

KANSAI GAIDAI UNIVERSITY
ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

Rugby World Cup Japan
Internship Class

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Fall 2019 Semester

Course handbook

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Course and contact details

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Semester Fall 2019
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Internship work Various dates and times

Course description

This course will involve preparation and internship work in connection with the Rugby World Cup Japan matches that are conducted in the Kansai area in the Fall of 2019 (see below schedule for fixture and class schedule) Students will take training offered by Gracenote, the organizer's official news agency, and by the Professor in order to prepare for the internship assignments. The internship itself will be assisting with international media engagement with the players of the teams after each fixture is completed. There will be eight matches in the Kansai area that the students in this class will attend. Specific language ability is preferred for this internship, fluency in spoken and written English is required, spoken Russian, Italian and Spanish are a plus.. A journalism background is also a plus for this course. Also an understanding and love of World Cup Rugby is recommended. Note that students must keep Thursday 4th and 5th periods free for the internship work portion of this class.

Course schedule

| Date | Week | Session | Topic |
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| 09/05/19 | 1 | 1 | Course Introduction and Overview |
| 09/12/19 | 2 | 2 | Internship Class Lecture |
| 09/19/19 | 3 | 3 | Guest Lecture by Rugby WC Manager |
| 09/21/19 | | 4&5 | Match Preparation at Hanzona Rugby Stadium |
| 09/22/19 | | 6&7 | Italy vs Namibia at Hanzona Rugby Stadium 14:15 |
| 09/26/19 | 4 | 8 | Internship Class Lecture |
| | | 9&10 | England vs USA match at Noevir Stadium Kobe 19:45 |
| 09/28/19 | | 11&12 | Argentina vs Tonga match at Hanzona Rugby Stadium 13:45 |
| 09/29/19 | | 13&14 | Match Preparation at Noevir Stadium Kobe |
| 09/30/19 | | 15&16 | Scotland vs Samoa match at Noevir Stadium Kobe 19:15 |
| 10/03/19 | 5 | 17&18 | Georgia vs Fiji match at Hanzona Rugby Stadium 14:15 |
| | | 19&20 | Ireland vs Russia match at Noevir Stadium Kobe 19:15 |

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| 10/08/19 | | 21&22 | South Africa vs Canada at Noevir Stadium Kobe 19:15 |
| 10/12/19 | | 23&24 | Match Preparation Day at Hanzona Rugby Stadium |
| 10/13/19 | | 25&26 | USA Vs Tonga at Hanzona Rugby Stadium 14:45 |
| 10/17/19 | 7 | 27 | Internship Class Lecture |
| 10/24/19 | 8 | 28 | Internship Class Lecture |
| 10/31/19 | 9 | 29 | KGU University Holiday |
| 12/05/19 | 15 | 30 | Internship Class Lecture |

Minimum Requirements

- ** Regular attendance is expected at all sessions
- ** Submission of assignments on time
- ** Active participation in all classes
- ** Full collaboration by each student on internship project
- ** Three hours of preparation per class

Methods of Assessment

Summary

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Internship Project Report | 60% | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Final Exam | 20% | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Participation | 20% | Par |

Further details on assessment

Internship Project Report

Overview

This project involves the internship component of the course which is the engagement of the students in the fixtures as scheduled above. Students will write up their experiences for each fixture and turn that into the professor on a weekly basis while the internship portion of this class is ongoing (from September 22nd to October 13th). A final report of the student experience and learning will be due at the end of the semester.

Here is the description of the internship role from the Gracenote's Rugby News Service team managing these internships: The flash quote reporter (FQR) is a volunteer role. These staff members are an extremely important part of our Rugby News Service (RNS) operation. They collect quotes from players and coaches after matches in the “mixed zone” and training sessions. They also take quotes at more formal press conferences. All these quotes are then submitted to the Central Editorial Team in Tokyo for publication on the Rugby World Cup website. FQRs must be confident and not afraid to approach players, coaches and officials for interviews, and must be fluent in written and spoken English. The FQR’s key task is to collect two or three short, concise quotes from the most important players, as identified by the supervisors and team reporters, and to transcribe them quickly and accurately so the RNS can publish them as fast as possible. That is why we call them “flash” quotes. A good understanding of rugby is preferred.

Class participation

You are required to actively participate in class and the internship assignments

Reading

Required Readings

It is particularly important that you attend the class having completed the required preparation. Failure to do so will seriously impair your ability to participate fully in the class.

Key text:

Internship preparation materials will be provided by the Gracenote's Rugby News Service organization at the start of the semester. This must be completed prior to the first fixture on September 22 in Osaka.

Other Resources

To be assigned as needed during the course of the class.