
INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION AND JAPANESE
CULTURE 2 credits (Fall)

異文化コミュニケーションと日本文化 2単位(秋学期)

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Course Description/Objectives/Teaching Method/Intended Learning Outcome:

This course provides an overview of intercultural communication, both in theory and in practice. It raises students' awareness of Japanese culture, other cultures, and the ways in which communication occurs between them. By the end of class, students will have a clearer and deeper understanding of Japanese and other communication styles, and this will empower them to communicate across cultures. Classes will consist of lectures, discussions, presentations and a final paper.

Course Plan:

- 1 Introduction, What is communication?
 - 2 Variation and context
 - 3 Categories and cultures
 - 4 Prototypes and groups, Preparations for group presentations
 - 5 Preparation for group presentations
 - 6 Group presentations
 - 7 Group presentations
 - 8 Culture and miscommunication
 - 9 Cultural differences in communication
 - 10 Nonverbal communication
 - 11 Various communication styles
 - 12 Individual presentations
 - 13 Final review
- Other Final paper

Method of Evaluation:

Attendance (20%); Participation (20%); Assignments (20%);
Presentations (20%); Final paper (20%)

Textbooks:

Textbooks and materials will be provided in class.

Reference Books:

A list of references will be provided in class.

- Paulston, Kiesling, and Rangel (Eds.) (2012) *The Handbook of Intercultural Discourse and Communication*. Wiley-Blackwell.
- Samovar, Proter, and Mc Daniel (Eds.) (2009) *Intercultural Communication: A Reader*. Wadsworth Cengage Learning.

Lecturer's Comments to Students:

The number of students in the course is capped at 30. If enrollment exceeds the limit, selection among eligible students will be made by the instructor.

***All the students wishing to register for this course must fill out a statement of interest by 16:00, September 28th (JST), at this address, <https://forms.gle/UuoYHgtv4DhL6GA49> and obtain permission from the instructor. Registration without permission will be deleted.**

*Teaching Mode: Asynchronous (Lecture) and Synchronous (Presentation)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at iokugawa@keio.jp