Miyazaki International College

Course Syllabus

Fall 2022

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| Course Title ( Credits ) | SAB203 Area Studies (6 credits) |
| Course Designation for TC | N/A |
| Course Instructors |
| Instructor | Jason Adachi |
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| Course Description: |
| This course is a combination of formal study, including activities to introduce students to the local area, and experiential learning adapted to the capacities and qualifications of individual students. This individualized study deepens the students’ understanding of the area in which they are studying. |
| Course Objectives: |
| The course aims to:* Provide hands on experience to students on the area they are studying.
* Deepen students understanding of the culture and people of the area they are studying.
* Help students improving their communication skills.
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| Teaching Methodology: |
| Course objectives will be achieved through a variety of active learning teaching strategies, including but not limited to:

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| **Active Learning Teaching Strategy** | **Course Schedule** |
| Interactive lectures with note taking | Most classes |
| Journals | Regular homework |
| Pair & Group work | Almost every class |
| Presentations | Lesson 30 |
| Self-assessment through quizzes | As homework every week |

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| Course Schedule (Classes change according to the site you have been assigned to) |
| Day | Topic | Content/Activities |
| 1 ~ 30 | Each site schedule is provided separately appended to the end of this syllabus |
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| Required Materials: |
| * A personal computer or tablet computer is necessary for assignment submission.
* There is no textbook for this course. Handouts will be provided when necessary.
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| Course Policies (Attendance, etc.) |
| **Attendance and Lateness*** You can be absent a maximum of 10 times. Credit cannot be granted to students who have more than 10 absences, even if the final work is extremely good!
* If you are more than 20 minutes late, you will be given an absence
* Two lateness are equal to one absence

If you sum up more than 10 absences (e.g. 9 absences and 3 lateness), you will receive an “X” grade, and will have to take the course again next year.**Homework**The homework should be handed in at the beginning of every class (or before class time starts if submitted online). Homework submitted after that may **not** be considered.**Excused Absences**Whenever possible, plan in advance and ask the instructors for any required materials for the class for which you are going to be absent. Deadlines **will not be changed nor postponed**, so plan ahead of time if you have to be absent for a class. Exceptional cases exist, so be sure to talk to the instructor if you have any questions or concerns.**Late Assignments**It is your responsibility to find out what assignments are due when. Also, if you miss a class, it is your responsibility to contact classmates and then the instructor to get handouts and/or explanations (missing a class is no excuse for not submitting homework).**Plagiarism and Intellectual Honesty**Plagiarism means representing someone else's intellectual property, words, ideas, or images, as your own. It is a very serious academic offense and plagiarized work is not accepted in this course. Ask one of the instructors if you have any questions about this. You are responsible for understanding what plagiarism is and knowing how to avoid it in your work.. |
| Class Preparation and Review |
| Students are expected to spend at least one hour preparing for every hour of lessons, and one hour reviewing and doing homework. Make sure you review your notes after each class and understand the topics covered. Instructors are available outside class time when additional assistance is needed (Please check office hours on the first page of this syllabus).Make sure you are aware of any homework assignments that might be due before coming to the next class. Check this syllabus so you can be prepared for class. |
| Grades and Grading Standards |
| Homework: 30%Participation: 30%Final report submission (7500 words): 40%This is a Pass/Fail course. Students who receive less than 60% on their grading or fail to submit a final report, will receive an “X” grade, and will have to take the course again next year. |
| Methods of Feedback: |
| Homework assignments will be graded and returned within two weeks of submission. Additional comments and feedback will be given verbally in class, but students are encouraged to come to instructor’s office (or consult online) during office hours if extra explanations are needed. |
| Diploma Policy Objectives: |
| Work completed in this course helps students achieve the following Diploma Policy objective(s):1: Advanced thinking skills (comparison, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation) based on critical thinking (critical and analytic thought)2. The ability to understand and accept different cultures developed through acquisition of a broad knowledge and comparison of the cultures of Japan and other nations3. The ability to identify and solve problems 4. Advanced communicative proficiency in both Japanese and English5. Proficiency in the use of information technology |
| Notes: |
| The content of classes can be connected to many SDGs. Instructors will encourage students to make these connections when writing their homework assignments and/or in the final report. |

