## "Be Better, Together" Japanese Studies Curriculum Development across CUNY



## Japan Society: Incorporating a NYC Institution Into Your Syllabus

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## **Abstract**

Since 1907, the New York Japan Society has served as the United States' premiere institution for Japanese-American cultural exchange. Japan Society is a go-to resource for Japanese art, culture, business and education, and continues to bring one-of-a-kind programming to audiences both here in NY and across the globe. This presentation will introduce the various resources available to CUNY teachers that Japan Society offers, discuss some of the online opportunities available in the coming year, and offer suggestions for ways to incorporate Japan Society programming into your syllabus.

## About "Be Better, Together" Project

Be Better, Together seeks to bring together CUNY faculty in an effort to systematically discuss the current and future state of Japanese Studies in the CUNY system. Of the eighteen undergraduate CUNY campuses, fifteen offer courses in Japan-related subjects such as Japanese language,

literature, art history, religion, history, and politics. Using the CUNY Baccalaureate Program as its platform, this project offers the faculty development seminar for CUNY's Japan Scholars, enhancing collaboration across the CUNY system. The faculty seminar centers around the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, a current and multifaceted topic that lends itself to multidisciplinary and collaborative projects like this one. Faculty teaching courses in Japan Studies, regardless of their disciplines and campuses, will have the opportunity to incorporate this seminal event into their teaching and learning practices through seminar meetings. This is a unique opportunity to unite faculty from disparate disciplines and campuses as we work together in the spirit of "Be Better, Together," the Sustainability Concept of the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2021.





