

Year/Semester	2024年度 Fall
Day/Period	Wed.4Period
Classroom	Room 531 (Computer Lab)
Course Title	Japan Studies 901 (Special Course)
Course Subtitle	Project based learning in collaboration with local governments and communities
Instructor	TOKUMOTO Hiroko(トクモト ヒロコ),NOGAWA Shinichiro(ノガワ シンイチロウ)

Course Description	<p>《Course Description》</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no doubt that no country can survive alone without understanding and cooperating with other nations. It is also true with local governments. Now, with so many visitors and residents with overseas roots in Japan, not just the central government, but also local governments are facing many new problems which require urgent attention and implementation of measures to survive in this globalized society. It is surely meaningful to have a clear overview of those problems and to ponder over the possible solutions.</li> <li>• This class adopts the project-based learning (PBL) method and includes activities which are akin to an internship. We will work closely with local governments in this region and students are expected to work actively on the projects assigned by the local governments. Domestic and exchange students work together to reach possible solutions. At the end of the semester, students present their solutions to the local governments.</li> </ul> <p>《Approaches》</p> <p>The course will use the active learning approach, whereby students are expected to engage actively of their own initiative in activities rather than being taught in a passive manner. It will take as interactive a form as possible. The class activities include on-site observation visits, discussions with people from the governments, on-site surveys and such. Details will be explained during the orientation in Week 1. ALL students who are interested must attend the orientation.</p>
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Syllabus	<p>《Schedule》 • Schedule is subject to change.</p> <p>Week 1 Orientation</p> <p>Week 2 Lecture: The PBL method and many types of approaches to problem solving from an expert</p> <p>Week 3 On-site visit: presentation by the local government</p> <p>Week 4 Research: grasping the existing conditions</p> <p>Week 5 Research: investigating the possible causes of the problems</p> <p>Week 6 Research: compiling the information gathered</p> <p>Week 7 Discussion: analysis of the present state</p> <p>Week 8 Discussion: contemplating the possible solutions</p> <p>Week 9 In-class presentation</p> <p>Week 10 Discussion: improving the ideas</p> <p>Week 11 Discussion: completing the tasks</p> <p>Week 12 On-site visit: final presentation to the local government</p> <p>Week 13 Review</p> <p>Week 14 【on demand】 Reflection paper</p>
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Evaluation Criteria	<p>《Evaluation》</p> <p>In-class presentation: 15%</p> <p>Final presentation: 50%</p> <p>Reflection paper : 20%</p> <p>Class performance (portfolio) : 15%</p>
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Textbooks	<p>Textbook: None</p> <p>Materials will be provided by instructors</p>
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