

COURSE DETAIL

JAPANESE CULTURE

Country

Japan

Host Institution

Doshisha University

Program(s)

Japanese in Kyoto

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Asian Studies

UCEAP Course Number

100

UCEAP Course Suffix

B

UCEAP Official Title

JAPANESE CULTURE

UCEAP Transcript Title

JAPANESE CULTURE

UCEAP Quarter Units

3.00

UCEAP Semester Units

Course Description

In this class, two instructors, Paie and Takagishi, will teach "Japanese culture" in an omnibus format.

Paie's classes introduce Shinto and Zen Buddhism, the foundation of the Japanese way of thinking and spirituality. The course provides an overview of Shinto; its origin; relationship with Japanese lifestyle, and tradition of festivals. In addition, the course makes the connection between Shinto and martial arts, introducing Sumo and Aikido as Shinto martial arts. Furthermore, the course provides an overview of Japanese Zen Buddhism – the culture, the history and thought of Zen words and Zen paintings. Students will have a zazen experience with a priest from Rinzaï and learn the characteristics of Japanese culture through these experiences.

Takagishi's classes focus on the themes, "Japanese culture around me," "pop culture," and "language." The life of the founder of Doshisha, Jo Nijima, is traced through the themes, "Japanese culture around me," "Kyoto festivals and events," "Japanese kimono and culture," and the "founding spirit of Doshisha." "Pop Culture" deals with "Japanese Manga and Anime" and "Japanese Popular Songs" traces the history of popular songs from the post-war era to the present. By studying the Kansai dialect and young people's language, which are used in the city and on campus as "languages," students will notice the differences from the standard language; learn about the mechanism by which young people's words are created, and the way of thinking of young people in Japan. Through the introduction to various aspects of Japanese culture previously mentioned, students will deepen their understanding of modern Japanese culture.

Language(s) of Instruction

Japanese

Host Institution Course Number

N/A

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Host Institution Campus

Doshisha University

Host Institution Faculty**Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department**

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