

**Seigakuin University Course Descriptions for the
Japan Studies Program: Fall Semester 2009**

I. Courses taught in English: Non-native speakers of English can enroll only with the permission of the teacher.

1. Japanese Economy Today (4 credits)

This is a course on the current situation of the Japanese economy and its prospective future, noting potential changes and the direction in which it may move. The purpose of the course is for students to gain an understanding of the present condition of the Japanese economy and develop a view of its prospects through analysis of the formation of the postwar Japanese economy, the loci of its development, and the particulars of Japan's economic policies and institutions.

2. Intercultural Communication between Japan and the U.S.A. – B (4 credits)

This course reviews the concepts of intercultural communication covered during the first semester, specifically those that apply directly to Japan and America. The cultural differences between these two countries are highlighted and the implications for intercultural communication delineated, with particular emphasis placed upon the development of intercultural competence at the individual level.

3. The Japanese View of Nature and Landscape Architecture (2 credits)

Gardens are a reflection of a people's view of both nature in particular and life as a whole. When we learn to appreciate gardens, we come close to the designer's view of nature or the sense of values behind the garden's layout.

Furthermore, we may gain a religious perspective from certain types of gardens, as in the case of Zen Buddhism and the rock gardens of Japan, which are quite different from the flower gardens of the West.

Gardens well represent the relationship between man and nature. Thus, we may learn a variety of views of nature among racial, ethnic, and religious groups from the study of the gardens of the world. Through this, we can achieve a better and more profound understanding of Japan through the study of its unique gardens.

II. Courses open only to students whose native language is not Japanese; taught in simplified Japanese.

1. a. **日本語研修(留学生用)C [Japanese Language Study – C] (2 credits)**

b. **日本語研修 (留学生用) D [Japanese Language Study – D] (2 credits)**

2. **日本事情入門(留学生用)B [Introduction to Data (Information) on Japan – B] (2 credits)**

Note: The content of the language courses in Section II above ("Japanese Language Study – C

& D” and “Introduction to Data on Japan – B”) is the same as what is taught in the Spring Semester. Courses will only be offered if students from our American sister schools are participating in the Fall Semester JSP.

III. Regular course taught in Japanese. JSP students may enroll only with the permission of the teacher.

1. 書道(初級) [Calligraphy (Beginning)] (2 credits) [Komuro]

Note: All classes are 90 minutes each; 2-credit classes meet once per week, and 4-credit classes meet twice per week. The exception is the 2-credit Calligraphy class, which is taught in two 90-minute periods back-to-back on the same day.

(Courses subject to change.)