

Course Schedule Information

Course Code / 時間割コード	881170
Semester / 開講区分(開講学期)	Fall and Winter Term
Day and Period / 曜日・時間	Fri2
Course Name (Japanese) / 開講科目名	現代日本の教育問題
Course Name / 開講科目名(英)	Contemporary Educational Issues in Japan
Capacity / 定員	0
Room / 教室	人/本館 1 2 講義室
Course Numbering Code / ナンパリング	88INES9U100
Required/Optional / 必修・選択	履修対象：特別聴講学生 人科G30_
Type of Class / 授業形態	Lecture Subject
Credits / 単位数	2.0
Student Year / 年次	1
Instructor / 担当教員	ENKHTUR ARIUNAA
Course of Media Class / メディア授業科目	Not Applicable

Detailed Syllabus Information

Course Subtitle / 授業サブタイトル	Contemporary Issues in Japanese Education	
Language of the Course / 開講言語	English	
Learning Methods / 学習方法	<p>Listening and watching face-to-face/online class: Listening and watching a lecture, video, or demonstration, face-to-face or via online (e.g., attending a face-to-face lecture, watching an on-demand video)</p> <p>Reading: Reading books and academic papers (e.g., summarizing an academic paper, reading information on a website)</p> <p>Discussion: Learning through question-and-answer interactions and exchanges of opinions among students and between students and the instructor (e.g., pair/group discussion, online chat, one-on-one guidance for writing an academic paper)</p> <p>Collaborative work: Working as a pair or a group (e.g., producing a poster through group work)</p> <p>Research: Collecting information from books and academic papers; gathering and analyzing data by fieldwork (e.g., review of previous research, fieldwork)</p> <p>Experience/practice: Learning from experience- and practice-based activities, and feedback on such activities (e.g., solving problems; laboratory work using instruments; on-campus and off-campus practical training; skills practice including sporting skills; project-based learning; internship)</p> <p>Presentation: Writing papers, making presentations, and creating works (e.g., report writing, oral/poster presentation, creation of works, portfolio development)</p>	
Course Objectives / 授業の目的と概要	<p>The objective of this course is to provide an overview of modern educational systems, institutions and practices in Japan, and their implications for wider society. First, we will review the basic institutional structure at primary, secondary and tertiary education levels learning about important policies and reforms at each stage. Then, we will further focus on some of the main issues from equity and access to internationalization of education reviewing some of the main socioeconomic factors. Throughout the course, students will explore particular issues of their own interest and will present their findings at the end of course. The course will take a comparative and policy perspective. While the class will cover a wide range of educational issues, it will focus somewhat on post-secondary or higher education.</p>	
Learning Goals / 学習目標	1	Compare and analyze similarities and differences between different educational systems.
	2	Discuss and critique prevailing assumptions about Japanese education.
	3	Critically analyze a particular educational issue, and provide policy recommendations for improvement.
	4	Relate wider social, cultural, economic or political forces and conditions to the understanding of and the development of solutions to current educational issues.
	5	Utilize multiple sources and resources to search for, analyze, critique, and synthesize information and data related to current educational issues.

