



This is an abridged sample syllabus. Information is subject to change. Full syllabus will be distributed to registered students when term begins.

JAPN_V 459 - Topics in Japanese Language, Culture, and Society

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This is an advanced Japanese language course combined with analysis of various media in literary, journalistic, and popular genres drawn from history, sociology, cultural studies, etc. Practice in the use of standard reference tools prepares students for independent research in Japanese. The focus for this year is on Japan's indigenous people, the Ainu, covering topics such as Ainu history, art, and the current challenges the Ainu face in Japanese society, while critically connecting and comparing with other indigenous peoples in Canada and other regions and countries.

Students are recommended to complete JAPN 403 prior to JAPN 459. Credit will be granted for only one of JAPN 459 or JAPN 419. Recommended pre-requisites: one of JAPN 301, JAPN 401; and permission from instructor. This course is not eligible for Credit/D/Fail grading.

Mode of Delivery: In Person

Sample Readings

Ainu: History and Present --- For Living Together in Future アイヌ民族：歴史と現在—未来を共に生きるために— by the Foundation for Research and Promotion of Ainu Culture, 2023. Available on Canvas.

Assignments

Final Presentation and Paper|10 and 25

Reflection Presentation|5

Midterm Report|8

Quizzes and Reading Responses|10 and 14

Discussion Leader and Participation|10 and 15

Community Building|3