

Sophia University – Online January Session 2023

January 10th - 30th, 2023

Date: Aug. 21, 2022

Course Title	Perspectives in Intercultural Communication: Japanese Communication and Culture
Instructor	Kikue Yamamoto
Class Period	4 th period, 3:25-5:05 p.m.
Course Format (ex. real-time, on-demand)	Real-time
Course Description	<p>This course is highly practical, i.e., discussion and doing some exercises, debriefed by Yamamoto.</p> <p>This class provides students with an overview of Japanese communication behaviors, where you will be asked to figure out why Japanese behave in a certain way in that particular situation, described in class, and also which value is a possible motive for the Japanese in each situation in the cases.</p> <p>Through peer teaching discussion in the beginning of each class, you will learn about other cultures of your peers as well as your own on the topics given.</p>
Course Objectives	<p>You will gain knowledge about Japanese values and communication behaviors and some basic intercultural communication, which will enable you to develop insights into the Japanese culture and other cultures.</p> <p>This class will also help you to develop communication skills with people of other cultures.</p> <p>Lastly, you will also develop more appreciation to the Japanese culture and your classmates' different cultures.</p>
Expected work outside of class	You're expected to spend about 20 hours outside of the class for reading the textbook and some resources for a preview. This will help you prepare for discussion with your peer in-class.
Course Materials	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. "The Culture Map—Decoding How People Think, Lead, and Get Things Done Across Cultures," by Erin Meyer, by Public Affairs (The color of the cover is yellow.)2. Intercultural Communication Culture Specific—Working Effectively with the Japanese. By Kikue Yamamoto, Inlingua International Ltd., 2011. To be provided in class.

Evaluation	Attendance (20%), class participation (30%), final in-class essay (50%).
Class schedule	See below

	date	Format	授業予定 (テーマ) / Class schedule
1	1/10		Orientation: Course Introduction & Self-Introduction (Your Identity)
2	1/11		Intercultural Communication: Introduction
3	1/12		Intercultural Communication: Concepts and Practice
4	1/16	On-demand	Hidden Culture & Japanese Some Main Values (Harmony & Relationships)
5	1/17		Hidden Culture & Japanese Some Main Values (Form & Efforts)
6	1/18		Case Study 1 on Japanese Communication
7	1/19		Case Study 2 on Japanese Communication
8	1/20		Communication Styles (1) : High-/Low-Context Cultures
9	1/23	On-demand	Communication Styles (2) : High-/Low-Context Cultures
10	1/24		Communication Styles (3) : Your Cultural Style and Others?
11	1/25		Verbal Communication: How Japanese Perceive and Use It; Use of “No”; Video on Japanese Tea Ceremony
12	1/26		Non-Verbal Communication: Japanese Being Expressive; KY (Kuuki-yomu)
13	1/27		Summary: 1, Breathing: How Japanese traditional art and martial art have influenced Japanese communication style. 2, Different cultures: What you have learned from Japanese culture and people and what you can and want to teach Japanese people.
14	1/30	On-demand	Final In-Class Essay Exam

*Course format, evaluation methods and class schedule may be subject to change.