科目コード／科目名 (Course Code / Course Title)	DM492／Specialized Psychology Lecture		
テーマ／サブタイトル等 (Theme / Subtitle)	Cognitive and Evolutionary Psychological Approaches to Religion and Ritual		
担当者名 (Instructor)			
学期 (Semester)	秋学期(Fall Semester)	単位 (Credit)	2単位(2 Credits)
科目ナンバリング (Course Number)		言語 (Language)	英語 (English)
備考 (Notes)	For PEACE and DLP students		

授業の目標(Course Objectives)

The goal of this course are:
- To introduce students to cognitive and evolutionary psychology research on religion and ritual
- To improve students abilities to review research and think critically about studies
- To improve students abilities to communicate their opinions about research

授業の内容(Course Contents)

The special course on psychology examines contemporary research on religion and ritual conducted from an evolutionary and cognitive perspective. Although many people in Japan and in the West do not follow any specific religion, the majority of people across the world believe in and belong to religious groups. Furthermore, rituals are important in all societies and even non-religious people often hold some supernatural beliefs. This course examines religion and ritual as topics of psychology looking at modern research on the effects of religious belief and ritual participation. Each week students are introduced to a key topic through a lecture and engage in group discussion on selected research related to that topic. Students are required to make two presentations on selected topics during the course. The course is suitable for students for all English levels as the course contents will be adjusted according to the level of the students. By the end of the course students will be familiar with the key theories on religion/ritual and have gained experience in discussing research and presenting their opinions in English.

授業計画(Course Schedule)

1. [Lecture] Course Introduction
2. [Lecture] What is Religion? What are Rituals?
3. [Lecture] The Cognitive Science of Religion
4. [Lecture] Gods and other Minimally Counterintuitive Concepts (MCI)
5. [Lecture] Big Gods and Supernatural Punishment
6. [Lecture] Born Believers (Developmental Psychology 1)
7. [Lecture] Afterlife Beliefs (Developmental Psychology 2)
8. [Practice] Mid-course Review & Presentations
9. [Lecture] Rituals & Cultural Learning (Ritual Psychology 1)
10. [Lecture] Rituals & Group Bonding (Ritual Psychology 2)
11. [Lecture] Large Database Research & Digital Archaeology
12. [Lecture] The Psychology of Religious Extremism
13. [Lecture] Online Gurus, Conspiracy Cults & NRMs
14. [Practice] Final Presentations & Review of Course

授業時間外(予習・復習等)の学習(Study Required Outside of Class)

Some independent reading of English materials is recommended but most of the relevant material will be provided in class lectures.

成績評価方法・基準(Evaluation)

Active participation in group discussion and lecture attendance(50%)/In-Class Presentation(50%)

テキスト(Textbooks)

None

参考文献(Readings)

Reading material will be distributed in class.
読み物はクラスで提供されます。

その他(HP 等)(Others(e.g.HP))

Class content will be adjusted according to the number of students and their specific abilities/needs.
具体的な授業の進め方は，履修者の数やニーズに合わせて調整していきます。

注意事項（Notice）