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Understanding Japanese Culture & Society Through Movies

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Film is regarded as an important medium for understanding society and culture. This course examines representative films by the greatest artists of Japanese cinema from the 1950s to the present day. Students will explore the wonders of cinematic form and how it can communicate fundamental aspects about Japan's culture and society as well as the human condition. The course also introduces the basics of film analysis. Required films are presented with English subtitles.

