



Introduction to Japanese Studies

This course is registered to the JICA Development Studies Program.

- Online class (video lecture)
- Mainly for graduate students; but undergrads are also welcome for auditing.
- Open for both International and Japanese students.

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Do you want to know Japan—society, history, and culture—not as a tourist but as an intellectual with insightful perspectives and deep understanding? Do you want to engage meaningful discussions with experts on Japanese studies and have deep reflections on your own cultures? Join us to embark on an exciting and inspiring journey of learning Japan from a variety of fields in humanities—pre-modern and modern, practice and theory, visual and textual, guided by faculty members at Kyushu University.

The course “Introduction to Japanese Studies” is a JICA-DSP lecture course in English open to all students (JICA students, graduate or undergraduate, Japanese or International) at Kyushu University. Fourteen faculty members from various departments at Kyushu University offer fifteen lectures related to three themes: 1) history and culture of premodern Japan; 2) Japan’s modernization and its social consequences; 3) lessons and experiences of “modern development.” Students will have opportunities to explore Japan from a variety of fields, including linguistics, agriculture, economy, politics, law, literature, history, urban space and visual culture, etc. They will also gain informative and comparative perspectives on their own studies. Students will also benefit from class discussions and reports, sharing their experiences and perspectives, and connecting with the global international community at Kyushu University.

We welcome you to join us on this fruitful journey! Together we make “Introduction to Japanese Studies” a rewarding learning experience!

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