

**Subject**

Special Topics in International Exchange-Education in Japan [Fall]

**Subject numbering**

INTR1000

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**Number of credits**

2 credit(s)

**Tentative List of Topics to be Presented**

In this course, students learn about the current situation and challenges in school education, focusing on Japan. Many of the students are exchange students from various countries. As such, students also undertake a comparative study of the differences between their home country and Japan in terms of the school education system, teachers' work style, and the competencies required of students.

1. Explain the current situation and challenges of school education in Japan.
2. Explain the differences between the school education systems in Japan and their home countries.

I will let you know if you need to prepare for a class. Please work on your own to review what you have learned in class.

1. Introduction
2. Overview of school education system in Japan
3. Significance of School Education
4. Current Situation and Challenges in School
5. Teachers' working styles in Japan
6. Long-term non-attendance of school (Futôkô)
7. Student Guidance and Counselling in Japan
8. Social withdrawal (Hikikomori)
9. Midterm Reflection
10. Bukatsudô (Extracurricular club sports activities in schools)
11. Job-Hunting for university students in Japan
12. Group Work and Presentation 1
13. English Education in Japan
14. Group Work and Presentation 2
15. Final Reflection

**Evaluation**

Examination: %

Report: 40%

Others: 60%

- 1.Attendance and Participation 40%
- 2.Short Writing Assignment 40%
- 3.Presentation 19%

**Textbooks & Suggested References****Keywords****Class Time**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> period