

Course Title	Introduction to Community in Japan
Instructor	YUNOUE Chiharu
Course Description	<p>What is community in Japan? This course will introduce a wide variety of topics on community building/rebuilding efforts and community-based problem solving in Japan. Many neighborhoods in Japan are facing challenges related to urbanization, aging, depopulation, isolation, and other issues. In addition, we have experienced natural disasters, such as the Great East Japan Earthquake. In this course, we will explore various strategies by people and organizations to overcome these challenges, and consider what makes neighborhoods vibrant, inclusive, and healthy. We will also think about community-based support for the elderly and their family in the super rapid aging society.</p>
Objectives	<p>This course aims to raise students' interest in community, and broaden their understanding of community-based strategies. The students will develop critical awareness of challenges of modern Japanese community, and use their knowledge to consider various issues. The course wishes to provide students with opportunities to consider the way to overcome hardships in neighborhoods in the future.</p>
Method of Instruction	<p>The course uses a seminar format to enhance mutual learning through combination of lectures, class and small group discussions. Students are expected to participate in discussions on lectures, articles, a variety of visual materials, and student presentations.</p>
Class Preparation	<p>Students need to read articles (handouts) before class, and review lectures after class. Also, pay attention to updated news and collect newspaper articles related to issues on community and community-based strategies in Japan.</p>
Textbook	<p>Not used. Taking into account the various academic specialties of students, the course will use print-outs (handouts) of various articles from academic books, newspaper articles, and academic papers. To gain further understanding of cases, we also use visual materials including photos and videos which the instructor acquired</p>

	through her field work in many places in Japan.		
Reference Books	<p>You do NOT need to buy any books for the course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ronald, Richard &amp; Alison Alexy. ed. <i>Home and Family in Japan: Continuity and transformation</i>. New York: Routledge, 2011.</li> <li>• Sorensen, A. &amp; Funck, C. ed. <i>Living Cities in Japan: Citizens' movement, machizukuri and local environment</i>. New York: Routledge, 2007.</li> </ul>		
Course Outline (individual classes)			
1	Guidance and Introduction	16	METHOD OF FIELDWORK AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS (2): Lecture and Presentation
2	Guidance and Introduction	17	FROM URBAN PLANNING TO "MACHIZUKURI" (1): Lecture and Class Discussion
3	NATURAL DISASTER AND COMMUNITY(1): Lecture	18	FROM URBAN PLANNING TO "MACHIZUKURI"(2): Lecture and Presentation
4	NATURAL DISASTER AND COMMUNITY(2): Class and Group discussion	19	INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY (1) : Lecture and Class discussion
5	USING TOOLS TO REVITALIZE COMMUNITY(1): lecture	20	INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY (2) : Lecture and Presentation
6	USING TOOLS TO REVITALIZE COMMUNITY(2): Class and Group discussion	21	RETHINKING OF THE CORE OF COMMUNITY (1): Lecture and Class discussion
7	AGING AND COMMUNITY: Community-based elder care (1) Lecture	22	RETHINKING OF THE CORE OF COMMUNITY (2): Lecture and Presentation
8	AGING AND COMMUNITY: Community-based elder care (2) Class and group discussion	23	SOCIALLY VULNERABLE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY (1): Lecture and Class discussion
9	LIVABLE COMMUNITY (1) Lecture	24	SOCIALLY VULNERABLE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY (2):

			Lecture and Presentation
10	LIVABLE COMMUNITY (2) Class and Group discussion	25	BUILDING /REBUILDING COMMUNITY (1): Lecture and Class discussion
11	ROLE OF OUTSIDERS OF COMMUNITY (1) Lecture	26	BUILDING /REBUILDING COMMUNITY (2): Lecture and Presentation
12	ROLE OF OUTSIDERS OF COMMUNITY (2) Class and Group discussion	27	THINKING OF COMFORTABLE COMMUNITY (1) Lecture SHORT PAPER # 2 DUE
13	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN COMMUNITY Lecture SHORT PAPER #1 DUE	28	THINKING OF COMFORTABLE COMMUNITY (2) Lecture and Presentation
14	Midterm Exam	29	Final Exam
15	METHOD OF FIELDWORK AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS (1): Lecture and Class discussion	30	REVIEW SESSION
Evaluation Ratio			
Class Evaluation	30%	Exam	25%
		Report	30%
		Others	15%
(Others Evaluation) Details	There are four required components of grades: participation in discussion (30%), two exams (multiple choice) (25%) , two short term papers (5-7pages) ( 15%×2=30% ), and presentation(15%).		
Particular Note	This course wishes students to enjoy learning about community/neighborhood in Japan together. Through your experience of living in Japan, let us consider how to create comfortable community. The course also introduces the life styles both in urban and rural settings by using visual materials. No prerequisite. <u>All people in the class are expected to maintain a respectful attitude toward others.</u>		
Professor Contact Hours	Office Hours: by appointment, on Tuesdays Email: The instructor's email address will be announced in class		