

Osaka Gakuin University 2017-18 Spring Semester

Sub-cultures and Philosophies in Japan

Instructor :

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Lesson: Tuesday 12:50-14:20 & Thursday 14:30-16:00

Office Hours : By appointment after class

Subject code : 2033

Course Description:

This course focuses on learning more of and looking deeper into Japanese society and culture. The relationship between various social aspects in Japan established a unique culture which developed many kinds of social movements or philosophies such as BUSHIDO, OTAKU and Cosplay and so on in each era. This class teaches students both traditional and modern elements and analyzes how Japanese developed own cultural spirit and social identity in a group-oriented society by looking at Pop-culture, industrial technology, craftsmanship, Japanese food and hospitality.

Resources

Handouts will be provided for each class.

Evaluation

A grade will be given based on:

Participation to the lecture and discussion	30%
Project Report and Presentation	40%
Final exam	30%

Notes:

Course Schedule:

Week 1:	Introduction and preliminaries; An overview of Japanese Society and culture.
Week 2:	A history of Japanese games
Week 3:	Public relations strategy : Advertisement
Week 4:	Japanese technology, craftsmanship and design
Week 5:	Masses-culture in Edo period
Week 6:	Japanese " Do:道 " : Tea ceremony
Week 7:	Japanese Proverbs
Week 8:	Japanese food and hospitality
Week 9:	Japanese fashion and color
Week 10:	Pop-culture : Manga and Anime
Week 11:	Osaka culture : A sprit of OWARAI
Week 12:	A history of Japanese sub-culture
Week 13:	OTAKU culture in Tokyo and Osaka
Week 14:	Japanese culture in outside world
Week 15:	Course review and final exam