

Double Degrees Subjects

Code	Course Title	Lecturer	Course Description
7950200	Japanese History	Mayuko KAWAKAMI Noriko YAMABE	This course is intended to introduce students to ancient Japanese history as part of the larger framework of Asian history. There will be an emphasis on the diplomatic relationships between Japan and surrounding kingdoms; especially, as this course is offered in Nara, the class will focus on the period when the capital of the nation was located in the region, namely, from the 5th to 8th century, which will offer a useful angle for viewing the subsequent eras until the 13th century. Throughout the course, students will understand Buddhism in terms of its political role in diplomacy. Each class will mainly be based on lectures, and students will have a few occasional opportunities to visit museums, historical sites, and temples, which will provide topics for everyone to discuss.
7950300	Contemporary Japanese Religion	Gentaro MIZUGAKI Yasuhiro MUTO	This course is intended to offer an overall view of contemporary Japanese religion from anthropological and sociological perspectives. About 80% of Japanese people pray at shrines or temples on New Year's day and visit their ancestors' graves in spring, summer, or autumn, although only around 20% of them believe in gods or deities. This fact summarizes the contemporary Japanese's religious situation: acceptance of religious culture and evasion of religion itself. Students will have a better understanding of the religious attitudes and behaviours of Japanese by visiting and discussing some of the established urban or mountain religions, folk and polytheistic beliefs, and new religious movements.
7950500	Tradition in Modern Society	Tadayoshi UCHIDA Nobuhiko OGAWA	How are the 'traditions' of Japan thriving in contemporary society? Are they really old and authentic or not? In this course, we will focus on these questions through geographical and sociological points of view.
7950600	Tourism and Religion	Tadayoshi UCHIDA Yasuhiro MUTO	This course explores the secularization and popularization of religions, folk religions in particular, in conjunction with tourism phenomena.

7950700	Traditional Architecture in Nara and Kyoto	Shunsaku MIYAGI Naohiko YAMAMOTO	This course enhances understanding intrinsic values of traditional built-environment of Japan by focusing primarily on historical architectures, gardens and townscapes in and around Nara and Kyoto. The course includes field trips or site visits to some places of particular interest.
7950800	Architectural and Environmental Engineering in Japan	Atsuo TAKINO Makiko FUJIHARA Tomoko IWATA	Architectural and Environmental Engineering is the study of buildings and building performance in the light of structural engineering such as earthquake response, indoor thermal and lighting environments, building materials, and building maintenance and management. In order to establish a firm understanding of them, the program includes observation tour(s) of actual buildings and/or facilities with regard to HVAC equipment, low emission buildings, building durability, and so on.
7951000	Women in Japan	Etsuko MATSUOKA	The Global Gender Gap Index 2013 by the World Economic Forum shows that Japan ranks as low as 105 among 136 countries. This course illustrates the positions and roles of Japanese women in society using statistics, articles from newspapers, films, and so forth. One reason usually given for this low ranking is the pervasive norm of gender division of labour that exists in every sphere of Japanese society. In this class, we will explore the evidence of gender division of labour functioning at home, at the work place, at school, in politics, etc. Students are expected to employ gender perspectives in understanding women in Japan. Regular attendance and active participation in discussions are emphasized in the class.