

Japanese Education, Society and Culture Research Course (Asahikawa Campus)

1. Outline

A course that studies the interaction between Japanese education and Japanese society and culture. Students would engage in research in their specialization while being affiliated with either the elementary or junior high education majors.

Students would be able to choose among a wide variety of learning opportunities, including strong offerings in Japanese calligraphy and arts and programs to study the geology, ecology, and environment of Hokkaido.

2. Course Offerings

Students will be required to register for a total of 7 or more subjects from the following areas: below.

(1) Classes for International Students (2 Courses (Required))

Contemporary Japanese Society – In this class, students will learn about the geography and history of Asahikawa and Hokkaido.

Japanese Language and Culture – This is a Japanese language class for international students that also touches on Japanese culture and education.

(2) Study Group in the Student's Specialization (1 Course (Required) non-credit activity)

Students will participate in the academic and social life of their specialization by joining a study group.

(3) Elective Subjects (4 or More Courses)

International students should take four or more courses at the Asahikawa campus based on their own interests. In the past students have taken courses as diverse as Japanese language, literature, calligraphy and skiing and kendo. (Students should decide the specific courses in consultation with their academic advisors here and the instructors for each class).

3. Program Offerings (These programs are offered but not required)

(It is also possible to use these programs to fulfill the course requirements as (2)-2 and (2)-3).

- Japanese Culture and Arts (a program to study Japanese calligraphy, military arts, and other arts and culture)

- Japanese Language and Literature (a program to study Japanese language and literature, and Japanese society)
- Special Needs Education in Japan (a program to study special education in Japan)
- Geology and Ecology in Hokkaido (a program to study the geology, ecosystem, and environment of Hokkaido)

4.Experiences

- Visiting and interaction with local schools.
- Experiencing different aspects of Japanese culture (such as participating in a tea ceremony or *ikebana*)
- Trekking in Daisetsuzan National Park