Course Description:
This course is an introduction to Japanese linguistics in sociocultural context. It will be of interest to international students who are interested in the sociocultural aspects of the language, as well as to native speakers of Japanese who aim to research Japanese linguistics or to teach Japanese as a second language. The course covers a wide range of theoretical and empirical perspectives and many examples of each phenomenon. Classes will consist of lectures, discussions, presentations, and a final paper.

Textbooks:
Textbooks and materials will be provided in class.

Reference Books:
A list of references will be provided in class.

Course Plan:
1 Introduction
2 Language and Culture
3 Language and Culture
4 Ellipsis
5 Ellipsis
6 Transitives
7 Transitives
8 States vs Actions
9 States vs Actions
10 Pragmatics
11 Pragmatics
12 Research Presentations
13 Research Presentations
14 Quiz, Final review
Other Final report

Lecturer's Comments to Students:
Prerequisite: Enrollment in or completion of a K5 level Japanese language course (JLPT, N3 level), or similar, or high proficiency in Japanese.

The number of students in the course is capped at 25. Attendance at the first session is mandatory. If the number of students exceeds the limit, selection will be made by lottery in the first session.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at iokugawa@keio.jp

Method of Evaluation:
Attendance (20%); Participation (20%); Study Guide (10%); Quiz (10%); Research presentations (20%); Final report (20%)