

Course Title 科目名	Global Communication Studies B			Instructor 担当者	MIYAHARA, Akira 宮原 哲		
Semester 学期	SPRING 2026	Course Level 履修年次	N/A	Credits 単位	2	hrs/wks 時間数/週	2
【Course Objectives: 授業の到達目標】							
Successful completion of this course means that the student will: 1) be able to identify basic concepts of human communication in general, and intercultural understanding in particular; 2) be equipped with sufficient and necessary attitudes toward becoming a competent intercultural communicator; 3) acquire specific and practical skills for effective intercultural communication and cross-cultural adaptation; and 4) assess and evaluate intercultural communication competence of oneself and others, and offer constructive suggestions.							
【Course Summary: 授業の概要】							
This course aims to help the student become a competent intercultural communicator. Focusing on communication with Japanese, we will examine language, nonverbal signs, social norms, and traditions, that constitute culture. The students will re-assess their communication, and construct effective and appropriate social strategies to bridge the cross-cultural gap. Due to a special circumstance this class will focus on practical aspects of global communication, and it will be done in collaboration with many Seinan Japanese students, which will give an excellent opportunity for intercultural interactions.							
【Study Required outside Class (Preparation etc): 事前・事後学習】							
The student will need to complete the readings assigned for each class session. Also observations based on the first hand experience in intercultural communication in daily life will serve as good “teaching material.” Take notes of experience in daily intercultural interactions, and attend class prepared to share the observations.							
【Class Outline: 授業計画(各回の授業内容)】							
Session 1	Course introduction						
Session 2	Culture shock and re-entry culture shock as outcomes of symbolic behavior						
Session 3	Coping with culture shock and re-entry culture shock						
Session 4	Fundamentals in intercultural communication and cultural dimensions						
Session 5	Language in intercultural interactions						
Session 6	Nonverbal communication						
Session 7	Perceptual influence on intercultural communication						
Session 8	Stereotypes, prejudices, and ethnocentrism						
Session 9	Mid-term quiz						
Session 10	Interpersonal relationships as intercultural communication						
Session 11	Education as intercultural communication						
Session 12	Medical care as intercultural communication						
Session 13	Media’s influence on intercultural communication						
Session 14	Review & final exam						
【Textbooks, Course Materials: 教科書、参考書等】							
The instructor will distribute text from various sources that academically deal with intercultural understanding, communication, and adaptation. The material will be made available on Moodle.							
【Grading Criteria: 成績評価の方法】							
Mid-term examination: 30 %, Observation reports & Presentation: 40 %, Final examination: 30%							
【Note: 履修上の注意】							
Special Note: This class will be over in the end of March. Some of the classes listed above, approximately six of them will be done in the form of "practicum" involving Seinan Japanese students, which will include meetings and trips outside of class. The details will be presented early in the semester.							