

Course Syllabus

Japanese: Intercultural Communication 15 Credits*, Second Cycle

Learning Outcomes

On completion of the course, students will be able to:

- discuss basic concepts, conceptual frameworks, and broader contexts of intercultural communication
- analyse and discuss examples of cross-cultural conflicts in a variety of situations (applying them specifically but not limited to cases involving Japan)
- identify barriers to effective intercultural communication
- display intercultural sensitivity in terms of beliefs, values, and norms
- problematise the concept of intercultural competence.

Course Content

The course focuses on fundamental, conceptual, and practical dimensions of intercultural communication in everyday life that includes social, business and media-driven contexts. Various examples of social interaction in multicultural environments, focusing especially on the Japanese context, will be analysed and discussed in order to develop students' intellectual appreciation for cultural differences and sensitivity regarding intercultural interaction.

Assessment

Active performance in seminars, written assignments, a final paper, and an oral presentation of the final paper.

Forms of Study

Obligatory seminars. The languages of instruction are English and Japanese.

Grades

The Swedish grades A–F.

The final grade for the course is based on an overall assessment by the examiner.

Reporting of grades:

Module 1: Seminars, Written Assignments (10 credits)

Module 2: Paper (5 credits)

Prerequisites

90 credits in the main field of study Japanese, including one of the courses Japanese IV: Cultural Anthropology, 15 credits or Japanese IV: Introduction to Linguistics, 15 credits

Subject:

Japanese

Group of Subjects:

Japanese

Disciplinary Domain:

Humanities, 100%

This course can be included in the following main field(s) of study:

1. Intercultural Literature Studies

Progression Indicator within (each) main field of study:

1. A1N

Approved:

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