

# 63010 READINGS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES I

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is designed for students of IJ500 and IJ600 to provide practice in the skills needed to read various articles in newspapers and magazines in order to provide access to accurate information about the real Japan and the Japanese people today. Topics for the readings are chosen mainly by the students in the class, with all course work conducted in Japanese. Please note that auditing is not permitted for this course.

## **COURSE SCHEDULE**

The mechanics of Japanese news articles:

- Newspaper layout
- Relationship between headline and story
- Vocabulary and expressions
- Various text types
- Structure of articles

Activities for developing language skills:

- Skimming and scanning
- Reading for central ideas
- Summarizing content
- Discussing the issue contained in the article
- Oral presentation
- Writing a paper

## **TEXTS**

*Textbook:* None

Articles from newspapers and magazines are provided.

*Supplementary Materials*

Relevant articles are assigned by the instructor.

## **ASSESSMENT**

Attendance and class participation 40%; Oral presentation 30%; Report 30%