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***ゼミタイトル Seminar Title** A Cross-cultural perspective of American cultural patterns.

***授業概要 Outline of the contents**

This seminar examines how culture, perception, and language influence communication between people from different backgrounds. We explore American culture through four dimensions: (1) forms of activity, (2) forms of social relations, (3) perceptions of the world, and (4) perceptions of the self.

Building on the third-year seminar, students will analyze and compare cultural patterns more deeply and participate in a Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) exchange with students in the United States or other countries to discuss cultural perspectives and communication styles. Students will also design and conduct research projects related to class themes.

***授業の形式 How the class is conducted**

The seminar uses an active learning approach combining discussion, research, and intercultural exchange. Active participation, reflection, and teamwork are essential. Students will:

- Participate in COIL sessions with international partners
- Conduct individual or group research projects based on class content
- Present and discuss their findings in class and during a joint session with 3rd-year seminar students

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

Grades will be based on: (1) Reflections and participation, (2) Homework and readings, (3) COIL and research projects, (4) Final presentation

***その他 Others**

The seminar will be conducted in English and includes online collaboration with overseas partners and local fieldwork. Students are expected to conduct interviews and observations to deepen their cross-cultural understanding.