COURSE DETAIL

JAPANESE SOCIETY
Country Japan
Host Institution International Christian University
Program(s) International Christian University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology
UCEAP Course Number 128
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title JAPANESE SOCIETY
UCEAP Transcript Title JAPANESE SOCIETY
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.70

Course Description

Is Japan a racially and ethnically homogenous nation? Why is it that only a certain kind of "*hafu*" (multiracial) are on TV programs and ads? Why has Japan been ranked around the 120s in the Global Gender Equality Index, year after year? How could a prime minister claim that the “society would change, regrettably” (“*shakai ga kawatteshimau*”) with legal recognition of same-sex marriage in 21st-century Japan? Why are many female high school students in Japan wearing short skirts in the middle of winter, even in freezing temperatures? What is "*karoshi*" and why does it happen? Japan, the only country bombed by an atomic bomb in the world, has not yet joined the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons yet - why is this? Is Japan a part of the West or Asia?

Sociology helps one understand the underlying factors of these questions. This course introduces you to the major aspects of contemporary Japanese society. The course investigates: race and ethnicity; gender and sexuality; education; work and the economy, and politics and nationalism. Through these sociological themes, one should be able to comprehend concrete social issues associated, such as: hate speech and racial discrimination; sexual violence and discrimination; gender tracking and class division in education; visible and invisible foreign workers; and the increasing militarization of society.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
SOC205E

Host Institution Course Title
INTRODUCTION TO JAPANESE SOCIETY

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