

DEST301

Ecology and Community Sustainability in Northern Japan: Ainu and Japanese Collaboration

Spring 2023

Location: Nibutani, Shiraoui, and Sapporo in Hokkaido, Japan

Date of Departure: June 3, 2023 (tentative)

Date of Return: June 17, 2023 (tentative)

Pre-Departure Class in Calgary: March 24, April 28, May 8, 10, and 12 (tentative)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course covers community building and development in the northern area, specifically focusing on the human-environment relationship of the Ainu, an Indigenous group in Hokkaido, northern Japan. We will visit two communities in central Hokkaido: Nibutani and Shiraoui. Nibutani is a small community with a population of about 400. Local Ainu descendants established a National Trust forest to maintain their connection to their traditional territories. In Shiraoui (pop. about 16,000), community workers help local inhabitants, Ainu and non-Ainu, rediscover the values of the natural bounty they have in the town. We will look into the process in which the reestablishment of the human-environment relationship help form and shape community identity. At the end of the study trip, we will have a workshop at Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Hokkaido. The challenge facing the communities is similar to the challenge of communities in other northern countries like Canada. After this course, students can relate what they learn from this course to community development in Canada.

COURSE GOALS (LEARNING OUTCOMES)

This course aims to introduce issues surrounding the Ainu, Indigenous people in Hokkaido, northern Japan, such as the history of internal colonialism, its lasting influence, and cultural revitalization among Ainu communities.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

- understand the history of the Ainu in Japan
- understand the Ainu relationship to the land (the political factor to make their human-environment relationship complex).
- understand the recent shift in the government policy toward the Ainu and the Ainu's cultural revitalization
- compare the Ainu's contemporary situation with that of other Indigenous communities in the northern region.

COURSE FORMAT

This course consists of pre-departure classes, the tour to Japan, and after-tour classes.

Pre-departure classes

- *Classes in February and March*
- We will meet community people in Shiraoi via Zoom. Shiraoi residents and we introduce ourselves, introduce our communities to each other, and develop curiosity and questions on each other's towns.
- Classes in May
- Lectures on community development; the making questions on community people in Nibutani and Shiraoi (See "Methods of Evaluation" below); and discussion on community development
- In-class exam (60 min.) in the afternoon of the final class (May 12, 1-3 PM), so students have two exams on the exam day.

Tour to Nibutani and Shiraoi

- Visiting Hokkaido; Meet residents of the two communities; Exploring the towns with local people (with translators); and discussing with residents on community development.
- Discussion
- Group presentation

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

TBA

PREREQUISITE

NO

METHODS OF EVALUATION

Pre-departure assignment	10%	Group work	The making of a list of questions to the communities/
In-class exam	10%	Essay-format, 60 min., In the afternoon of the final session (May 12), 1-3PM	At the same time as the in-class exam of ANTH399
Group activities during the tour	30%	Participation in discussion and group work	
Group presentation	40%	Oral presentation (with visual aid if necessary)	
Participation	10%		

GRADING SCHEME

A+	100–94.9%	A	94.8–89.9%	A-	89.8–84.9%
B+	84.8–79.9%	B	79.8–74.9%	B-	74.8–70.9%
C+	70.8–66.9%	C	66.8–62.9%	C-	62.8–58.9%
D+	58.8–54.9%	D	54.8–49.9%	F	49.8% and below

COURSE POLICIES

Cell Phone and Laptop Policy

Cell phones must be turned off during the class except when in use for Top Hat (see below). Laptops and tablets should be used only for taking notes. Since the screens can be distracting to students sitting behind, if you wish to use your laptop or tablet please sit toward the back of the class.

Email Policy

In any email correspondence please begin with the course code (DEST301) in the subject line along with the subject of your message. Most of the time, you can expect a reply to an email within 24 hours. Please do NOT expect and immediate reply. You should also know that I only rarely reply to emails evenings or weekends. Also I will not reply to emails that are not signed at least with your first name.

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A student who is absent from a test for legitimate reasons must discuss an alternative course of action with the instructor. Deferral of the final exam requires Registrar approval. The instructor at their discretion may transfer the percentage weight for the test to the final examination, if there is a final examination in the course, set another test, etc. Deferred exams may be

in a different format than the regularly scheduled exam, e.g. essay style questions instead of multiple choice questions.

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Support and Resources:

Non-course-specific related information can be found on the Office of the Registrar's website: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines>

Note: information here includes

- Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points
- Wellness and Mental Health Resources
- Student Success Centre
- Student Ombuds Office
- Student Union (SU) Information
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