

Course Title 科目名	Introduction to Japanese Cinema B			Instructor 担当者	LEE, Shu-Lin リー シューリン		
Semester 学期	SPRING 2026	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】							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To increase understanding of the changes in “New” Japanese cinema from the 1980s onwards.</li> <li>• To analyze the reinvention of Japanese cinema through genres and the affect of globalization.</li> <li>• To investigate whether Japanese cinema reflects and shapes contemporary Japanese identities.</li> <li>• To acquire the technical and critical skills to discuss and “read” films in historical and socio-cultural contexts.</li> </ul>							
【Course Summary: 授業の概要】							
<p>Japanese cinema was said to have peaked in the 1950s and 1960s with directors like Akira Kurosawa and Nagisa Oshima, and was thought to have lull for 20 years thereafter. However, the resurgence of new directors and films in the late 1980s and 1990s once again focused the world’s attention on Japanese cinema. This course is an introduction to contemporary Japanese films from the 1980s to present. By focusing on major directors, themes and genres, students will acquire the fundamentals of critical and technical language necessary to discuss and analyze films. The primary goal of this course is to understand the reinvention and transformation of contemporary Japanese cinema.</p>							
【Study Required outside Class (Preparation etc): 事前・事後学習】							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will be <u>required</u> to view films outside of classroom on their own.</li> <li>• Written discussion questions/comments and in-class participation count for a large portion of the grade. Therefore students are encouraged to do all readings and participate weekly during class.</li> </ul>							
【Class Outline: 授業計画(各回の授業内容)】							
Session 1	Introduction						
Session 2	What is Japanese Cinema? And How to “Read” Film						
Session 3	1970s and the Yakuza Film: Kinji Fukasaku						
Session 4	The Masters Adapt: Akira Kurosawa						
Session 5	Genres and the Audience						
Session 6	Genres Reinvented - Documentary: Hara Kazuo						
Session 7	Genres Reinvented - J-Horror: Kiyoshi Kurosawa						
Session 8	Mid-term Exam						
Session 9	Genres Reinvented - Anime: Katsuhiro Otomo						
Session 10	The Master of Satire: Juzo Itami						
Session 11	New Directors: Takeshi Kitano						
Session 12	New Directors: Shunji Iwai						
Session 13	New Directors: Hirokazu Koreeda						
Session 14	New Directors: TBD						
【Textbooks, Course Materials: 教科書、参考書等】							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All readings will be available on the Moodle course page.</li> <li>• Films are subject to change at the last minute.</li> </ul>							
【Grading Criteria: 成績評価の方法】							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance and participation: 15%</li> <li>• Discussion questions/comments: 15%</li> <li>• Mid-term exam: 30%</li> <li>• Final paper (should be double-spaced): 6 - 8 pages: 40%</li> </ul>							
【Note: 履修上の注意】							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mask-wearing in class is required at all times.</li> <li>• No specific background in film studies or Japanese history is required to take this course, though it would be useful to have taken the “Introduction to Japanese Cinema Class A” course.</li> </ul>							