

Course Name	Japanese Culture II: Advanced Readings		
Semester, Year	2 学期	Number of Credits	2 credits
Course level	3000	Course Number	27100
Instructor(s) (Institution)	Emma Cook (大学院メディア・コミュニケーション研究院)		
Course Objectives	This course is designed for students to learn more about Japanese society and culture through ethnographies of Japan, and to learn how to begin producing ethnography themselves. Each week we will focus on one ethnographic study of Japan, reading and analyzing two or three chapters of each book. Students will also learn about ethnographic methods and put this knowledge into practice by conducting some fieldwork and producing their own ethnographic essay.		
Course Goals	Students will: 1. Develop a deeper understanding of Japanese culture and society through reading ethnographies of Japan. 2. Gain an understanding of ethnographic research methods and their relation to the production of knowledge 3. Gain practical skills in conducting ethnographic research and writing ethnographies		
Course Schedule	1. Introduction to the Course 2. Ethnographic Methods and Writing 3. Doing Fieldwork in Japan 4. Problematics of 'Culture' and 'Japanese Culture' 5. Ethnographic Project Preparation 6. Crafting Identities 7. Food and Drink 8. Popular Culture 9. Sports 10. Rural Cultures 11. Illness 12. Aging 13. Death 14. Peer Reviews 15. Review and Reflections		
Homework	Each week there will be selected readings from the ethnographies - usually 2-3 chapters - and students must formulate a discussion question to send it in before the class. All readings are provided via the course website. Students must also develop their own short research project, do a presentation and submit a final paper.		
Grading System	Discussion Questions (30%) Reading Analysis (20%) Essay (50%)		
Textbooks / Reading List			
Websites			
Website of Laboratory			
Additional Information	A strong command of English is needed to take this course. Please note that the course schedule and readings are subject to change.		