

Course Description Form

Course number and section: JPST370
Course Topic: Japanese Food Culture
Credits: 3

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Course Description:

Japanese cuisine (Washoku) has been gaining recognition and popularity over the last decade. Since its inscription in UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List in 2013, an ever-increasing number of people around the world have become familiar with Japanese food and its characteristics. In this course, students will explore various aspects of Japanese food and food culture through its historical development and critically analyze the phenomena and food related activities that we see today.

Tentative Reading List:

Cwiertka, Katarzyna. *Modern Japanese Cuisine: Food, Power and National Identity*. Reaktion, 2006.

Ohnuki-Tierney, Emiko. *Rice as self: Japanese Identities Through Time*. Princeton University Press, 1993.

Solt, George. *Untold History of Ramen: How Political Crisis in Japan Spawned a Global Food Craze*. University of California Press, 2014.