

## Independent Study Project Proposal (ISP)

Student's name:

Home university:

Title of project:

Introduction:

Contemporary Japanese popular culture through Japanese films presented in Fukuoka International Film Festival 2010

To reach the goal of the WJC program at FWU, which is to enhance foreign students' knowledge of the Japanese popular culture, it is mandatory for each student to learn the Japanese culture outside the classroom as well as inside the classroom. One of the best ways to learn about a country's culture is through films. As the city of Fukuoka holds Fukuoka International Film Festival every year in mid-September to late-September, it is a great opportunity for foreign students to pick out the Japanese films that have been carefully selected to represent the Japanese culture in the festival. Although the semester starts after the festival ends, students can still find information concerning the Japanese films on the internet or by discussing with the local people and the experts, if possible.

Theme:

Japanese popular culture in Japanese movies

Objective:

To understand more about the Japanese popular culture better through films, and not just any random films, but films that are significant enough to be particularly chosen to represent Japan in Fukuoka International Film Festival 2010

Activities:

(Methodology)

1. Watch the Japanese movies that would be presented in Fukuoka International Film Festival 2010.
  2. Make notes of any significant cultural points that can be inferred from the movies.
  3. Use knowledge from lectures and books that are relevant to classify these cultural traits into categories (e.g. communication, society, etc.) in order to analyze each category individually for better understanding.
  4. Consult with advisor and film experts (if possible).
  5. During the stay with the host family, try to watch the films with the host family and discuss the cultural issues presented in the movies to get better understanding of the Japanese culture through the viewpoints of the local people.
  6. Analyze all the information from all sources one more time to finalize the project.
  7. Prepare for the presentation.
- Resources:
- DVDs or video clips of the Japanese movies presented in Fukuoka International Film Festival 2010
  - Books related to Japanese popular culture in movies
  - The internet
  - Movie critics or other experts in the related areas
  - Museums and cultural exhibitions