

OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE FORM

Note: The University reserves the right to amend course outlines as needed without notice.

Course Code and Number: JAPN 251		Number of Credits: 3 Course credit policy (105)													
Course Full Title: Introduction to Japanese Society and Culture Course Short Title: Japanese Society & Culture															
Faculty: Faculty of Humanities		Department (or program if no department): Modern Languages													
Calendar Description: <p>Overview of Japan's geography, history, customs, annual events, religion, economy, and social issues. Compares and contrasts Japanese society with Canadian society. Through reading, discussion, and writing students will develop an understanding of elements of Japanese culture. The course will be taught in both English and Japanese.</p>															
Prerequisites (or NONE):		None.													
Corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):		None.													
Pre/corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):		JAPN 101 or Japanese 11.													
Antirequisite Courses <i>(Cannot be taken for additional credit.)</i> Former course code/number: Cross-listed with: Equivalent course(s): <i>(If offered in the previous five years, antirequisite course(s) will be included in the calendar description as a note that students with credit for the antirequisite course(s) cannot take this course for further credit.)</i>		Course Details Special Topics course: No <i>(If yes, the course will be offered under different letter designations representing different topics.)</i> Directed Study course: No <i>(See policy 207 for more information.)</i> Grading System: Letter grades Delivery Mode: May be offered in multiple delivery modes Expected frequency: Annually Maximum enrolment (for information only): 26													
Typical Structure of Instructional Hours <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Lecture/seminar</td> <td>45</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total hours</td> <td>45</td> </tr> </table>		Lecture/seminar	45									Total hours	45	Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) PLAR is available for this course.	
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Scheduled Laboratory Hours Labs to be scheduled independent of lecture hours: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		Transfer Credit <i>(See bctransferguide.ca.)</i> Transfer credit already exists: No Submit outline for (re)articulation: Yes <i>(If yes, fill in transfer credit form.)</i>													
Department approval		Date of meeting: February 2023													
Faculty Council approval		Date of meeting: August 31, 2023													
Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval		Date of meeting: November 24, 2023													

Learning Outcomes *(These should contribute to students' ability to meet program outcomes and thus Institutional Learning Outcomes.)*

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate basic knowledge of the geography, historical events, economy, environment, and people's lifestyle in Japan.
2. Identify the fundamental ideas about culture and religion that are valued in Japan.
3. Discuss the unique mix of modernity and tradition in the Japanese society.
4. Evaluate the influence of Japan and Japanese culture on other societies around the world.
5. Compare aspects of Japanese culture and society to their Canadian counterparts, including attitudes and approaches toward reconciliation, decolonization, and Indigenization.
6. Develop skills further to improve communication in a Japanese speaking environment.

Recommended Evaluation Methods and Weighting *(Evaluation should align to learning outcomes.)*

Final exam:	25%	Quizzes/tests:	35%	Assignments:	20%
Project:	20%		%		%

Details:

NOTE: The following sections may vary by instructor. Please see course syllabus available from the instructor.

Typical Instructional Methods *(Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)*

Lectures, Student presentations, Discussions

Texts and Resource Materials *(Include online resources and Indigenous knowledge sources. [Open Educational Resources](#) (OER) should be included whenever possible. If more space is required, use the [Supplemental Texts and Resource Materials form](#).)*

Type	Author or description	Title and publication/access details	Year
1. Textbook	Sugimoto, Yoshio	An Introduction to Japanese Society	2021
2. Article	Truth and Reconciliation Commission Canada	Honoring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future: Summary of the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Retrieved from https://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2015/trc/IR4-7-2015-eng.pdf	2015
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Required Additional Supplies and Materials *(Software, hardware, tools, specialized clothing, etc.)***Course Content and Topics**

- Geography: the physical features of the island nation.
- History: brief overview of the past two thousand years, the Tokugawa period, the Meiji Restoration, and post-war Japan.
- Customs and events: manners and behavioral patterns, rites through one's life, and origins of national holidays.
- Religion: Buddhism and Shinto, conscious and unconscious influence on the life and mind of individuals.
- Economy: roots in the Tokugawa period, modernization, the post-war economy, the bubble economy, and the present day.
- Social issues: influence of changes in economy, demographics, and society.