

Course Title 科目名	Introduction to Japanese Studies B			Instructor 担当者	AZRA, Jean-Luc ジャン=リュック アズラ		
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】							
This course aims to study everyday life in Japan in its most ordinary aspects, while using the achievements of sociology and anthropology to uncover the structures on which society is built.							
【Course Summary: 授業の概要】							
During this course, we will study communication, education, university life, working relationships, and many aspects of social life like marriage or family life in Japan. Students will discuss what interests or surprises them in their new life in Japan. They will use real-life situations, and share their personal experiences.							
【Study Required outside Class (Preparation etc): 事前・事後学習】							
Students will be asked to prepare and comment on the notions they will be presented in class. It will be the main part of the class assessment.							
【Class Outline: 授業計画(各回の授業内容)】							
Session 1	Personal experiences. First impressions. Students' image of Japan.						
Session 2	The vertical society. Above and below. Inside and outside.						
Session 3	Personal and official opinions in Japanese society						
Session 4	Form, role, identity						
Session 5	Conflict avoidance and social glaze						
Session 6	Education, learning, and testing						
Session 7	Student life and job hunting						
Session 8	Home, architecture, and comfort						
Session 9	Sleep, family structure						
Session 10	Love life, marriage, birth, and children's education						
Session 11	Sociological aspects of language						
Session 12	Sociological aspects of conversation						
Session 13	Work: training, type of employees, company structure						
Session 14	Semester sum up						
【Textbooks, Course Materials: 教科書、参考書等】							
There is no manual or textbook. The teacher will distribute the class materials.							
However, here are some recommended readings: Azra, Jean-Luc "Les Japonais sont-ils différents? 62 clefs pour comprendre le Japon ordinaire" (2013) (In French) Edward Hall: The Hidden Dimension (1966) Edward Hall and Mildred Reed: Hidden Differences: Doing Business with the Japanese (1990) Chie Nakane: Japanese Society (1969/2016) Takeo Doi: The Anatomy of Self (1986)							
【Grading Criteria: 成績評価の方法】							
Attendance and test questionnaires (90%) Participation in class (10%)							
【Note: 履修上の注意】							