

International exchange program Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) with University of Washington Bothell was held

The University of Washington in Seattle, USA, and Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU) in Tokyo, Japan, have a long-term student exchange since 2002. Due to the current situation with COVID-19, Collaborative Online International Learning as “COIL” was held with the University of Washington Bothell (UW Bothell) and it had eight times from February 12th to March 9th, 2021.

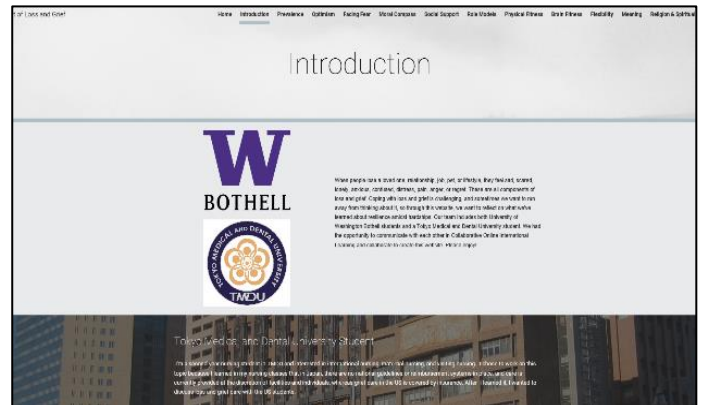


Padlet Project

In this program, students interacted with each other every week by lectures and discussions using the synchronous "Zoom" and by writing to the asynchronous "Padlet", created a website for the US-Japan joint project and gave a presentation. It was a hybrid COIL program that combined synchronous/asynchronous, which had never been tried before.

The 28 UW Bothell students and 9 TMDU students including 4 international students who participated overcame the language and time difference barriers and tackled the following difficult themes: Loss and Grief, Disaster, Rape and other Sexual Assault, Terrorism, Poverty, Mental Illness.

The students researched topics with the advice of teachers from both schools, exchanged ideas with students of the same age with different cultural backgrounds, inspired each other, summarized their thoughts and achieved a large joint project. This experience should lead to the students’ great confidence in the future.



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Zoom Meeting

This program was a new type of international exchange program because the actual overseas visit became impossible due to COVID-19. However, we were able to realize the diversification and importance of communication methods in these two months.