

【Course Description】

Students participate in guided practicum as Classroom Assistant in on- and off-campus English language courses and content courses taught in English. Students are required to attend a class which consists of workshop and discussion sessions that develops basic skills in teaching, and develop, through systematic observation of classes, a more professional perspective in learning and teaching and on education.

【Class Goals】

This internship is intended to benefit students by enabling them to participate in a Japanese learning community and get practical, “hands-on” experience in classroom teaching and management. It reinforces the students’ global perspective, leadership and communication skills. Through teaching, students also develop organizational, communication, presentation, and management skills.

【Course Schedule】

【第1回】Class Introduction and Interview & Presentation

【第2回】Understanding Japanese Academic Culture: Society, Institutions, and students--adults and youths

【第3回】Discussion of Japanese Academic Culture, Classroom Management & Classroom Observation

【第4回】Observation Debriefing Session and Responding to student writing

【第5回】Teaching 4 skills: Communication (Input & Interaction, Q-AQ-AQ, CEFR, small group Interaction)

【第6回】Theoretical Underpinning: Language Learning and Language Learning Variables

【第7回】From Theory to Practice: How theory informs practice

【第8回】Introduction to Curriculum Development and Lesson Planning

【第9回】Student Presentation and Discussion (20 min+20 min X 2)

【第10回】Student Presentation and Discussion (20 min+20 min X 2)

【第11回】Student Presentation and Discussion (20 min+20 min X 2)

【第12回】Retrospective discussion and path forward

【第13回】Issues and topics A

【第14回】Issues and Topics B

【第15回】Self-Assessment and Review Session

【Preparation for Class】

Students need to complete assignments for quizzes, in-class tasks, discussions and presentations. Those who wish to understand Japanese student and academic culture and develop cross cultural communication and leadership skills are

【Review of Class】

Students need to reflect on what is learned through classwork and other assignments and complete a reflective learning journal after each lesson.

【Remarks for Class】

Students must demonstrate flexibility and willingness to adapt to a different cultural environment. Students taking this class must come to the first day of instruction and receive permission to register for the course by completing a short interview and an impromptu presentation.

【Texts】

Handouts and other readings uploaded in e-learning system

【Reference Books】

【Evaluation Criteria】

Portfolio(1 Teaching philosophy & self-assessment of what was learned through the internship; CV; 3 classroom observation log; 1 lesson plan, weekly reflective learning journal--12 entries) 50 percent; Discussion facilitation and Presentation 30 percent; Mentor or advisor Evaluation 20 percent

【Notes】

Contact ktanaka@k.meijigakuin.ac.jp for office hours. This class class caps at 20. Students must attend the first class and pass the interview. Final course syllabus will be handed out on the first day of class.