Requirements, Prerequisites / 履修条件・受講条件		
Attendance and Student Conduct Policy / 出欠席及び受講に関するルール	Attendance of all sessions is required--10% of the grade will be based on the attendance. If you are sick and you are going to miss a class, please contact your TA (cc: to Dr. Ariunaa) by email.	
Class Plan / 授業計画	1st	Title:Overview to the course and Japanese education system structure
		Overview to the course
		Instructor:
		Independent Study Outside of Class:
	2nd	Title:Japanese education system overview
		Overview of Japanese education system, compare Japanese education system with that of another country
		Instructor:
		Independent Study Outside of Class:
	3rd	Title:Primary education in Japan
		Overview of primary education system in Japan, distinctive characteristics
		Instructor:
		Independent Study Outside of Class:
	4th	Title:Secondary education in Japan
		Overview of secondary education system in Japan, distinctive characteristics
		Instructor:
		Independent Study Outside of Class:
	5th	Title:Post-secondary education
		Overview of post-secondary education system in Japan, distinctive characteristics
		Instructor:
		Independent Study Outside of Class:
	6th	Title:Preparing a white paper
		Interactive session on "white paper"
		Instructor:
		Independent Study Outside of Class:
	7th	Title:Education, the economy, and society
		Review how education is interrelated with economy, society, politics, and governance
		Instructor:
		Independent Study Outside of Class:
	8th	Title:Shadow education in Japan
		Shadow education and other afterschool clubs in Japan
		Instructor:
		Independent Study Outside of Class:Reading: Tsuneyoshi, R. (2013). Junior high school entrance examinations in metropolitan Tokyo – the advantages and costs of privilege
	9th	Title:Admissions and Rankings
Review of undergraduate admissions reform in Japan		
Instructor:		
Independent Study Outside of Class:Reading: Ishikura, Y. (2023). Undergraduate Admissions in Japan		
10th	Title:Multiculturalism in Japanese education context	
	Multiculturalism in Japanese education context	
	Instructor:	
	Independent Study Outside of Class:Reading: Tsuneyoshi, R (2018). Discussing “ the multicultural ” in Japanese society	
11th	Title:Internationalization of higher education	
	Internationalization of higher education policy and practices	
	Instructor:	
	Independent Study Outside of Class:	

	12th	Title:School to work transition					
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		Instructor:					
		Independent Study Outside of Class:Kobayashi, Y. (2021). Non-globalized ties between Japanese higher education and industry: Crafting publicity-driven calls for domestic and foreign students with global qualities. Higher Education, 81(2), 241-253.					
	13th	Title:Student presentations & discussions					
		Students present their white paper					
		Instructor:					
		Independent Study Outside of Class:					
	14th	Title:Student presentations & discussions					
		Students present their white paper					
		Instructor:					
		Independent Study Outside of Class:					
	15th	Title:Student presentations & discussions					
		Students present their white paper					
		Instructor:					
		Independent Study Outside of Class:					
16th	Title:Submit White Paper						
	Students submit the white paper						
	Instructor:						
	Independent Study Outside of Class:						
Textbooks / 教科書・指定教材		There is no textbook, instead we will be using the Internet as a source of wide array of resources.					
Reference / 参考図書・参考教材		http://www.nier.go.jp/English/educationjapan/index.html http://www.mext.go.jp/b_menu/hakusho/html/others/detail/1317220.htm https://data.oecd.org/searchresults/?r=%2Bf%2Ftype%2FIndicators&r=%2Bf%2Ftopics_en%2Feducation http://datatopics.worldbank.org/education/country/japan http://uis.unesco.org/en/country/jp *Note: The instructor reserves the right to replace or require additional readings, as needed.					
Grading Policy / 成績評価		Evaluation Methods / 評価方法	Report/paper	Presentation	Learning engagement	Practical exam/demonstration	Discussion board entry
		Learning Goals1	○	○	○	○	○
		Learning Goals2	○	○	○	○	○
		Learning Goals3	○	○	○	○	○
		Learning Goals4	○	○	○	○	○
		Learning Goals5	○	○			○
		Allocation of Marks / 評価割合	30%	15%	25%	20%	10%
Additional Information on Grading / 成績評価に関する補足情報		Academic misconduct (cheating, collusion, plagiarism or falsification of information) in all forms of written work, or presentations can lead to consequences ranging from loss of marks in the relevant course to zero grades for all classes taken that semester. Please refer to the Student Manual and the Human Sciences International Program Code of Conduct.					
Reasonable Accommodation / 合理的配慮		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this class due to disability (including intractable disease and chronic condition), please contact the office for students with disabilities (e.g., Educational Affairs Section, Academic Affairs Section, Student Affairs Section) at your school/faculty or graduate school, or the Disability Advisory and Support Service Office of the Health and Counseling Center. For more information, please visit the following website or contact the Disability Advisory and Support Service Office of the Health and Counseling Center. Website : https://acs.hacc.osaka-u.ac.jp Tel : 06-6850-6107 E-mail : campuslifekenkou-acs@office.osaka-u.ac.jp 					
Special Note / 特記事項							
Office Hours / オフィスアワー		By appointment and after class					

Course Conducted by Instructors
with Practical Experience / 実務経
験のある教員による授業科目