

Cluster	Subject Title	Instructor	Credit	Semester
S-P	Fieldwork on Education in Japan	Takashi UENO, Hideo AMBO, Sicong CHEN	2	Winter 2017
Subject Description				
<p>Students will be arranged to visit institutions such as schools and youth facilities to conduct observation and interviews with children and staff for the research questions that students want to explore in this subject. Students are required to summarize and give an oral report on the interview data and other information in relation to their research questions. Students from different universities will be grouped to do the fieldwork and presentation.</p>				
Objective				
<p>Through the subject, students will be able to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop sound research plan for own research question; 2. Undertake fieldwork in collaboration with peers; 3. Summarize and report gained data in a proper way; and 4. Develop a comparative perspective, through communication and discussion with peers from Asian societies, to consider home society's educational issues. 				
Leaning Method				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lecture 2. Fieldwork 3. Group work 4. Presentation 				
Content				
<p>20FEB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation • Group work: form fieldwork groups, and develop research questions, contents and methods within groups • Report research plans <p>21-22FEB</p> <p>Students are asked to choose one from the A to E options below to form groups for fieldwork.</p> <p>A. MeySen Kindergarten (明泉幼稚園) On both days students will visit the kindergarten featuring English Education and International Education. Students can conduct observation and interviews with children and teachers.</p> <p>B. Mukaiyama Kindergarten (向山こども園) On both days students will visit the kindergarten featuring education through free inspiration and</p>				

in natural environment. Students can conduct observation and interviews with children and teachers.

C. WaHaWa Hirose (わはわ広瀬)

This is a work place for people with intellectual and mental disabilities. Students will have chance to work with them, and conduct observation and interviews with them and staff.

D. Tohoku University Hospital (東北大学病院)

On 21FEB students will visit the Department of Epilepsy, while on 22FEB the Department of Disaster Psychiatry. The two-day visit will be accompanied by staff of medical care and case conference.

E. Youth facilities

Students will visit four youth facilities in total. For 21FEB there are Miyagi Psychiatry Center, and Sendai Child Consultation Center. For 22FEB there are Mori-no-Hiroba (a facility for truant students), and Watage (a facility for Hikikomori). Students will be given an overview by staff in individual facilities.

23FEB

- Oral reports on the fieldwork

Requirement

Please indicate your 1st Choice and 2nd Choice from the A to E options above when you register this subject.

Evaluation

- Presentation on research plan (25%)
- Presentation on research result (25%)
- 600-words final report (50%)

Textbook and reference

No textbook or reference. Students are required to find and read literature relevant to the fieldwork they choose.

Pre-course reading and preparation (if any)

1. Frame the research question to be explored in the fieldwork.
2. Collect literature relevant to the framed research question.