

## Seminar : Sociology II

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### 1. Course Description

We have entered the era of the population decline. However we do not have valid knowledge about the population. In the world wide academic standard, we must use "fertility decline" for the decrease of the number of births. "Syoushika" is a wrong term because it gives a false image that parents bear less children. In the background of the fall of fertility rate in Japan, there are many composite factors such as the delay of marriages, the tendency to stay unmarried, and the delay of childbirth. Is it true that we do not want to bear children because child rearing is too difficult and expensive? We criticize these ordinary views and common accepted theories. We learn how to project future populations, namely to calculate local future populations. These techniques and knowledge are very beneficial in the case of interview for a job.