able to: 1) explain how the term 'culture' has been used in Japanese Studies since 1945; 2) discuss some of the differences in meaning between 'popular' and 'academic' use of the word 'culture'.		
Course Schedule	<p>Week 1: Introduction (explanation of the course, definition of culture, position of Japanese Studies)</p> <p>Week 2: What is 'Japanese culture'?</p> <p>Week 3: Family culture</p> <p>Week 4: Death and culture</p> <p>Week 5: School culture</p> <p>Week 6: Work culture</p> <p>Week 7: Mini-fieldwork on campus on a given theme</p> <p>Week 8: Body, dress and culture</p> <p>Week 9: Housing culture</p> <p>Week 10: Toilets and culture</p> <p>Week 11: Reading week</p> <p>Week 12: Food culture</p> <p>Week 13: Sports culture</p> <p>Week 14: Tradition and national identity</p> <p>Week 15: End of term exam</p> <p>NOTE: This is a tentative schedule.</p>		
Homework	Download and read the reading materials before coming to the lecture		
Grading System	Final exam: 60% Class participation (presentation and reading comments) 40%		
Textbooks / Reading List			
Websites			
Website of Laboratory			
Additional Information			