

SAN JOSE CITY COLLEGE - Course Outline Date: September 19, 1991

Soc. 32: JAPANESE PEOPLE, BEHAVIOR & CULTURE

Thursdays, 6:30-9:45 pm, GE 121

Instructor: George Wilson (Daytime TEL. 415/434-0800)

Required Course Textbook: UNDERSTANDING JAPANESE SOCIETY, by Joy Hendry. Croom Helm, 1987, paperback.

Recommended Books for Additional Reading: DISCOVER JAPAN, Vol. 1, Words, Customs and Concepts. Kodansha, 1989 (3rd printing), paperback.

JAPANESE CULTURE AND BEHAVIOR, Selected Readings, edited by Takie Sugiyama Lebra & William P. Lebra. University of Hawaii, 1986 (revised edition), paperback.

<u>Class Meeting Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
09/19/91	Physical Setting; Historical Sketch - Hendry, pp. 7-18 (xeroxed)
09/26/91	Historical Sketch (continued); People - readings from xeroxed materials
10/03/91	Origin & Characteristics of Culture - Hendry, pp. 21-36, 38-51
10/10/91	Culture (continued); Language - Hendry, pp. 53-68, 70-85
10/17/91	Religion, Thoughts, Values & Beliefs - Hendry, pp. 103-117, 120-133
10/24/91	Religion, Thoughts, Values & Beliefs (continued); Education; Discussion of Midterm - Hendry, pp. 86-102
10/31/91	MIDTERM
11/07/91	Economics - Hendry, pp. 135-150
11/14/91	Economics (continued); Law & Government - Hendry, pp. 169-183
11/21/91	Law & Government (continued) - Hendry, pp. 185-198
11/28/91	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - NO CLASS
12/05/91	Sports & Leisure; Cuisine; Music; Fine Arts - Hendry, pp. 152-167
12/12/91	Japanese-Americans; Discussion of Final - readings from xeroxed materials
12/19/91	FINAL

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Content of Class Meetings: Class meetings will consist of lectures; discussion; student presentations; and audio-visual resources.

Required Readings: Required readings for the course will be from the textbook, UNDERSTANDING JAPANESE SOCIETY, as indicated. The instructor will also provide certain xeroxed materials during class meetings for additional reading.

Grading: The final grade will be based on --

Classroom participation & discussion 15%  
(Attendance is mandatory. Each student will be required to make a 10-minute oral presentation of an aspect of Japanese culture.)

Midterm 35%

Final 50%

Testing: The midterm and final exams will be made up of multiple choice, true-false, short answer and essay questions. (Essays will be required to meet the minimum San Jose City College length of 3 well-developed paragraphs.)

Office Hours: The instructor will generally be available by telephone to answer questions during weekday mornings at (415) 434-0800, as well as during the 20-minute break in the middle of each class meeting (at approximately 7:45 pm). The instructor will also end class at around 9:30 p.m. to allow for 10 minutes of office hours.