

Course Syllabus

Modern Japan: Culture and Society 7.5 Credits*, First Cycle Level 1

Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- display basic knowledge about and explain some aspects of contemporary Japanese culture and society
- discuss different perspectives found in writings about Japan and defend their own opinions about the topics presented in the texts.
- demonstrate basic academic writing ability.

Course Content

In this course, students will examine various aspects of the Japanese society, in the broadest sense of the word, from both insiders' and outsiders' points of view. Giving a broad overview of the Japanese social life, the covered topics include nature, geography, history, economy, society, government and diplomacy, business, education, traditional and modern arts, and language.

Assessment

Grades will be based on class performance, written assignments, a short final paper, and an oral presentation of the final paper.

Forms of Study

The course will be taught in English. Teaching takes the form of lectures, group discussions, and various online activities.

Grades

The Swedish grades U–VG.

Reporting of grades:

Module 1: Seminars and assignments (5 cr)

Module 2: Final paper (2.5 cr)

Prerequisites

General entry requirements and English 6. No knowledge of Swedish is required

Other Information

Previous knowledge of Japanese will be helpful, but is not required.

Replaces JP1043.

Subject:

Japanese

Group of Subjects:

Japanese

Disciplinary Domain:

Humanities, 100%

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

1. Japanese

Progression Indicator within (each) main field of study:

1. G1N

Approved:

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