

# ORAL COMMUNICATION

**Fall 2006**

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**Friday 2:10-4:00 p.m. at I501 or T401 (2 credit hours)**

**Office Hour: By appointment at FL203**

## Course Objectives

1. Students will be able to improve their oral ability (listening and speaking) through intensive synchronous (video conferencing and chat) and asynchronous (online discussion) interaction with Japanese students at Wasada University, Tokyo, Japan.
2. Students will be able to obtain in-depth understanding of Taiwanese and Japanese culture through discussions of trendy issues of interest to college students, and therefore, understand and appreciate the similarities and differences between the two cultures.
3. Students will closely interact with onsite classmates and instructor throughout the process of conducting small-scale research projects, and presenting findings to the class.

## Textbook

None

## Syllabus

<i>Date</i>	<i>Discussion topic</i>
09/15	Course orientation ( <a href="#">at T307</a> )
09/22	Group preparation for presentations ( <a href="#">at T307</a> )
09/29	Group preparation for presentations ( <a href="#">at T401</a> )
10/06	<i>Moon Festival (No class!)</i>
10/13	Getting to know our Japanese friends: Video-conferencing ( <b>I501</b> ) & chat ( <a href="#">T401</a> )
10/20	Wasada group #1-2 presentations: Video-conferencing ( <b>I501</b> )
10/27	Presentation discussion: chat ( <a href="#">T401</a> )
11/03	Presentation progress checkup and feedback ( <a href="#">at T401</a> )

- 11/10 Tamkang group #1-2 presentations: Video-conferencing (I501)  
11/17 Presentation discussion: chat (T401)  
11/24 Wasada group #3 & Tamkang group #3 presentations: Video-conferencing (I501)  
12/01 Presentation discussion: chat (T401)  
12/08 Wasada group #4 & Tamkang group #4 presentations: Video-conferencing (I501)  
12/15 Presentation discussion: chat (T401)  
12/22 Christmas celebrations around the world (at T401)  
12/29 Review (at T401)  
01/05 *Final exam week (No class!)*

Have a great winter break!

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\*syllabus subject to change

### **Evaluation**

Attendance/Participation (onsite discussions): 30%

Group presentation: 30%

Live-on chat participation: 25%

BBS participation: 15%

Note: This class will be conducted in English.