

Faculty	Faculty of International and Political Studies
Unit conducting module	Institute of Middle and Far Eastern Studies
Course unit title	Contemporary Japanese Society in Anthropological Perspective
Course unit code	MK_8
Language of instruction	English
Course objectives and learning outcomes	<p>EK1: Knows and understands basic issues on nation making processes [K_W01+][K_W09++]</p> <p>EK2: Has knowledge on social and some rudimentary economic processes determining development of international relations in the region [K_W01+] [K_W08+]</p> <p>EK3: Can do a basic research, analyze data, synthesize information, prepare basic presentation [K_U02+][K_U03+][K_U09+][K_U10+][K_K02+] [K_K03+] [K_K06+]</p> <p>EK4: During discussion can present knowledge based opinions, exchange them, defend his thesis [K_U02+][K_U04+][K_U09+][K_K01+][K_K02+]</p>
Type of course unit (compulsory/optional)	compulsory
Year of study (if applicable)	
Semester	summer
Teacher responsible	dr Joanna Guzik
Name of examiner	dr Joanna Guzik
Mode of delivery (face-to-face, distance learning)	classes
Prerequisites	none
Delivery length	30 hours
Number of ECTS credits allocated	5 ECTS
Estimation of the student workload needed in order to achieve expected learning outcomes	<p>Participation in classes – 30 h</p> <p>Preparation for classes: reading texts and analysis of statistical data from electronic databases – 90 h</p> <p>Preparation for the final exam – 30 h</p> <p>Total – 150 h (5 ECTS)</p>
Teaching & learning methods	Explanation of topics is given during classes, which are visualised by power point presentations, press news, statistical data, commercials and so on. During each classes two student are required to prepare a presentation on the due text. After the presentation, there will be a discussion on the given text in the group.
Assessment methods and criteria; course grading	<p>Assessment based on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation (40%) 2. Participation in discussions connected with the due texts (40%) 3. Final exam in a form of a test (20%)
Form and conditions for the award of a credit	<p>Attendance: Students must attend all course meetings (medical or any other legitimate reasons of absence are honored).</p> <p>Readings: Students must read materials distributed to students during the previous meeting.</p> <p>Exam: in order to pass the exam students must earn minimum 60% of points.</p>
Course topics	<p>Topics in the course include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the construction of a Japanese national identity, (nihonjinron), 2. interpersonal relations in the contemporary society, 3. educational system, 4. gender, family and work, 5. social relations and identity in the urban context, 6. ritual, festivity and religious practice, 7. minorities in Japan.
Recommended and required reading	<p>Obligatory reading:</p> <p>Yoshio Sugimoto, <i>An Introduction to Japanese Society</i>, Cambridge University Press, 2014.</p> <p>“Classics” in the anthropology of Japan samples carefully chosen from books, e.g. by: Nakane, Benedict, Tobin, Fukuzawa, Hester.</p>
Duration, rules, and form of work placement(s)/internship, if envisaged by programme of study	None