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| Course Number | Course Title An Introduction to Japanese Culture I 日本文化入門 I | 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) | |

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| | 14 | 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 | Final report | 30% |
| Method | Attendance | 30% |
| | Class participation | 20% |
| | presentation | 20% |
| Message to Students | Only open for face-to face class. If International student come to Japan late. Intensive lesson could be offer. | |
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