Course Name	Japanese Popular Culture		
Semester, Year	２学期	Number of Credits	2 credits
Course level	3000	Course Number	27123
Instructor(s) (Institution)	Shunsuke NOZAWA (大学院メディア・コミュニケーション研究院)		
Course Objectives	This course is a survey of Japanese popular culture and its diverse conditions and effects in our contemporary world. Drawing on anthropology, media studies, narrative analysis, and other traditions of scholarship, readings and lectures will introduce key conceptual frameworks and debates in the scholarship on Japanese popular culture. Students will actively participate in discussion and group assignments, bringing their own personal experiences and observations to bear on our collective thinking processes. By the end of the term students will learn critical analytic skills, cross-cultural awareness, and the spirit of collaboration.		
Course Goals	1) Acquire critical perspectives on popular culture. 2) Acquire analytic and methodological knowledge through original research projects. 3) Develop collaborative skills in research and discussion.		
Course Schedule	1 Unpacking 'Japanese,' 'Popular,' and 'Culture' 2 Fan Power and Participatory Fantasies 3 Mediation, 1: Media and Monsters 4 Worlding, Consumption, and Characterization 5 Idol/Celebrity Culture and Registers of Contact 6 Meta-Fans and Affective Labor 7 Workshop for Midterm Project 8 Midterm Project Presentations 9 Platform Thinking 10 Alternative Intimacies 11 Moral Panic 12 The Fame of 'Japan' and Institutional Fantasies 13 Unpacking Japanese Popular Culture 14 Student Presentations 15 Student Presentations		
Homework	Each week students will write a short Response Statement in response to the week's assigned readings, in which they suggest discussion questions for the class. Students will also perform a Midterm project on a suggested topic, and develop a Final research / creative project on a topic of their own choosing.		
Grading System	Participation (20%) Response Statements (20%) Midterm Assignment (20%) Final Project (40%)		
Textbooks / Reading List			
Websites			
Website of Laboratory			
Additional Information	The course schedule, assignments, and readings are subject to change.		