

ORAL COMMUNICATION

Fall 2007

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Friday 2:10-4:00 p.m. at I501 or B218 (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 Waseda 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

N/A

Syllabus

<i>Date</i>	<i>Discussion topics</i>
09/21	Course orientation (at B218)
09/28	Group preparation for presentations (at B218)
10/05	Group preparation for presentations (at B218)
10/12	Getting to know our Japanese friends: Video-conferencing (I501) & chat (B218)
10/19	Waseda group #1-2 presentations: Video-conferencing (I501)
10/26	Presentation discussion: chat (B218)
11/02	Presentation progress checkup and feedback (B218)
11/09	Tamkang group #1-2 presentations: Video-conferencing (I501)

- 11/16 Presentation discussion: chat (B218)
11/23 Presentation progress checkup and feedback (B218)
11/30 Waseda group #3 & Tamkang group #3 presentations: Video-conferencing (I501)
12/07 Presentation discussion: chat (B218)
12/14 Waseda group #4 & Tamkang group #4 presentations: Video-conferencing (I501)
12/21 Presentation discussion: chat (B218)
12/28 Wrap up with Waseda
01/04 Onsite discussion: other culture-specific issues (B218)
01/11 Onsite discussion: other culture-specific issues (B218)
01/18 *Final exam week (No class!)*

Have a great winter break!

*syllabus subject to change

Evaluation

- Attendance/Participation (onsite discussions): 30%
- Group presentation: 40%
- Live-on chat participation: 30%

Note: This class will be conducted in English.