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論文題目	A Comparative Study of Changes in University Students' Communication and Behavior in Japan and the United States during the COVID-19 Pandemic（新型コロナウイルス感染症（COVID-19）パンデミック下における日本とアメリカの大学生のコミュニケーションおよび行動の変化に関する比較研究）
論文審査結果の要旨	In general, Mr. Shin's dissertation is well organized, clearly written, and grounded in relevant literature in intercultural communication and student life during the pandemic. He succeeds in selecting concrete, everyday practices of mask use and online learning and connecting them logically to broader cultural communication tendencies. The pre-/during-/post-pandemic structure strengthens the argument and helps the reader understand how changes unfolded over time. Particularly commendable is the comparative design: by administering the same survey themes to students in both Japan and the United States, Mr. Shin provides an accessible and persuasive basis for cross-cultural reflection. His analysis is careful and balanced, and he avoids overstatement by acknowledging the limits of a modest sample size while still extracting meaningful patterns from the data and participants' comments. While some aspects could be developed further in future work (for example, expanding the participant pool and adding more detailed statistical and qualitative coding procedures), the present study demonstrates clear academic competence and originality of focus. Taken as a whole, this thesis is of sufficient quality for the award of the master's degree in Comparative Culture. 2026 年 2 月 17 日に、北九州市立大学北方キャンパス本館 E303 教室において、審査委員全員出席のもとで最終試験を実施して学力を確認し、論文の説明を受け、質疑応答ののちに、全員一致で当該論文が修士(比較文化)として十分な内容であると判定した。