

Osaka Gakuin University 2011-2012 Spring Semester	
Intercultural Communication: Cultural Myths, Norms, Games and Rules	
Instructor :	
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Course Description:	
<p>Living in a culture different from your own is to live slightly askew. Even as language proficiency rises, foreign students often find their social experiences more puzzling. This course will unpack the cultural myths and norms of Japan and the West, shedding light on why the patterns of our communication differ so radically in business and beyond. If communication can be said to be a game with its own rules for play, then students must learn the rules to be able to play successfully.</p>	
Resources	
<p>The teacher will provide hand-outs and Power Point slides for each class</p>	
Evaluation	
<p>Weekly reading questions: 25%</p> <p>Field Research: 25%</p> <p>Final Paper: 25%</p> <p>Final Poster Project or Presentation: 25%</p>	

Notes:
Course readings will familiarize students with some aspects of sociolinguistics, but no previous study is necessary. Experience in a foreign culture a plus.
Course Schedule:
<p>Week 1: Introduction</p> <p>Week 2: Two Stories, Two Games</p> <p>Week 3: Communication "Equipment"</p> <p>Week 4: Speak for Yourself, Listen to Others</p> <p>Week 5: Business = Business & Family</p> <p>Week 6: Talking about Talk in the Boardroom</p> <p>Week 7: How to "Score Points"</p> <p>Week 8: Rhythm and Humor</p> <p>Week 9: Teasing, Praising, Repeating</p> <p>Week 10: Role Models</p> <p>Week 11: Dividing the West</p> <p>Week 12: Dividing the West pt. II</p> <p>Week 13: Conclusion/Research Consultation</p> <p>Week 14: Student Poster Project/Presentation</p>