

3年生用

ゼミコースアウトライン Seminar Course Outline

For 3rd year students

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***ゼミタイトル Seminar Title** “Beneath the surface of the American Iceberg: Improving our understanding of U.S. cultural patterns”

***授業概要 Outline of the contents**

This seminar explores American cultural patterns that are often unseen or difficult to explain. Students will examine beliefs and values from across the United States—rural and urban communities, and diverse ethnic and social backgrounds. By viewing U.S. culture from multiple perspectives, students will also reflect on Japanese culture and their own values.

This year includes two applied projects:

1. A Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) project with students in the United States to exchange views on various cultural patterns.
2. An Oral History Project, where students interview family or community members about their experiences and cultural beliefs.

***授業の形式 How the class is conducted**

The seminar follows a cycle of noticing, comparing, reflecting, and interacting. Students complete readings, discussions, microteaching tasks, and interview international students and present their findings in class, connecting real voices to our study of culture.

- First semester: short research, interviews, and COIL exchange
- Second semester: oral history presentations and group teaching projects

***課題・成績評価基準 Requirements and Assessment**

You will be graded based on (1) participation, (2) homework and research tasks, (3) COIL, oral history, and interview projects, and (4) presentations.

***その他 Others**

This class will be conducted in English and involves online collaborative work with students in other parts of the world. Active and cooperative participation is required.