

AY2021 Summer Intercultural Learning Online Class Development Program Application Information

Application period	Program period
Thu. May 6, 2021 ~ Thu. May 20, 2021 – 16:30	AY2021 Spring Semester (June – August, 2021)



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About the Intercultural Learning Online Class Development Program

This program is designed for both current domestic and international APU students to offer a pre-departure program for new APU international students who will enroll in AY2021 September.

It is an alternative program to the overseas internship program SEND that incorporates the same fundamental ideas.

The goal is to develop students to become experts in bridging Japan and the world through planning and conducting an online pre-departure program which enhances the learning of Japanese learners around the world. At the same time, students themselves have the opportunity to deepen their intercultural understanding.

Through this program, students will engage in PBL (Project Based Learning). They will deepen their understanding on both their own and different cultures while conducting the educational program in APU's culturally diverse environment.

The core of this project is to design and conduct a pre-departure program which introduces Japanese culture and society to new APU international students.

There will be introductory classes on Japanese culture and society before students conduct the online classes, and participants will be divided into small groups with a combination of domestic and international students to conduct the class. The instructor will help each group to plan or practice the lessons with other groups and to conduct the online pre-departure program.

In principle, each group will teach two teaching units, i.e. two different topics. For those teaching units, their group is not responsible, they will be assisting the group in charge.

The aim of this program is as follows:

- Learn the culture of new incoming students and about their cultural adaptation process.
- Reflect upon the learning process via individual and group reflection while learning about others and yourself, and your own and other cultures.
- Find the ability to improve, set learning goals, plan specific actions and connect them to the lives of students at APU by taking this course and going through pre-practicum, practicum and post practicum classes.

Program Overview

* Please make sure you refer to the syllabus.

Subject	Special Lecture (Liberal Arts Subject)
Registration	Automatically registered
Language	Japanese/English
Credits	2 credits
Semester	AY2021 Spring Semester
How to conduct the program	Hybrid * In principle, Pre-practicum should be taken by in-person. However, students who cannot come to campus can take by online. Practicum and Post-practicum will be conducted by online.
Grade evaluation	A+, A, B, C, F
Grade announcement	2021FA (Oct.25) *The credit will be awarded as 2021SP semester.
Credit limit restrictions	Credit awarded will not be counted within the maximum number of credits per semester.
Program fee	Free

Application Information

Applying for multiple programs

- Students can apply to multiple programs as long as they meet the application conditions including other programs which will be announced at the same time. In addition to separately applying online for all of the programs which you wish to participate in, please indicate “Yes” under “Are you going to apply for more than one AY2021 Summer Session Off-campus Study program?” on the first page of the application site.
- Even if you answered “Yes” in the question “If you are accepted to all the programs in which the dates do not overlap, would you like to participate in all the programs?”, your application will be screened based on the priority you selected in the application if there is a conflict in the schedule between/among the programs that you have applied for.

Eligibility

- Japanese basis students must either be exempted from or have completed Intermediate English.
- English basis student must either be exempted from or have completed Japanese Intermediate Course.
- Students must be able to attend all pre-practicum, practicum, post-practicum and guidance sessions.
*No special allowance will be made even if the program period overlaps with other classes.
- Students must be in the 1st to 7th semester at the time of application.
*A student whose status is “study abroad” or “leave of absence” when the program is offered (as of AY2021 Spring Semester) is not eligible to apply.
- Students who can participate in the program with the responsibility of representing APU.
- Students who will work hard in the program and who understand the purpose and the aim of the program.
- Students who accept different cultures and try to actively cooperate with others with a deep understanding of other cultures.

How to apply

Please apply during the application period.

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Please **apply online**. Online application site will be announced on the Academic Office homepage when the application period starts.

☞ Academic Office homepage: <https://en.apu.ac.jp/academic/page/content0355.html/>

*Please prepare reasons for application etc, before applying.

* If you submit the online application multiple times, only the latest application will be accepted.

Application guidance session

Date/time: 1st session: 14:20 – 14:50, Wed. May 12, 2021

2nd session: 16:10 – 16:40, Fri. May 14, 2021

Zoom MTG ID: 960 9837 4308

Screening method

- A comprehensive selection process will be conducted by screening school records with an emphasis on the personal statement and grades.
- Applicants will be contacted separately via Campus Terminal if an interview is required.

Announcement of the screening result

Tue. June 8, 2021 *The applicant will be notified via Campus Terminal in the afternoon.

Matters to be attended to participate

Program cancellation or change of program contents

- There is a possibility that program is cancelled or its contents changed due to the factors such as the COVID-19 spread, requirement of government or local government, or other unforeseen circumstances.
- Taking into consideration the participant's behavior and attendance for pre-practicum classes, if it is deemed inappropriate for the participant to participate in the program, the student's participation in the program may be cancelled even after the announcement of acceptance.

Withdrawal after the announcement of screening results

- The university undertakes screening on the assumption that, at the time of application, everyone who applies to a program wishes to participate. Therefore, as a general rule, withdrawal after the announcement of screening results is not permitted.
- When applying, students should carefully review the program contents in advance and make their preparations assuming they will not withdraw.

Registration plan

- Students should thoroughly review their registration plan and number of credits to be earned through the program and confirm that this plan will not cause any problems with their registration plan for graduation.
- No special consideration will be given in the event that problems are identified after the screening results have been announced and also that an item listed in "**Program cancellation or change of program contents**" has arisen. Students should assume personal responsibility when applying to any program.

Others

Handling of personal information

Application documents and any other documents containing personal information (name, gender, date of birth, other information provided to the university in relation to the program) will be handled strictly within the university for administrative purposes and participation procedures.

On participating in a program and study plans

- Whether or not a program experience is rewarding depends greatly on the attitude and effort of the participants themselves. Make sure to firmly set an objective for the program and actively engage in the program tasks.
- There is no exception about attendance at any situation such as private matters, regular classes, subclasses, exam, supplementary exam, course registration period, or any language proficiency tests. Please check the Academic Calendar, your own schedule, and program schedule. Furthermore, be sure to check that subjects taken and the credits earned in the program will not cause problems with your study plan up to your graduation. As no special course considerations will be given even if a problem is discovered after acceptance to the program, please take personal responsibility when applying to the program.

Cancellation of participation

In the event any of the following apply, a participant's participation in a program may be cancelled even after the announcement of acceptance. If a participant's participation in a program is cancelled, a grade of "F" will be assigned as a rule.

- A) In the event a participant's course participation is judged inappropriate, taking into consideration the participant's behavior and attendance
- B) In the event the participant becomes subject to disciplinary action after the announcement of screening results
- C) In the event that university instructions concerning the submission of documents, attendance at required guidance sessions, etc. are not followed.
- D) In the event of misconduct
- E) In the event of other violations of the participant's duty as a student.

Participation qualification

Participation without application is not allowed.

Schedule

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2021	
Thu. May 6 – Thu. May 20	Application period
Wed. May 12, 14:20-14:50 Fri. May 14, 16:10-16:40	Application guidance session (Zoom MTG ID: 960 9837 4308) *Contents of the session will be the same.
Fri. May 21- Tue. June 7	Screening period
Tue. June 8 PM	Announcement of the screening result
Sat. June 19 – Sat. July 31	Pre-practicum classes
Fri. Aug 6 – Tue. Aug 10	Practicum
Wed. Aug 11	Post-practicum classes
Mon. Oct 25	Grade announcements

*In some cases, other types of guidance not listed above may be provided. More details will be provided after students are accepted.

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