

TUJP Online-Basic Course Description

[20th June -1st July 2022]

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Schedule	Class title:	Instructor(s):	Course objectives and synopsis:
JST 6/20 (Mon.) 8:50-10:20	Orientation & Self-Introduction	GLC Staff	The orientation will give students an introduction to Tohoku University, the program content, schedule, buddy system, and other important points. Also, participants will give a short self-introduction.
JST 6/20 (Mon.) - 6/30 (Thu.)	Japanese Class	Japanese language instructors	In this basic class, students will acquire the linguistic and cultural knowledge needed for student life in Japan. The class uses original videos to provide a "virtual study abroad" experience and teach vocabulary, kanji, and authentic expressions with conversations. It also provides them chances to encounter the diversity of the Japanese language, increase their awareness of using situationally appropriate language, and expand their communicative skills. The program aims to increase student motivation for learning Japanese.
JST 6/22 (Wed.) 8:50-10:20	Japanese Culture A: Ukiyo-e	Elena Fabbretti	This is going to be an introductory course to the Ukiyo-e, the Japanese art of woodblock prints. During the Edo period, Ukiyo-e prints were representations of the "floating world" for ordinary townspeople's enjoyment. We will see some main works of masters, such as Hokusai and Hiroshige, and how their prints influenced Western modern art (Japonism). If there is time left, we might discuss popular prints as art's form and the relations between Eastern and Western art.
JST 6/24 (Fri.) 8:50-10:20	Tutoring Office Hour	International Student Help Desk Staff	Optional Support Opportunities If you have any questions on your studies for TUJP, student tutors from the international student help desk staff, are here to help you. You can request help on the homework from your classes or ask any other questions. Please feel free to drop. No appointment is required. If you do not have any questions, you do not have to come to the sessions.
JST 6/24 (Fri.) 10:30-12:00	Japanese Culture B: Yōkai	Kiya Kaur	This is an introductory course on Japanese "yōkai" (supernatural creatures of Japanese folklore), their perception through the times, and the development of the "kwaidan" culture. We will examine the history of "yōkai" studies in Japan and their classification, and also look into their gender aspect and urbanization. If there is time left, we might also hold a short discussion about ghostly stories.
JST 6/28 (Tue.) 10:30-12:00	Japanese Culture C: Japanese Sake Lecture	Rumi Watanabe	This class will be taught by staff from a famous Japanese sake brewery. In this class, students will learn about the history of sake and how it is made. They will also take a quiz on sake etiquette.
JST 6/30 (Thu.) 8:50-10:20	Japanese Culture D: Anime Production and Visual Style	Olga Kopylova	In this class, we will talk about two Japanese popular media that are now well-known in all parts of the world: anime and manga. More specifically, we will focus on anime and manga visuals. Whenever a popular manga series is adapted into anime, fans start to worry whether the adaptors will change the story, but also – whether their favorite work will look good on screen. In most cases, anime makers try to reproduce the unique style of the adapted manga as close as possible, and yet there are always subtle differences, there are profound failures, and there are cases when the art style is changed completely. I will introduce various reasons for such changes and creative decisions. You will be able to learn more about both media as well as about the specifics of anime and manga production. Ultimately, this should help you to enjoy and appreciate your favorite works even more, but also be aware of the labor that went into making them.

JST 6/22(Wed.) JST 6/25 (Sat.) JST 6/29(Wed.) 10:30-12:00	Intercultural Collaborative Learning & PBL: Smile Project: Collaborative project with Tohoku Univ. students	Kazuko Suematsu	Humor is universal, yet greatly influenced by culture and context. This workshop will help students explore the world of Owarai (comedy), the integral part of Japanese pop culture as well as daily life. While developing Owarai projects with people from diverse cultural backgrounds, you will gain deeper understanding about Japan and also effective strategies in cross-cultural communication and project management.
JST 6/25(Sat.) 8:50-10:20	Intercultural Collaborative Session: Deepening Interactions with Tohoku University Students in TUJP	Yukiko Shimmi	In this session, you will participate in collaborative learning and exchange activities with Tohoku University students who are assisting TUJP students as "Buddies." You will deepen your understanding of Japanese language and culture while making friends, with the aim of enabling future Buddy activities to go more smoothly. Tohoku University student staff will assist with the planning and running of this session
JST 7/1 (Fri.) 8:50-10:20	Introduction of exchange programs and graduate schools in TU: On demand		This session will introduce students to the four Student Exchange Programs offered at the Global Learning Center and to Tohoku University's graduate schools.
JST 7/1 (Fri.) 10:30-12:00	Final Presentation and Closing Ceremony	GLC Staff	Using what they learned during the program, students will prepare a PowerPoint presentation in Japanese. The details of the presentation will be announced in the Japanese language classes. At the closing ceremony, there will be a comprehensive review of the program overall. Participants will make closing remarks, and there will be group photos etc.