

# Meiji Gakuin University - LaGuardia Community College COIL/Virtual Exchange Project (Spring 2021)

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## WHAT IS MGU-LAGCC2021

Meiji Gakuin University-LaGuardia COIL/Virtual Exchange (MGU-LAGCC2021) Project is an international collaboration project between Meiji Gakuin University (Prof. Jennifer Igawa) in Tokyo and the Japanese Language Program at LaGuardia Community College (Prof. Tomonori Nagano) in New York.

In this project, a group of students or individual students are paired with their partner groups/students in the other college and communicate through short video-taped conversations in English and Japanese. Topics for conversation are carefully designed so that the participants can develop a sense of community and feel comfortable using their target language in an encouraging and supportive environment. Through this virtual collaboration, students will discover life and culture of the community of their partner students.

This is a pilot project in Spring 2021 and anyone who is interested in virtual exchange can participate.

## WHAT ARE REQUIREMENTS?

Each participant is required to make three short (1-2 min) videos in the target language (English for MGU students and Japanese for LAGCC students) on the following topics

### 1. **Topic 1: Self introduction**

Post deadline 4/26 & Response deadline 5/3

Each student presents self introduction, which may include name, major, campus life, hobbies, part-time jobs, family, favorite places and food etc.

### 2. **Topic 2: Hometown**

Post deadline 5/10 & Response deadline 5/17

Each student describes his/her hometown or neighborhood, choosing one or two aspects to focus on (e.g. particular place or interesting natural phenomenon).

### 3. **Topic 3: Online learning**

Post deadline 5/24 & Response deadline 5/31

Each student discusses online learning. Points to cover might include (but are not limited to) likes and dislikes about online learning, the benefits or drawbacks of online learning, and whether online learning promotes or hinders communication.

In addition to their own videos, the participant must respond to (comment on) their partner's videos. In total, each participant will make at least six videos.

## WHERE DOES IT TAKE PLACE?

We will use *Flipgrid* for this pilot collaboration. You need to make an account on Flipgrid and join a group with your school e-mail (i.e., [xxx@meijigakuin.ac.jp](mailto:xxx@meijigakuin.ac.jp) or [xxx@live.lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:xxx@live.lagcc.cuny.edu)). The link to the Flipgrid group is <https://flipgrid.com/mgulagcc21> (or scan QR above)

## QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about the project, contact Prof. Jennifer Igawa ([igawaj@eco.meijigakuin.ac.jp](mailto:igawaj@eco.meijigakuin.ac.jp)) @ MGU or Tomonori Nagano ([tnagano@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:tnagano@lagcc.cuny.edu)).