

Course Outline

School / Portfolio: Faculty of Education and Arts

Course Title: JAPAN, ECONOMY & SOCIETY

Course ID: SOCOG1105

Credit Points: 15.00

Prerequisite(s): (BAFND1001 or HISOC2104 or SOCOG1002)

Co-requisite(s): Nil

Exclusion(s): Nil

ASCED Code: 090399

Program Level:

AQF Level of Program						
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Level						
Introductory	■	■	■	■	■	■
Intermediate	■	■	✓	■	■	■
Advanced	■	■	■	■	■	■

Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge:

- K1.** Acquire familiarity with aspects of Japan's economy, diverse social institutions, ideologies and history;
- K2.** Grasp how the social sciences contribute to an understanding of modern Japan and its place in the Asia-Pacific region;
- K3.** Describe and critique some of the main explanations of the development of modern Japan;
- K4.** Understand processes of social change and social conflict in Japan.

Skills:

- S1.** Reflect enhanced skills in historical or sociological analysis of a range of aspects of modern Japan;
- S2.** Develop skills in comparative sociological analysis through studying a significantly different society;
- S3.** Locate, evaluate, manage and use relevant information from a range of media;
- S4.** Communicate effectively concisely and imaginatively in both written and verbal forms.

Application of knowledge and skills:

- A1.** Apply sociological or historical perspectives and methods in researching real world issues in Japanese society or Japan's relationship to the Asia-Pacific region;
- A2.** Apply methods of historical or sociological analysis of the development of social institutions in Japan;

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- A3.** Develop skills in identification of lines of social conflict and elaboration of methods of analysis of conflictual social relations.

Course Content:

The course will comprise a general examination of political economy and society in Japan. A focus on processes of social transformation in the postwar period will present challenges to students' impressions of Japan as a stable and homogenous society. It will also undertake a critical examination of Japan's relationship with the United States and with the Asia-Pacific. The course ends with an exploration of the fundamental challenges that face Japan at the turn of the twenty-first century.

Values and Graduate Attributes:

Values:

- V1.** Appreciate the value of critical and analytical thinking in developing an understanding of societies;
V2. Sharpen historical sensibilities in the study of society;
V3. Appreciate and understand the differences that exist between societies and how they inform contemporary cross-cultural interpretations.

Graduate Attributes:

Attribute	Brief Description	Focus
Continuous Learning	Course content and focus on methods sharpen continuous learning in skills and application of knowledge and skills.	Medium
Self Reliance	Learning and assessment provide opportunities for enhanced self-reliance across different modes of assessment	Medium
Engaged Citizenship	Course content and assessment contribute significantly to students' capacities to exercise historical and cultural sensibilities and awareness.	High
Social Responsibility	The course expands consciousness of the extent of diversity in the Asia-Pacific region.	Medium

Learning Task and Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Task	Assessment Type	Weighting
K1, K2, S1, S3, S4, A1	Interpret key event in Japanese history or aspect of Japanese society, culture, politics or economy.	Poster presentation	25-35%
K2, K3, K4, S1, S3, S4, A1, A2	Debating a designated interest in Japan	Group discussion	20-30%
K2, K3, K4, S1, S2, S3, S4, A2, A3	Analyse an aspect of economy, history, politics or culture in postwar Japan	Self-directed research project	30-40%
K2, K3, S2, S4, A1, A3	Appraising course content and skills in a collective environment	Tutorial engagement	5-15%

Adopted Reference Style:

Chicago