Course Number ANT-232-01 **Course Description** An exploration of Japanese culture through critical reading of a variety of texts including classic literature, historical accounts, contemporary fiction, manga (Japanese comics), anime (Japanese animation), and film. Throughout the course, students will question what religious beliefs, natural disasters and historical events have shaped Japanese media, which, in turn, will deepen our understanding of contemporary Japanese society. The importance of such disparate phenomena as Buddhism, the dropping of the nuclear bomb, the 1954 film Godzilla;' and the mega - manga "Akira" will be considered. Academic Term 21/WI Instructor Matsue, Jennifer Location & Meeting Time Taylor Music Center-120+ T/TH 02:25PM-04:10PM LEC Taylor Music Center-224+ T/TH 02:25PM-04:10PM LEC Petition Ν Credits 1.00 Capacity 16 **Total Students** 18 Additional Information http://www.union.edu/Anthropology **Common Curriculum** WAC Writing Across Curriculum LCC Languages & Cultures **SOCS Social Science** Interdisciplinary Programs Asian Studies **Religious Studies** Academic Department Anthropology Field Of Study Anthropology (ANT)