Course Title	Japanese Society through Manga and Anime B			Instructor	IKEZAWA, Meiko		
科目名	マンガ・アニメに見る日本社会 B			担当者	池澤 明子		
Semester 学期	SPRING 2025	Course Level 履修年次	N/A	Credits 単位	2	hrs/wks 時間数/週	2

## 【Course Objectives: 授業の到達目標】

After successfully completing this course, students will acquire basic knowledge on various social and cultural issues prevalent in Japanese society. They will also acquire skills to analyze and understand the social and cultural issues addressed in manga and anime. This course also emphasizes experiential learning.

#### 【Course Summary: 授業の概要】

This semester, students will learn about various social, cultural and historical issues of Japan, mainly through Koyoharu Gotoge's *Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba*. After reading every volume, students choose one subject for their research and give a presentation about it. During the term, students will also be asked to copy/trace drawings of manga, to make a book bound in traditional Japanese style and to do a voice over activity of manga/animated version. They will also learn about some specific subjects regarding manga/anime culture by visiting one or two museum exhibitions.

# 【Study Required outside Class (Preparation etc.): 事前·事後学習】

Students are required to prepare for each class. At the beginning of the semester, students will read all 23 volumes of *Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba* in English translation in the library. Each student must also prepare for a presentation once a semester. A minimum of three hours should be spent for the preparation of the presentation.

【Class Outline: 授業計画(各回の授業内容)】				
Session 1	Orientation			
Session 2	Exhibition: visiting a museum			
Session 3	Exhibition: reflection, Plan of the presentations			
Session 4	Drawing/Copying/Tracing of manga page(s)			
Session 5	Presentation 1: e.g. What is <i>Demon</i> through Japanese folklore			
Session 6	Presentation 2: e.g. History around and during Taisho			
Session 7	Presentation 3: e.g. Life and death, crime and punishment through religion and philosophy			
Session 8	Presentation 4: e.g. Gender, sexuality and family			
Session 9	Presentation 5: e.g. Costume, sword, masks and Kagura			
Session 10	Presentation 6: e.g. Manga art expressions and metaphors			
Session 11	Traditional Japanese book binding 1: Preparation			
Session 12	Traditional Japanese book binding 2: Binding			
Session 13	Voice over activity 1: Preparation			
Session 14	Voice over activity 2: Performance			

## 【Textbooks, Course Materials: 教科書、参考書等】

*Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba* volume 1-23. Koyoharu Gotoge, Shuei-sha, 2016-2020. (Students can read them in English translation in the university library.) Handouts will be provided by the teacher.

## 【Grading Criteria: 成績評価の方法】

◆Presentation 50% (references 20%, presentation 30%) ◆ Traditional Japanese book (20%) ◆ Voice over (30%) ◆ Participation -10% per missed class, lateness -1% per 10 minutes, inappropriate behavior -5% per notice. ◆Mark schemes may change slightly regarding class conditions. ◆Evaluation will be made according to students' levels of comprehension and content. ◆A minimum of 80% attendance is required for the credit. ◆Presentation, Traditional Japanese book binding and Voice over activity are mandatory for the credit.

#### 【Note: 履修上の注意】

◆This course is only for students in **Introductory Japanese** and **Comprehensive Japanese** (I), (II), (III), (IV) of Japanese class. ◆This course limits students' number and the students who take this course in the fall semester cannot take it in the spring semester. ◆This course is not an introduction to manga and anime. This course is for students with previous knowledge and skills of reading manga, who read manga on a regular basis. ◆Students must read manga required for the class. ◆Manga and anime well-known and acknowledged as major works in Japan will be mentioned in class as common knowledge. e.g. Naruto, Attack on Titan, films of Studio Ghibli and Makoto Shinkai, etc. ◆Students will participate in all activities of the course in English and give a presentation in English. ◆ More detailed information about the course and the evaluation will be provided in class. ◆Course content may