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Course Schedule Information

Course Code	881183
Semester	Spring and Summer Term
Day and Period	Tue5
Course Name (Japanese)	日本法入門
Room	Graduate School of/School of Letters, Law and Economics/Lecture Building Room42
Course Name	Introduction to Japanese Law
Capacity	0
Course Numbering Code	88INES9U100
Required/Optional	
Credits	2.0
Student Year	1,2,3,4,5,6
Field	
Instructor	Elbalti Beligh
Course of Media Class	Not Applicable

※About Course of Media Class

"Course of Media Class" are classes in which more than half of the classes are held in places other than classrooms by making advanced use of various media.

Undergraduate students can include up to 60 credits in media class course as requirements for graduation.

Even if this is not the case, we may hold classes using the media.

Detailed Syllabus Information

Course Subtitle	Introduction to Japanese Law
Language of the Course	English
Type of Class	Lecture Subject
Course Objective	Japanese law presents many peculiarities. For some, it is a modern legal system and a leading democracy where the law is effectively applied under the rule of law. For others, it is a complex and impenetrable legal system. However, despite this divergence in point of view, all agree that Japanese law is a fascinating field of study. This course's main objective is to provide students with basic knowledge of Japanese law and the Japanese legal system. It discusses the current status of Japanese law, its basic structure, sources of law, actors of law, court organization, and dispute resolution.
Learning Goals	This class aims to give students a general overview of the general features and structure of the Japanese legal system. Upon completing this course, students are expected to become more familiar with the peculiarities of Japanese law and the way it operates. Especially students will be expected: 1. To understand the general structure of Japanese law and gain basic knowledge about Japanese law, legal notions, and fundamental institutions 2. To explain different aspects of the Japanese legal system 3. To discuss various issues relating to the Japanese legal system and have their personal opinion about it.
Requirement / Prerequisite	There are no requisites for this course except interest and willing to learn. However, good English language skills are necessary to be able to follow the lectures and take part in the discussions.
Class Plan	Subject to some eventual modifications when necessary, the course will be organized as follows (details to be explained in class): Week 1: Guidance and Orientation: Part I – General Introduction

	<p>Week 2: The world of law - Law in general</p> <p>Week 3 : What is Japanese law?</p> <p>Week 4: History of Japanese Law</p> <p>Week 5: Sources of law</p> <p>Part II – Law Profession and Administration of Justice</p> <p>Week 6: Actors of Law</p> <p>Week 7: Court System</p> <p>Week 8: Dispute Resolution - Litigation</p> <p>Week 9: Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms</p> <p>Part III – Constitutional Framework</p> <p>Week 10: Constitution of Japan (1) – Origin and Features</p> <p>Week 11: Constitution of Japan (2) - Separation of Power</p> <p>Week 12: Constitution of Japan (3) – Principle of Pacifism</p> <p>Week 13: Constitution of Japan (4) - Fundamental Rights: General Approach</p> <p>Week 14: Constitution of Japan (5) - Fundamental Rights: Special Focus (Freedom of speech and religion)</p> <p>Part IV - Conclusion</p> <p>Week 15 - General Conclusion and Instructions for the Term Exam</p>
Independent Study Outside of Class	Materials on each of the topics that will be handled during the class will be provided to the students. Students are expected to review the materials in advance.
Textbooks	None in particular. Necessary materials will be provided by the lecturer.
Reference	to be indicated in class
Grading Policy	Final report 60%, Class participation (including regular attendance, participation and contributions to the discussions, attitudes during class, etc.) 40%.
Attendance and Student Conduct Policy*	Attendance is mandatory unless excused. Details will be provided in class.
Other Remarks	Students will be required to observe a number of rules that will be explained in due course. Students are encouraged to participate actively in the lessons. Students are also welcomed to consult with the instructor when necessary.
Special Note	Special needs and necessities of the students will be taken into consideration during the lectures. Students are encouraged to discuss with the instructor when necessary.
Office Hour	Reservation by email at any time
Keywords	
Messages to Prospective Students	
Course conducted by instructors with practical experience	

Instructor(s)

Instructor Name	Name (hiragana)	Affiliation, Title, Course	Office	Extension	E-mail
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Cautions for Students

※出欠席及び受講に関するルール：令和5年度以降のシラバス項目 / *Attendance and Student Conduct Policy: field available from FY2023