Semester 学期Fall 2022Course Level 履修年次N/ACredits 単位2hrs/wks 時間数/週2[Course Objectives: 授業の到達目標]The aim of this course is to acquire a better understanding of the cultural exchange between Japan and the Western world, especially the modern U.S. culture. Lectures, readings, and watching movies are designed to promote open discussions between students and to help them gaining a global view of the cultural complexes between the East and the West and understanding its dynamics in a historical context.[Course Summary: 授業の概要]This course explores the cultural exchange between Japan and the Western world, from the 17th century to the end of 20th century. The basic historical context is explored in Fukuzawa Yukichi's two books, An Encouragement of Learning and An Outline of a Theory of Civilization. Ryunosuke Akutagawa's short stories, and some movie materials, Martin Scorsese's Silence, Japanese movies by Yamada Yoji, Kurosawa Akira, and so forth are used to examine the historical encounter of the two different worlds, the Western (mainly the U.S.) culture and the Japanese one. Instructions and discussions will be directed mainly in English, but students can use some Japanese words according to their purposes.[Study Required outside Class (Preparation etc): 事前・事後学習]Students are expected to prepare themselves for each class session through reading the assigned readings. A mid- term presentation and a final report are required. Some students' presentation video clips will be uploaded on
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 【Class Outline: 授業計画(各回の授業内容)】
Session 1 Course Introduction: Double Mind and the Cultural Complexes: Martin Scorsese's Silence (2016) [17c
Session 2 The Historical Relationship between Edo and the West: Yoji Yamamoto's The Hidden Blade [1853-1868]
Session 3 The Modernization of Japan: Fukuzawa Yukichi's An Encouragement of Learning [1872]
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Session 5 Text and Film: Ryunosuke Akutagawa's Short Story [1892-1923]
Session 6 Text and Film: Kurosawa's Rashomon [1950]
Session 7 World War II and Japan's Reconstruction Days: The Atomic Cafe and Godzilla (1954)
Session 8 Presentations: The Double Minds and the Cultural Complexes
Session 9 Kurosawa, A Myth of the Japanese Mindset (Media): Scandal (1950)
Session 10 Kurosawa, A Myth of the Japanese Mindset (Classes): Seven Samurai (1954)
Session 11 Kurosawa, A Myth of the Japanese Mindset (Belongings): The Last Princess (1958)
Session 12 Kurosawa, A Myth of the Japanese Mindset (Internalized Double Mind): Sanjuro (1962)
Session 13 Kurosawa, The Darkest Days: Runaway Train (1966)
Session 14 Kurosawa, Reminiscences: Dodes'ka-Den (1970) and Madadayo (1993)
【Textbooks, Course Materials: 教科書、参考書等】
Assigned Pages of the Course Textbooks will be uploaded on Google Classroom:
An Encouragement of Learning (Fukuzawa Yukichi), An Outline of a Theory of Civilization (Fukuzawa Yukichi)
【Grading Criteria: 成績評価の方法】

Mid-Term Presentaion 30 %, Report: 30%, Class Participation: 20 %, Small Comments on Every Session: 20%

【Note: 履修上の注意】

Class attendance and class participation are expected. The teacher will make sure of each student's permission to upload the student's presentation on YouTube. If the student does not want to appear on YouTube, the teacher will not upload it.