

110-317 Social Problems in Japan

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Undergraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus. .
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 2.5-hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: .
Prerequisites:	Any two second-year subjects from the core subjects listed in the Asian studies major or equivalent. For pre-2008 students: Usually 50 points of 1st year study in the Faculty of Arts.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	.
Non Allowed Subjects:	.
Core Participation Requirements:	.
Coordinator:	Dr C Stevens
Subject Overview:	This subject aims to prepare students for more specialised studies in Japanese society and culture. The subject offers interdisciplinary views of the political, economic, religious and cultural ideologies which foster inequality between different social groups in Japan. Students should become aware of the heterogeneous aspects of Japanese society, as well as the public and private institutions that deal with these issues, such as ethnicity, caste and disability. The subject will also include an examination of the relevant institutions (such as the family registry system, employment protection laws and social welfare programs) which promote or attack prejudice against heterogeneous social groups.
Assessment:	seminar participation (on going) 10%; a seminar presentation and reflexive essay (on going; 500 words) 20%; essay plan (mid semester; 1000 words) 20%; and a final essay (beginning of exam period; 2500 words) 50%
Prescribed Texts:	Materials supplied by the Institute.
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Breadth Options:	This subject is a level 2 or level 3 subject and is not available to new generation degree students as a breadth option in 2008. This subject or an equivalent will be available as breadth in the future. Breadth subjects are currently being developed and these existing subject details can be used as guide to the type of options that might be available. 2009 subjects to be offered as breadth will be finalised before re-enrolment for 2009 starts in early October.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # written communication through essay writing and seminar discussion; # research through competent use of the library, and other information sources and the definition of areas of inquiry and methods of research; # attention to detail through essay preparation and writing; # time management and planning through managing and organising workloads for recommended reading, essay and assignment completion;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"># public speaking through tutorial and seminar discussion and class presentations;# critical thinking and analysis through recommended reading, essay writing and tutorial discussion, and by determining strength of an argument.
Notes:	Formerly available as 110-121 and 110-447 Social Problems in Japan. Students who have completed 110-121 or 110-447 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.
Related Course(s):	Bachelor of Arts Diploma in Arts (Asian Studies) Graduate Diploma in Arts (Asian Studies)