

TUJP Online-Basic Course Description

[7th -18th November 2022]

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Schedule	Class title:	Instructor(s):	Course objectives and synopsis:
JST 11/7 (Mon.) 16:20-17:50	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.
11/7(Mon.) — JST 11/18 (Fri.) We use the same URL for all the Japanese language classes	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 11/9 (Tue.) 16:20-17:50	Japanese Culture A: Suzume Odori	Yukiko Shimmi &Midori Kojima	Suzume Odori is a traditional dance of Sendai, which was first performed in 1603. In this session, students will learn about the Suzume Odori's history and outline. In the live session, students will also watch an experienced dancer's performance and then practice dancing together. Before participating in this class, please watch the short Suzume Odori videos and be ready for the performance! Pre-lecture preparation: If possible, please prepare two paper fans for the performance. (It is okay to participate without fans.) If you do not have any fans, you can make them. We will provide sample fans on Google Classroom for the participants. Please print them out and make two fans. They should be light green on one side and orange on the other side. If you have something that you can use as a substitute, that would be fine too.

JST 11/11 (Thu.) 16:20-17:50	Japanese Culture B: Yōkai	Kiya Kaur	This is an introductory course on Japanese “yōkai” culture (supernatural creatures of Japanese folklore), their perception through the times, and the development of the ghostly “kwaidan” stories. 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 to compare Japanese “yōkai” and similar beliefs in other countries.
JST 11/12 (Sat.) 16:20-17:50	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 11/12 (Sat.) 18:00-19:30	Exchange Activity with TU Students (@home)	@home	In this session, we will learn about one of Japan's representative pastimes: origami. Students will make a variety of things by simply folding paper. We will start with methods of folding and simple shapes so anyone can enjoy the class. Besides making origami together, we will do activities to learn about Japanese culture. I look forward to meeting you all!
JST 11/16 (Wed.) 16:20-17:50	Japanese Culture C: Ukiyoe	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 11/18 (Fri.) 16:20-17:50	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 11/18 (Fri.) 18:00-19:30	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 award photo ops.