Course Number:  
Introduction to Elements of Japanese Society
Credits: 2
Instructor(s): BERSON MAXIME

Keywords: Japanese society, corporate culture, robotization, immigration

Course Description (including Goal and Objectives): Students will be introduced to elements of modern Japanese society with a focus on daily life and some of the issues that Japan will have to face in the near future. Students will be asked to do an individual or group final class presentation on a topic of Japanese society of their own choosing and as such group work outside class will be required. The goal of this class is to gain a broader understanding of contemporary Japan.

Course Schedule:

1. Class introduction and basics on Japanese society
2. Japanese customs I
3. Japanese customs II
4. Japanese corporate culture I
5. Japanese corporate culture II
6. Japan's aging society
7. Japan and robotization
8. Japan and immigration
9. Students' presentation 1
10. Students' presentation 2
11. Students' presentation 3
12. Students' presentation 4
13. Students' presentation 5
14. Students' presentation 6
15. Class conclusion and overall review

Textbook(s): -
Reference(s): -

Grading Method:
- [ ] Final Exam or [ ] Final Report
- Final presentation: 80 %
- Attendance: 20 %

Message to Students: This class is for students who are interested in the day-to-day contemporary Japan from a society point of view more than a pure, traditional cultural one.

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