

Syllabus Name				JPST204-01 Japan Studies IV (日本社会) (英語授業)					
Year	2	Credit	2	Semester	2017年度 前期	Class Type	週間授業	Day / Period	水曜5限
Teacher's Name				武井 勲 (TAKEI ISAO)					
Outline									
Overall Theme of Course				<p>With an increasing opportunity to communicate with foreigners in Japan or elsewhere, we are expected to learn foreign languages and protocols for better communications with them. Another important dimension that is often ignored, however, is to understand important components of the uniqueness of culture and society which are possible sources of distrust and misunderstanding when interacting with foreigners. This course introduces some major principles of Japanese culture, social etiquette, and business protocols, which are crucial for foreigners to understand Japanese way of behavior. In addition to objectively understanding ourselves, students in this course will learn how to solve and avoid misunderstanding in various settings.</p>					
Attainment Target (Goals)				<p>Students will learn not only how Japanese work, entertain, make decisions, and use language in unique ways, but they also understand how to minimize miscommunications in working for and with non-Japanese.</p>					
Content				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Each class meeting will consist of a lecture (based on course readings and some case studies), followed by a presentation by a small group of students. Students will give a short presentation (about 20 minutes) with other 3-4 classmates. The presentation could be anything associated with class materials. For example, based on your own experience, introduce a specific case in which cross-national misunderstanding occurs. Or make a cross-national comparison regarding particular behavior(s), and then provide cultural reasons. The presentation does not need to be formal. Students are expected to have read the assigned materials before each class meeting. Students are also encouraged to bring questions for class discussions. 					
Teaching Plan				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to the Course, Expectations, and Course Syllabus Japanese Culture (1): The Significance of Belonging Japanese Culture (2): The "On" Society Japanese Culture (3): The Japanese View of Time Japanese Culture (4): The Search for Harmony "Wa" Japanese Culture (5): The Place of Lawyers Japanese Culture (6): Honne and Tatemaie Japanese Culture (7): Trust, Benevolence, and Amae Japanese Culture (8): The Hierarchical Society Japanese Culture (9): Status Inequality and Income Inequality Japanese Culture (10): The Importance of Education Japanese Culture (11): Language Japanese Social Etiquette (1): The Japanese Introduction, Bow, Handshake, and Apologies Japanese Social Etiquette (2): The Japanese Conversation and Gestures Japanese Social Etiquette (3): Expressing Complaints Japanese Social Etiquette (4): Japanese Eating and Drinking Etiquette Work in Japan (1): Work is Life Work in Japan (2): Decision Making Work in Japan (3): Loyalty Work in Japan (4): Lifetime Employment Work in Japan (5): Written Materials Work in Japan (6): Holidays Work in Japan (7): Meetings Etiquette and Behavior Negotiations (1): The Use of Silence; Slow Decisions Negotiations (2): Honne, Tatemaie, Amae, and Negotiations; Dislike of Certainty Working with Japanese (1): The Gaijin Complex and Japanese Biases Working with Japanese (2): More Socializing Working with Japanese (3): Less Criticism 					

	Working with Japanese (4): Indicate Lotalty 15. Course Summary
Prerequisites	
Evaluation Criteria	Course evaluations will be based on attendance (20%), presentation (20%), and take-home midterm and final exams (30% each).
Preparation	Students are expected to have read the assigned readings before arriving for each class meeting.

使用する教科書・参考書/Required textBooks and Reference books			
教科書1/Required textBooks 1			
著者名/Authors	Jon P. Alston and Isao Takei		
書名/Title of books	Japanese Business Culture and Practices		
出版社/Publishers	iUniverse		
ISBN			
備考/Remarks			
書店手配/Bookstore arrangement	要	献本/Complimentary copy	要

連絡先	
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オフィスアワー(後期)/Office hour	
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希望教室	
教室選択	N301
備考欄	