

## Keio University Syllabus and Timetable

**SOCIOLINGUISTIC ISSUES AND MODERN JAPANESE**

<b>Lecturer(s)</b>	SUZUKI, RIE
<b>Credit(s)</b>	2
<b>Academic Year/Semester</b>	2023 Fall
<b>Day/Period</b>	Wed.2
<b>Campus</b>	Mita
<b>Classroom</b>	464
<b>Class Format</b>	Face-to-face classes (conducted mainly in-person)
<b>Registration Number</b>	89391
<b>Faculty/Graduate School</b>	INTERNATIONAL CENTER
<b>Year Level</b>	2, 3, 4
<b>Course Description</b>	A course to aim to observe and discuss various aspects of Japanese language usage in relation to culture and society.
<b>K-Number</b>	CIN-CO-00113-212-02

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**Course Contents/Objectives/Teaching Method/Intended Learning Outcome**

Whatever language we use, how we speak and write to others will reveal many aspects of ourselves, such as what we are, how we see a situation we are in, and how we treat others, etc. In this course, you will observe and discuss various aspects of Japanese language usage in relation to culture and society. By doing this in comparison to language usage seen in different cultures and societies and writing a final paper on one phenomenon describing Japanese language usage, you will explore what Japanese people living in this contemporary society are actually doing through their communicative practice.

**Course Plan****Lesson 1**

Introduction

**Lesson 2**

The scope of Sociolinguistics

**Lesson 3**

Standard language and dialect

**Lesson 4**

Language and gender

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## **Lesson 5**

Language and age

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## **Lesson 6**

Language and register

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## **Lesson 7**

Language and politeness

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## **Lesson 8**

Language and conversation

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## **Lesson 9**

Multilingualism

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## **Lesson 10**

Linguistic landscapes 1

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## **Lesson 11**

Linguistic landscapes 2

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## **Lesson 12**

Preparation for your final paper

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## **Lesson 13**

Preparation for your final paper

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## **Lesson 14**

Presentation Day

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## **Other**

Fieldwork

### **Method of Evaluation**

1. Attendance and participation (45%)
2. Presentation (20%)
3. Final paper and its related activity (35%)

### **Textbooks**

Materials will be provided through the course page.

### **Reference Books**

Coulmas, F. (2013). *Sociolinguistics: The study of speakers' choices*. 2nd edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.  
Coupland, N. and Adam Jaworski, A. (1997). *Sociolinguistics: A Reader and Coursebook*. (Palgrave Modern

Linguistics). New York: Palgrave.

Wardhaugh, R. and Fuller, J. M. (2014). An Introduction to Sociolinguistics (Blackwell Textbooks in Linguistics). 7th edition.

## Lecturer's Comments to Students

- **This course will be offered on a face-to-face basis.** Further details of the course organization will be explained in the first session.

- **This course is designed both for international students and for local students.** You will be expected to actively share your opinions and views with your classmates, both in class and online.

- **Relatively high proficiency in Japanese (above upper-intermediate level (e.g. above N2, Keio Level 6)) would be required for discussing covered issues.**

- **The number of students for this course is limited to 24. Those who wish to take this course are required not only to register the course via Academic Affairs Web System but also to fill out a questionnaire by 16:45 on September 28th (JST), by logging in Google Forms with their Keio accounts and using the link: <https://forms.gle/4Zn4rtU2t23EGCHc8>**

A selection will be made based on the information provided through the questionnaire.

## Question/Comments

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at [riesuzuki@keio.jp](mailto:riesuzuki@keio.jp)