

Course title: Japanese Society in the Era of Globalization

<General information>

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APRU VSE Season: Season 2, 2021 to 2022

Semester: Spring

Credit: 1

Date: April 15,22, May 6,13,20,27, June 3 and 10 (8 classes)

Time: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM (GMT+9/ JST)

<Course Description>

This course is an online course designed for undergraduate students majoring in Japanese studies or studying Japanese language at APRU member universities. Students will learn about Japanese society and culture, as well as common issues in the Asia Pacific region, together with Japanese students. The course focuses on discussions with Japanese students, providing a chance for students from different cultural and social backgrounds to learn from each other. Lectures will be given in both English and Japanese.

<Requirements>

- Japanese language proficiency: Intermediate or higher (ex. JLPT N3 or higher)
- High interest in Japanese culture/language, and social issues in the Asia Pacific region.
- Must be able to attend all lectures throughout the course period.

<Evaluation>

- Participation during the class (20%)
- Mid-term report (40%)
- Final presentation in the group (40%)

<Note>

- If you have a Japanese language proficiency of less than JLPT N3, but strongly wish to participate, please consult with the VSE Coordinator at Kyushu University in advance.

<Course schedule>

Week #1 (15 April): Orientation and ice breaking session

Week #2 (22 April): Gender roles in Japanese society (1)

Week #3 (6 May): Gender roles in Japanese society (2)

Week #4 (13 May): Religious diversity in Japan (1)

Week #5 (20 May): Religious diversity in Japan (2)

Week #6 (27 May): Education in Japan (1)

Week #7 (3 June): Education in Japan (2)

Week #8 (10 June): Final presentation

Note: Topics of each week is tentative and subject to change.