Global Japan Studies
2026 Autumn Semester Courses

2026/09/25

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
I 8:30 ~ 10:10					
II 10:20 ~ 12:00					
III 12:50 ~ 14:30		Education in Japan A (SUEMATSU Hiroki) 【N202 】	ISEP Seminar A (ARISAWA Shino) 【N313】	Sports in Japan (SUZUKI Naoki) 【 N102 】	Education in Japan B (Maehara Kenji) 【S201 】
IV 14:40 ~ 16:20	Multicultural Education in Japan (Omnibus) 【 N302】	Cultural Studies B (IHATA Takaaki) 【S301】		Cultural Diversity of Japan B (ARISAWA Shino) 【S107 】	Traditional Japanese Practices (HARADA Kazuo／Ali FERJANI) 【 N301 】 Japanese Literature (OSAWA Chieko) 【 S102 】
V 16:30 ~ 18:10				Japanese Arts and Crafts KIYONO Yasuyuki 【W301】	

Notes on venues on the campus map

- Rooms S102, S105, etc.: C4 building
- Rooms N102, N104, etc.: C2 building
- Room W301: W4 building

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Campus Map

- Global Japan Studies are conducted in English and anyone with proficient English skills can enroll in these courses. Please review the syllabus for each course carefully and choose any that interests you. However, the ISEP Seminar is exclusively for students enrolled in the International Student Education Program (ISEP), and other students are not allowed to take this course.
- Students may be required to pay their own expenses, such as travel fees and costs for necessary materials. Ask each instructor about an estimated amount.
- The timetable and course syllabi are available on the website of GISEC (Gakugei International Student Exchange Center).

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List of Courses

	Course title University Syllabus Page (URL)	Page in this document or University Syllabus Page (QR code)	Credits
1	ISEP Seminar A (Compulsory for ISEP students, not open to other students)	3	2
2	Education in Japan A (Compulsory for Teacher Training Program students, also open to other students) http://tgusyl.u-gakugei.ac.jp/ext_syllabus/referenceDirect.do?nologin=on&subjectID=241300000006&formatCD=1		2
3	Education in Japan B http://tgusyl.u-gakugei.ac.jp/ext_syllabus/referenceDirect.do?nologin=on&subjectID=241300002019&formatCD=1		2
4	Multicultural Education in Japan http://tgusyl.u-gakugei.ac.jp/ext_syllabus/referenceDirect.do?nologin=on&subjectID=241300002269&formatCD=1		2
5	Cultural Diversity of Japan B http://tgusyl.u-gakugei.ac.jp/ext_syllabus/referenceDirect.do?nologin=on&subjectID=241300001881&formatCD=1		2
6	Japanese Literature http://tgusyl.u-gakugei.ac.jp/ext_syllabus/referenceDirect.do?nologin=on&subjectID=241300000328&formatCD=1		2
7	Cultural Studies B http://tgusyl.u-gakugei.ac.jp/ext_syllabus/referenceDirect.do?nologin=on&subjectID=241300000471&formatCD=1		2
8	Japanese Arts and Crafts http://tgusyl.u-gakugei.ac.jp/ext_syllabus/referenceDirect.do?nologin=on&subjectID=241300001427&formatCD=1		2
9	Sports in Japan http://tgusyl.u-gakugei.ac.jp/ext_syllabus/referenceDirect.do?nologin=on&subjectID=241300001556&formatCD=1		2
10	Traditional Japanese Practices http://tgusyl.u-gakugei.ac.jp/ext_syllabus/referenceDirect.do?nologin=on&subjectID=241300001069&formatCD=1		2

Course title	**ISEP Seminar A**
Instructor	ARISAWA Shino (arisawa@u-gakugei.ac.jp)
Aim and learning goals	♦ Gain broad and diverse understanding of Japanese society and culture. ♦ Develop practical research abilities. ♦ Cultivate critical thinking, planning, investigation, discussion, and presentation skills in both oral and written forms.
Description	This course is **MANDATORY** and **ONLY AVAILABLE** to students enrolled in the **ISEP** (International Student Education Program). Students will undertake individual research projects based on their own academic interests and share their progress through class discussions. Through these discussions, students will exchange ideas and provide constructive feedback to help one another develop and refine their research. Research topics may cover a broad range of areas, including social and cultural issues, arts, literature, politics and education. Throughout the course, students will develop the foundational knowledge and skills necessary to conduct academic research. These include reviewing relevant literature, formulating research questions, selecting appropriate methodologies, and analysing information and evidence and developing and presenting arguments in a critical and logical manner. The course will also include field trips in and around Tokyo, designed to broaden students' understanding of Japanese society and culture. In addition, students will participate in interactive sessions with Japanese schools, providing opportunities to engage with local educational settings and communities.
Textbooks	No specific textbook is required.
Relevant readings	Materials will be provided during class. However, students are also encouraged to independently seek out necessary resources.
Assessment	Weekly assignments 100%
Schedule	Tentative 1. 21 Oct, Introduction to the course 2. 28 Oct (3rd period), Preparation for school visit 3. (4th period), Visit to Kokubunji Elementary School 4. 4 Nov, Individual Study - review of previous research papers 5. 11 Nov, Preparation for school visit 6. 18 Nov, (2 period), Visit to Takehaya Elementary School 7. (3rd period) Visit to Takehaya Elementary School 8. 25 Nov, Individual Study – literature review 9. 2 Dec, Exploring urban culture – destination to be confirmed 10. 9 Dec, Individual Study – exploration of survey methods 11. 16 Dec, Visit to Koganei Elementary School 12. 23 Dec, Individual Study – developing survey methods 13. 6 Jan, Individual tutorials – review of research progress 14. 13 Jan, Individual tutorials – review of research progress 15. 20 Jan, Individual tutorials – review of research progress 16. 27 Jan, Individual tutorials – review of research progress **10 Feb, Individual study final presentations**
Keywords	Japanese society and culture, fieldwork, school visits
Message for students	Dive into the heart of Japan through immersive experiences!