THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG  
HKU SPACE Community College  
Associate Degree Programmes 2016-17  
Course Document  

Course Title: Contemporary Japanese Society

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Aims and Objective

The course objectives are to introduce students to Japanology and prevalent social issues in Japanese society today.

Intended Learning Outcomes of the Course

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

ILO1. discuss and describe Japanese national and cultural identity and how Japan and the Japanese should be understood;
ILO2. discuss and describe different aspects of contemporary Japanese society including political and legal system; education; feminism; work culture, leisure; and religion;
ILO3. investigate and analyze different social problems in contemporary Japanese society.

Syllabus

1. Introduction to the Japanology and the establishment of the discourse of Japanese-ness.
2. Introduction to Japanese topics: Politics/ Legal System/ Basic Education/ Tertiary Education/ Feminism/ Work culture/ Leisure/ Traditional and New Religion.

Assessment

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Pre-requisite(s)

Nil

Required and Recommended Reading

3. BBC Two. “No sex please, we’re Japanese” http://goo.gl/XqYsw8


(http://www.economist.com/node/17259159/print)


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30. Murakami Haruki, Underground, pp. 9-40


