

Course Title 科目名	Language & Society in Japan B			Instructor 担当者	IWAZAKI, Maiko 岩崎 舞子		
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】							
<p>By the end of this course, students will be able to</p> <p>1.explain how language and society interact in Japan.</p> <p>2.demonstrate a deep understanding of language varieties, language contact including loanwords, katakana English and history of translation, and foreign language education in Japan.</p>							
【Course Summary: 授業の概要】							
<p>This course provides an overview of the interaction and relationship between language and society in Japan. The topics we will cover are: Japanese language varieties including regional/social dialects; language use in different age groups; language politeness in Japan; gender in language use and in education; language contact, history of translation, loanwords and katakana words; history and the current situation of foreign language education in Japan. Language contact and foreign language education will be explored in depth.</p>							
【Study Required outside Class (Preparation etc): 事前・事後学習】							
<p>Students are required to read assigned material and prepare for group/in-class discussions. Write a mini-report on the discussion topic at the end of each class.</p>							
【Class Outline: 授業計画(各回の授業内容)】							
Session 1	Introduction to language, culture and society in Japan						
Session 2	Regional and social dialects in Japan						
Session 3	Language varieties in Japan						
Session 4	Language and age in Japan						
Session 5	Language and identity in Japan						
Session 6	Language and politeness in Japan						
Session 7	Gender in language use in Japan						
Session 8	Gender in language education in Japan						
Session 9	Language contact: History of translation in Japan						
Session 10	Language contact: Loanwords and katakana words						
Session 11	English in Japan						
Session 12	Foreign language education in Japan: A brief history						
Session 13	Foreign language education in Japan: Current situation						
Session 14	Final exam: In-class essay (The above may be subject to change.)						
【Textbooks, Course Materials: 教科書、参考書等】							
<p>The instructor will upload reading assignments on the internet server.</p> <p>The student is responsible for each and every reading assigned in class.</p>							
【Grading Criteria: 成績評価の方法】							
<p>Discussions (Class participation): 30%</p> <p>Mini Reports: 30%</p> <p>Final Essay: 40%</p>							
【Note: 履修上の注意】							