

Course Number	Course Title Japanese Rites of Passage 日本人の通過儀礼	Credits 2	Instructor(s) Yu Ming Hwang Facebook name: Freddy Yu
Keywords	Rites, Japanese culture		
Course Description (including Goal and Objectives)	This course will give a lecture about the Japanese rites of passage. Since the depopulation and aging of this society is a serious concern in Japan, the way of rites of passage had been transformed. Under the background of Japanese society, this lecture will discuss the changing procedures of the rites of passage in both of Japanese cities and villages . In addition, social problems will also be examined and discussed.		
Course Schedule	1	Introduction	
	2	The role, theory and purpose of the rites of passage,	
	3	The main reason for the weakening of the rites of passage,	
	4	Case study-Tobisima island	
	5	Dolls festival (Hina matsuri)	
	6	Boy festival (kodomo no hi)	
	7	Coming of age ceremony	
	8	Wedding ceremony	
	9	The ceremony for unlucky age	
	10	Long life ceremony	
	11	Funeral ceremony1	
	12	Japanese speech & multi-cultural concert & party with local citizen	
	13	Funeral ceremony2	
	14	Presentation 1	
	15	Presentation 2	
	16	Presentation 3 & Final	
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 papers	30%	
	Attendance	30%	
	Class participation	20%	
	Group Presentation	20%	
Message to Students	Because field lecture require more time, we will have fewer classroom lectures.		
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