Course Title	日本の文化と社会Ⅱ（初級）【交換留学生用】
Course Title	Japanese Culture and Society Ⅱ (Beginner)【For exchange students】
Course	Beginner / Level 1
Course Number	
Target students	Exchange students (Undergraduate and Graduate students)
Term / Semester	Fall Semester, Academic Year 2026 (Every Wednesday from September 25 to February 1)
Instructor	Ping SUN
Class Format	✓ In-person classes: all class sessions

Course Objectives and Overview

Language of instruction: Primarily Japanese, with English support provided as needed (PowerPoint slides and handouts include English support).
This course uses active learning to help you better understand Japanese culture and society.
You will improve your Japanese skills while learning about Japan through fun and interactive activities.
Let's enjoy learning about Japanese culture!

Course Schedule

	授業テーマ	内容・方法等	予習／復習	予習・復習に要する時間
1 30-Sep	Orientation Japanese Language and Culture	Lecture Discussion on Japan and Japanese culture Group assignment	＜Preparation＞	Preparation : 50 minutes Review: 50 minutes
2 7-Oct	Topic 1. Learning about Japanese Culture through Anime and Manga (Forms of address, perspectives, and regional dialects)	Lecture (1) Introduction, vocabulary, and activities	＜Preparation＞Class3 ＜Review＞Class1	Preparation : 50 minutes Review: 50 minutes
3 14-Oct	Topic 1. Learning about Japanese Culture through Anime and Manga (Forms of address, perspectives, and regional dialects)	(2) Understanding (3) Discussion, information gathering, and presentation preparation	＜Preparation＞Class4 ＜Review＞Class2	Preparation : 50 minutes Review: 50 minutes
4 21-Oct	Topic 1. Learning about Japanese Culture through Anime and Manga (Forms of address, perspectives, and regional dialects)	(4) Presentations (5) Discussion and reflection	＜Preparation＞Class5 ＜Review＞Class3	Preparation : 50 minutes Review: 50 minutes
5 28-Oct	Topic 2: Japanese Views on Religion (Religion in everyday life, events, and ways of thinking)	Lecture (1) Introduction, vocabulary, and activities	＜Preparation＞Class6 ＜Review＞Class4	Preparation : 50 minutes Review: 50 minutes
6 4-Nov	Topic 2: Japanese Views on Religion (Religion in everyday life, events, and ways of thinking)	(2) Understanding (3) Discussion, information gathering, and presentation preparation	＜Preparation＞Class7 ＜Review＞Class5	Preparation : 50 minutes Review: 50 minutes
7 11-Nov	Topic 2: Japanese Views on Religion (Religion in everyday life, events, and ways of thinking)	(4) Presentations (5) Discussion and reflection	＜Preparation＞Class8 ＜Review＞Class6	Preparation : 50 minutes Review: 50 minutes
8 18-Nov	Topic 3:Japanese Castles and Society (Aesthetic values, views of nature, and history)	Lecture (1) Introduction, vocabulary, and activities	＜Preparation＞Class9 ＜Review＞Class7	Preparation : 50 minutes Review: 50 minutes
9 2-Dec	Topic 3: Japanese Castles and Society (Aesthetic values, views of nature, and history)	(2) Understanding (3) Discussion, information gathering, and presentation preparation	＜Preparation＞Class10 ＜Review＞Class8	Preparation : 50 minutes Review: 50 minutes
10 9-Dec	Topic 3: Japanese Castles and Society (Aesthetic values, views of nature, and history)	(4) Presentations (5) Discussion and reflection	＜Preparation＞Class11 ＜Review＞Class9	Preparation : 50 minutes Review: 50 minutes
11 16-Dec	Topic 4: Japanese Culture in Schools and Workplaces (Comparing what is considered "normal")	Lecture (1) Introduction, vocabulary, and activities	＜Preparation＞Class12 ＜Review＞Class10	Preparation : 50 minutes Review: 50 minutes
12 6-Jan	Topic 4: Japanese Culture in Schools and Workplaces (Comparing what is considered "normal")	(2) Understanding (3) Discussion, information gathering, and presentation preparation	＜Preparation＞Class13 ＜Review＞Class11	Preparation : 50 minutes Review: 50 minutes
13 13-Jan	Topic 4: Japanese Culture in Schools and Workplaces (Comparing what is considered "normal")	(4) Presentations (5) Discussion and reflection	＜Preparation＞Class12 ＜Review＞Class14	Preparation : 50 minutes Review: 50 minutes
14 20-Jan	Summary Final assignment	Summary Final assignment	＜Review＞Class13	Preparation : 50 minutes Review: 50 minutes

Learning Outcomes Minimum Requirements

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:
(1).Acquire basic knowledge about the relationship between the Japanese language and Japanese culture and society.
(2).Understand fundamental aspects of Japanese daily life and society, including housing, culture, food, and disaster prevention.
(3).Express their own opinions and impressions in simple Japanese on topics covered in class.
(4).Compare Japanese culture and society with those of their own country, and think about similarities and differences.
(5).Give a presentation on Japanese culture using simple materials.

Evaluation Method

Grading

Class participation (discussions, worksheets): 20%
Presentations: 40%
Final assignment: 40%

To receive a passing grade in this course, students must satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Students must attend at least two-thirds of the total number of class sessions during the semester (a minimum of 10 sessions).
2. Students must achieve an overall final grade of 60 points or higher.

Grading Criteria

S	Students have achieved at least 60% of Learning Outcomes (1) and (2), and have achieved an average of 90–100% of Learning Outcomes (3)–(5).
A	Students have achieved at least 60% of Learning Outcomes (1) and (2), and have achieved an average of 80–89% of Learning Outcomes (3)–(5).
B	Students have achieved at least 60% of Learning Outcomes (1) and (2), and have achieved an average of 70–79% of Learning Outcomes (3)–(5).
C	Students have achieved at least 60% of Learning Outcomes (1) and (2), and have achieved an average of 60–69% of Learning Outcomes (3)–(5).
F	Students have achieved 59% or below in Learning Outcomes (1) and (2).

Textbook	Book Title / Author(s) / Publisher / ISBN original handouts
Reference Materials	Book Title / Author(s) / Publisher / ISBN
Notes for Students	The pace of the course may be adjusted depending on the number of students and the situation of the class. Making mistakes in Japanese during class is not embarrassing—it is part of learning. Students are encouraged to actively share their thoughts and feelings in Japanese. Let's enjoy learning about Japanese language and culture together!
Feedback on Assignments and Tests	Submitted assignments will be returned with feedback in a later class. Please review the feedback carefully to help reinforce what you have learned.
Office Hours	Chast 2F(LLC) Monday: 11:00–11:45 Tuesday: 12:50–13:35 Thursday: 12:50–13:35 Friday: 11:00–11:45 Please feel free to come .
Method of Contact	mail
Laptop	Please bring it if possible.
Practical Education	
Active Learning Components	PBL ✔ / Discussion / Debate ✔ / Group Work ✔ / Presentation / Practical Training / Fieldwork / Forum Presentations / Experiential Learning / Flipped Classroom / Practical Skills Training / Experiments / Discovery Learning / Research-Based Practice / Project-Based Learning Collaborative Learning / Inquiry-Based Learning / Collaborative Learning / Role Play / Brainstorming / Peer Assessment / Peer Review / Learning Portfolio Bibliobattle / Read-Aloud Activities / Retelling / Book Talk / Teamwork Activities / Planning and Management / Discussion
Notes	Each class session consists of 100 minutes of instruction.