

Course Title : Let's Talk about Japanese Films

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Course Description:

The goal of this course is to explore methodologies for analyzing films throughout the semester. Each class will repeat the three steps of viewing, discussing, and analyzing Japanese films. Throughout the course, students will deepen their knowledge of Japanese cinema and, moreover, develop methodologies for talking about it. In the class, students will watch 10 selected films from the history of Japanese cinema, and in addition, the entire class will visit two movie theaters in Kyoto City to view the latest Japanese films. At the end of the semester, students will find their most favorite Japanese film, analyze it, and submit it as their final paper.