

Course Title 科目名	Comparative Religions A 比較宗教学 A	Instructor 担当者	G. Rodriguez ヒラルド ロドリゲス
Semester 学期	Fall	Credits 単位	2
Course Level 履修年次	N/A	hrs/wks 時間数/週	2
<p>【Course Objectives and Focus : 授業の到達目標及びテーマ】 The purpose of this course is to offer an introduction to Japanese religions from the perspective of the social sciences (sociology & anthropology of religion), with special attention to modern dynamics such as secularization and nationalism. Throughout the course, comparisons will be made with religious phenomena in other parts of the world. No prior knowledge of either Religious Studies or Japanese Studies is required.</p>			
<p>【Course Summary : 授業の概要】 The contents of the course will be presented by both the instructor and students. Students will make presentations about specific topics, followed by the instructor's discussion and introduction of relevant scholarly materials and audiovisuals.</p>			
<p>【 Preparatory Work : 準備学習等についての具体的な指示】 Students will be assigned reading materials for specific topics, which they must summarize for their presentations on basic knowledge about the topic. Additionally, students will make another presentation at the end of the course, comparing some aspects of Japanese religions with the religious traditions of their own countries. Active participation and discussion is expected in every session.</p>			
<p>【 Content : 各回ごとの授業内容】</p>			
Day 1	Orientation		
Day 2	Introduction to the study of religion in Japan		
Day 3	Shinto		
Day 4	Buddhism		
Day 5	Zen		
Day 6	Shugendo		
Day 7	Folk religion		
Day 8	Pilgrimage		
Day 9	Christianity in Japan		
Day 10	New religions		
Day 11	'New Age' spirituality		
Day 12	Japanese religions and globalization		
Day 13	Students' presentations		
Day 14	Students' presentations		
Day 15	Summary		
<p>【Textbooks, Course Materials: テキスト・参考書等】 Yusa, Michiko. (2002). <i>Japanese religions</i>. London: Routledge. Additional reading: Reader, Ian. (1991). <i>Religion in contemporary Japan</i>. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.</p>			
<p>【Grading Criteria: 成績評価の方法】 Attendance and participation: 30% Presentations: 40% Final report: 30%</p>			
<p>【Note: 履修上の注意】 Turn off cell phones. No electronic devices in class (PC, tablets, etc.). Syllabus and grading criteria subject to change depending on enrollment and students' participation.</p>			