

< 科目名 Subject > Independent Study A

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< 授業の到達目標及びテーマ Class Theme >

This course offers the opportunity to do research on an individually chosen subject connected with Japanese Culture, Literature, History of Thoughts or Society

< 授業の概要 Summary >

Become acquainted with an academic approach to and understand the basic terms and concepts involved in Japanese studies. Acquire knowledge about the current state of research in the selected studies. Develop a cross-cultural and comparative understanding of cultures.

< 授業計画 Class Plan >

1. Talk about the general outline of the research project, within the first week of term
2. Formulate a research proposal (1-2 pages), within the first 4 weeks of term, which includes:
  1. A detailed explanation about the intended research project
  2. A detailed explanation about the research methods you wish to employ
  3. A list of primary and secondary literature you intend to use
3. Regular follow up consultations (by appointment or during my office hour (Find my schedule on my office door, room 324) to discuss the state of your project
4. Talk about the final presentation of your research results and formal aspects of academic writing and presentation (about 2 weeks before you intend to hand it in)
5. Hand in your final presentation (within the last 2 weeks of term)
6. Final discussion

< 評価方法 Evaluation >

1. **Regular consultations to discuss the progress of your research and help you with upcoming problems is strictly required.**
2. **Basic research of the existing literature on your subject is absolutely essential.**
3. Students should all have email accounts to facilitate communication during the course.
4. **Final paper:** Unless we agree on other forms of presentation, each student will hand in a medium length final paper of 15-20 pages double-spaced. The paper has to be written based on common **academic standards** (proper research, logical composition, stringent argumentation, correct quotations). **Please note: Cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated in any form.**

< テキスト Textbooks /参考文献 References >

Required and recommended literature will be discussed during consultations.