Osaka Gakuin University 2012-13 Fall Semester

Service Learning for Japan & the World

Instructor:

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Subject code: 1060

Course Description:

Globalization, multiculturalism, environmental change, stagnant economic growth and aging societies- these are all challenges facing most of the developed world. Discover how Japan deals with these global issues, and bring knowledge of your own country's experience to a small weekly seminar, a mix of lecture & discussion. Designed to assist your Japanese language skills as you learn about Japanese culture from the inside-out, the course will be taught in English with consecutive translation in Japanese.

Foreign students accepted into the course will be paired with a Japanese OGU student to form a service learning team. With your partner, you will examine and discuss perspectives on global challenges as you volunteer together in local community groups. Recommended for students interested in Japanese business practices and mores; you will learn how to work with Japanese students as they simultaneously learn how to work with you. In weeks 5-13, your learning pair will visit various volunteer sites to learn and participate in some Japanese solutions to these global and local challenges.

Resources

Course materials will be provided by the instructor.

Evaluation

The grade will given based on participation in class discussion (30%), team volunteering (50%), and two final presentations with your partner (20%). Evaluation method may change at the instructor's discretion depending on the class size and other factors.

Notes:

Course Schedule:

Week 1 & 2: Introduction and Global Issues

Week 3 & 4: Global Issues

Week 5 & 6: Team building/ Volunteering Week 7 & 8: Volunteering and Debrief Week 9 & 10: Volunteering and Debrief Week 11 & 12: Volunteering and Debrief Week 13 & 14: Volunteering and Debrief

Week 15: Final Project and Student Presentations