Osaka Gakuin University 2011-2012 Fall Semester

Contemporary Japanese and Global Culture

Instructor:

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Subject code: 1060

Course Description:

Japanese and foreign students will explore cultural and communication issues that divide and unite us. By learning the frameworks that contextualize daily experience, students will improve their understanding of incidents that occur while in contact with a foreign culture. Taught in both English and Japanese, the course aims to create cultural understanding experientially through a variety of exercises with cross-cultural partners. After each exercise will follow a debriefing session which will highlight the lessons discovered. Students will write a journal (English, Japanese, Spanish and Korean accepted) to reflect on their discoveries in class and in their daily life in Japan. Japanese students will join the class at the beginning of the OGU semester after three precessional classes with exclusively foreign students. All levels of language proficiency accepted.

Resources

Course materials will be provided by the instructor.

Evaluation

Quizzes: 25% Attendance: 25%

Class participation: 25%

Final Project: 25%

Notes:

Course Schedule:

Class 1: Introduction to class/foreign students

Class 2: Precessional/foreign students

Class 3: Precessional/foreign students

Class 4: Introduction to class/Japanese students only

Class 5: First group class/Japanese & foreign students

Class 6: Class Exercises/Japanese & foreign students

Class 7: Class Exercises/Japanese & foreign students

Class 8: Class Exercises/Japanese & foreign students

Class 9: Class Exercises/Japanese & foreign students

Class 10: Class Exercises/Japanese & foreign students

Class 11: Class Exercises/Japanese & foreign students

Class 12: Class Exercises/Japanese & foreign students

Class 13: Class Exercises/Japanese & foreign students

Class 14: Final Projects/Japanese & foreign students

Class 15: Final Projects/Japanese & foreign students