Introduction to Japanese Society (October 2020) Grading Rubric

Using the following points system, all students will receive a raw score out of 100. This determines students' rankings within the class. Grades are then distributed according to university guidelines for GPA.

Weekly Quizzes (60%)

Complete the weekly quizzes using the learning app Socrative. The quiz is available from 12:30 to 16:00 on the day of class. Each quiz is worth 10 points. Your best six scores will be used. The quiz questions are provided in the webpage for on-demand materials each week. The points distribution is as follows:

	Fail	C (sub-standard)	B (standard)	A (excellent)
Class text (Hendry) chapter commentary	0	1	2	3
Class text (Statistical Handbook) chapter commentary	0	1	2	3
On-demand materials commentary	0	1	2	4

Tutorial Sessions (10%)

Students should attend two tutorial sessions. Tutorial sessions are small group discussions held during class time.

	Fail	C (sub-standard)	B (standard)	A (excellent)
Tutorial Session 1	0	1	3	5
Tutorial Session 2	0	1	3	5

Active Learning Hours Portfolio (30%)

During the course, you will write an Active Learning Hours Portfolio (ALHP). The portfolio comprises summaries of five academic articles, and commentary on them. The articles you can read are in the section "Active Learning Hours Articles" on the class website. All instructions are in the ALHP template, which can be downloaded from the class website.

Submission: Submit your ALHP by email as a PDF file by 11 December (earlier submissions are welcomed/encouraged).

Grading: Points are given for the seven parts of the ALHP. Introduction (about your reading strategy, 5 points), article summaries (4 points x 5), commentary (5 points). Completing the ALHP at the standard level is 21 points.

	Fail	C (sub-standard)	B (standard)	A (excellent)
Introduction	0	1	3	5
Article 1	0	1	3	4
Article 2	0	1	3	4
Article 3	0	1	3	4
Article 4	0	1	3	4
Article 5	0	1	3	4
Commentary	0	1	3	5

Recommended Study Method

It is strongly recommended that you read the assigned chapter from *Understanding Japanese Society* and the chapter from the *Statistical Handbook of Japan* in the week before class for homework. Try to watch the video lecture in advance and prepare those answers, too. Prepare your answers to the Socrative quiz questions in a Word file. Then paste the answers into Socrative when you access the quiz (12:30-16:00 on the day of class). This also means you keep a record of your answers.

IMPORTANT: Log in to Socrative only ONCE to paste your answers. Logging in multiple times makes it much more difficult to manage the hundreds of assignments that will be submitted during this course.

On-demand materials for the following week will become available soon after the current week's quiz has finished. So, materials for Week 03 become available after 16:00 on Friday of Week 02 etc.

During the Q&A sessions and in Tutorial Sessions, please be proactive in asking questions and joining the discussion. However, in a class of this size the time that each person can talk is limited. Do not monopolise the discussion and prevent others from asking questions.