

The MMCE Syllabus (異文化理解)
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“The principle of surviving in a multicultural world is that one does not need to think, feel and act like someone else to agree with that person on practical issues and cooperate. What intercultural encounters are about is recognizing that we think differently but resolving are common problems anyway.”

Hofstede, G. (2001) *Culture's Consequences*. London: Sage Publications, p.454.

1. What is the Meeting of Multicultural Educators?”

We are called the Meeting of Multicultural Educators (MMCE). This is not a class but rather a study group. From our first meeting we will divide into common learning groups (CLGs). Each CLG will be responsible for conducting a survey for the “Breaking down National Stereotypes Discussion”. Additionally, at the ending of the semester, each CLG will teach other MMCE members about an important global issue.

2. Who are we?

In MMCE

- we are all MMCE members
- we have different experiences as individuals.
- we have different objectives for MMCE and different ways of learning.

3. What will we study in MMCE?

1. A variety of cultures and countries throughout the world.
2. New ways of examining culture.
3. Important issues that everyone in the world is facing.
4. The lives of non-Japanese in Japan.

4. What will be the major events in MMCE

1. Making CLGs and getting to know our fellow co-learners
2. Breaking Down National Stereotypes Discussion (June 18 & June 25)
3. Global Issues Forum (July 9(?), July 16, July 23)

5. How will we learn in MMCE?

We will learn by

- working together (in our CLGs).
- asking questions about what we read, hear, and see.
- writing and speaking about what we have learned and what we think.
- listening to others as well as reading what other co-learners have written on our blog.

6. What skills/abilities might we develop in MMCE?

- The ability to share learned information with other people.
- The ability to investigate the validity of generalizations about other cultures.
- The ability to lead discussions or cooperative learning activities.
- The skills necessary to interact with people from other cultures (For example: the skills necessary to elicit information about a certain culture without offending anyone).

7. What I ask of MMCE members

- The success of MMCE depends on all MMCE members, not just the facilitator. For MMCE to be a good experience, we ALL must
 - have an open-mind
 - be contributing members of their CLGs
 - attend ALL MMCE meetings
 - prepare for the group discussions or presentations
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8. Evaluation

- Evaluation will be based on your work for the Breaking down National Stereotypes Discussion and Global Issues forum as well as your contributions to the MMCE blog (<http://iwatemmce.blogspot.com/>) and MMCE participation. Each MMCE member will conduct their own evaluation.

9. Schedule

- The schedule below is tentative and will probably be modified:

Meeting No.	Date	Theme
1	4/16	Orientation
2	4/23	The state of our world
3	4/30	What is happiness?
4	5/7	An introduction to culture
5	5/14	Individual uniqueness and stereotypes
6	5/21	An introduction to values
7	5/28	An introduction to values
8	6/4	A look at the lives of non-Japanese in Japan
9	6/11	Prepare for the “Breaking down National Stereotypes” Discussion
10	6/18	Breaking down National Stereotypes
11	6/25	Breaking down National Stereotypes
12	7/2	Reflection of the discussion and prepare for the “Global Issues Forum”
13	7/9	Prepare for the “Global Issues Forum”
14	7/16	Global Issues Forum
15	7/23	Global Issues Forum

10. Contact Information

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11. MMCE Blog (<http://iwatemmce.blogspot.com>)

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Meeting of Multicultural Educators - Dell により提供された Internet Explorer". The address bar displays "http://iwatemmce.blogspot.com/". The browser's toolbar includes navigation buttons, a search box with "Google" text, and various utility icons. The page content is framed by a blue header with a search bar and navigation links. The main content area features a central title "MEETING OF MULTICULTURAL EDUCATORS" in a large, serif font. Below the title is a descriptive paragraph: "THIS IS THE OFFICIAL BLOG OF MMCE, A 'CLASS' AT A UNIVERSITY IN JAPAN. IN THIS BLOG I WILL SUMMARIZE WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED IN EACH MEETING. IN ADDITION, THIS BLOG WILL SERVE AS FORUM FOR MMCE MEMBERS TO EXCHANGE OPINIONS ABOUT DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE HAD IN THE MEETINGS." The page is dated "2008年4月15日". The main article is titled "Meeting 1: Welcome to MMCE" and begins with "Welcome to MMCE. I am looking forward to learning about cross-cultural understanding and world issues with you all this semester. Below is our schedule for meeting 1:". The schedule includes: "1) Introduce MMCE and the syllabus", "2) Make CLGs", and "3) The world geography challenge". Below the article, it shows "投稿者 JH 場所 11:27 0 コメント" and a "登録: 投稿 (Atom)" link. On the right side, there are three resource sections: "MMCE RESOURCES - GLOBAL ISSUES" with a link to "Tim Grose's World Issues Site"; "MMCE RESOURCES - BOOKS" with a link to "MMCE Bibliography"; and "MMCE RESOURCES - GEOGRAPHY" with a link to "Test your geography knowledge". At the bottom right, there is an "ブログのアーカイブ" section with a dropdown for "2008 (1)" and a sub-dropdown for "4月 (1)" containing the link "Meeting 1: Welcome to MMCE".

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MEETING OF MULTICULTURAL EDUCATORS

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2008年4月15日

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- 1) Introduce MMCE and the syllabus
- 2) Make CLGs
- 3) The world geography challenge

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