

## **Discussion Class Course Outline**

### **Course Description**

This discussion course gives students a chance to talk about a variety of topics in greater detail and depth than in a communication class.

Students will gain a deeper understanding of personal, local, and international topics and events through guided pair and group discussion.

In addition to improving their speaking and listening skills, students will learn new English vocabulary and grammar, and how to discuss topics in English by sharing opinions and disagreeing with what they hear in a constructive manner.

### **Learning Outcomes**

- Students will learn how to discuss and argue in English.
- Students will learn the cultural differences between how Japanese discuss topics and how native English speakers discuss and debate topics.
- Students will learn how to support and defend their opinions
- Students will have a broader understanding of issues that trouble society today both nationally and internationally

### **Course Content**

- Topics that cover personal and family life
- National interest topics
- Global issues
- Vocabulary, idioms and phrases need for discussion and debate in English
- January discussion task
- Three presentations in pairs
  - the class will be divided into pairs
  - each pair will research a topic from a list supplied by the instructor and present it to another pair

### **Grading Criteria**

Weekly discussion sheets	30%
Three presentations	30%
Vocabulary quizzes	30%
Final discussion task	10%