

<b>Course Number</b>	Course Title An Introduction to Japanese Culture 日本文化入門	Credits 2	Instructor(s) Yu Ming Hwang
Keywords	Japanese Culture		
Course Description (including Goal and Objectives)	This course utilizes local resources in Yamagata for students to experience aspects of the Japanese culture such as the Nannkinn tamasudare (Japanese traditional street Art) , Baking pottery, Japanese traditional music (bamboo flute and mukuri), Kendama, and tea ceremony, through an environment rich in traditional culture and nature in Yamagata. On occasion, specialists from outside the university are invited as a lecturer. The aim of this course is to provide international students an opportunity to improve their proficiency in Japanese and to deepen their understanding of the Japanese culture and society. This course is offered in Spring Semester. The class meets once a week.		
Course Schedule	1	Introduction	
	2	Visit Bunshokan: the former Yamagata Prefectural Offices and Assembly Hall	
	3	Baking pottery	
	4	Visit Yamadera	
	5	Nannkinn tamasudare (Japanese traditional street Art)	
	6	Making traditional Kokeshi doll	
	7	Kendama: cup and ball	
	8	Japanese traditional music 1: bamboo flute (lecture & practice)	
	9	Japanese traditional music 2: mukuri (lecture & practice)	
	10	Folding paper (Origami)	
	11	Visit historical museum	
	12	Tea ceremony	
	13	Flower arrangement (Ikebana)	
	14	Traditional Japanese drum	
	15	Presentation	
Textbook(s)	Handouts will be provided.		
Reference(s)	Yu Ming Hwang 「A Journal of Yamagata-Encountering a Multicultural Society Through Yu's Experiences in Yamagata,Japan and the World」 2019		
Grading Method	Final report	30%	
	Attendance	30%	
	Class participation	20%	
	presentation	20%	
Message to Students	Because field lecture require more time, we will have fewer classroom lectures.		
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