

63020 READINGS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES II

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to help students of IJ600 and IJ700 to develop the skills needed to read various articles in newspapers and magazines and to allow them access to accurate information about the real Japan and the Japanese people today. Topics for readings are chosen mainly by the students, and all course work is 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 the 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 20%; Report 40%