

Osaka Gakuin University 2012-2013 Spring Semester	
Minority Group Issues in Japan	
Instructor :	
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Lesson:	Monday and Tuesday 14:30 & 16:00
Office Hours :	By appointment after class
Subject code :	2034
Course Description:	
<p>This course will teach fundamental knowledge of minority groups in Japan, specifically the Buraku (Dowa) problem. After explaining the history and the contemporary issues relating to Buraku and other minority groups, it will show how they take some actions against the various types of discriminations in their daily lives.</p> <p>This class will also focus on Dowa Education which is a special educational program on Buraku issues and community development in Buraku communities. It will show how Dowa Education and community development in some Buraku Communities in the Kinki region play significant roles at local and national levels, and what impact this education and community development practice has had on the Buraku community as well as wider society. We will also take a comparative analysis on special education for minority groups in Japan.</p> <p>In addition to lecture and discussion, the class will take in some field trips to places such as Buraku community in Osaka city and Human Right Museum or National Museum of Ethnology so that students can learn this subject actively and practically.</p> <p>The class is held in English; however important cultural and technical terms in Japanese will be introduced as necessary. Students must take a final exam as well as participate in class discussion and a team project presentation.</p>	

Resources
Handouts will be provided for each class.
Evaluation
A grade will be given based on: Participation to the lecture and discussion 20% Field trip report 10% Team project presentation 20% Final exam 50%
Notes:
Course Schedule:
Week 1: Orientation (Buraku problem between you and me) Week 2: Buraku problem- past, present and Future. Week 3: Buraku Liberation Movement Week 4: Buraku Liberation Movement and international solidarity Week 5: Community development of Sumiyoshi Buraku Community -1- Week 6: Community development of Sumiyoshi Buraku Community -2- Week 7: Buraku and illiteracy Week 8: Dowa education and Human Rights education Week 9: Fieldwork 1 (Buraku Community in Osaka city) Week 10: Team project presentation (Field trip report) Week 11: Special education for minority group 1 (Old timer and New comer from overseas) Week 12: Special education for minority group 2 (Ainu) Week 13: Team project presentation (case studies of Human Rights educations in your country) Week 14: Field trip (Human Right Museum) Week 15: Team project presentation (Field trip report), wrap up