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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
Course Name	Introduction to Japanese Law
Capacity	0
Room	Graduate School of/School of Letters, Law and Economics/Lecture Building Room42
Course Numbering Code	88INES9U100
Required/Optional	
Type of Class	Lecture Subject
Credits	2.0
Student Year	1,2,3,4,5,6
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	
Learning Methods	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) Reading: Reading books and academic papers (e.g., summarizing an academic paper, reading information on a website) 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)	
Course Objectives	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, dispute resolution and constitutional law.	
Learning Goals	1	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 be able 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

Requirements, Prerequisites	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.	
Attendance and Student Conduct Policy	Attendance is mandatory unless excused. Details will be provided in class.	
Class Plan	1st	Title:Introduction and Guidance
		General overview of the Course and Class policy and rules explanation
		Instructor :
		Independent Study Outside of Class : N/A
	2nd	Title:Japanese law and Legal System - An Introduction
		Understand the debate about the peculiarities of Japanese legal system law
		Instructor :
		Independent Study Outside of Class : relevant reading materials that will be explained in class
	3rd	Title:Japanese Law - A Historical Overview
		Understand the historical development of Japanese law
		Instructor :
		Independent Study Outside of Class : relevant reading materials that will be explained in class
	4th	Title:Sources of law (I) - Formal Sources
		Understand the various manifestations of Japanese law
		Instructor :
		Independent Study Outside of Class : relevant reading materials that will be explained in class
	5th	Title:Sources of law (II) - Informal Sources
		Consider whether there are informal sources of law in Japan, and if yes, their relevance
		Instructor :
		Independent Study Outside of Class : relevant reading materials that will be explained in class
	6th	Title:Actors of Law
		Understand the main legal actors in Japan
		Instructor :
		Independent Study Outside of Class : relevant reading materials that will be explained in class
	7th	Title:The Judiciary
		Understand the court structure in Japan and different categories of courts
		Instructor :
Independent Study Outside of Class : relevant reading materials that will be explained in class		
8th	Title:Dispute Resolution - Litigation	
	Understand the different types of procedures and procedural frameworks available under Japanese law	
	Instructor :	
	Independent Study Outside of Class : relevant reading materials that will be explained in class	
9th	Title:Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms	
	Understand the different types of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and their characteristics	
	Instructor :	

		Independent Study Outside of Class : relevant reading materials that will be explained in class				
	10th	Title:Constitution of Japan – Origin and Features				
		Understand the main features of the Japanese Constitution and the historical context in which it was adopted				
		Instructor :				
		Independent Study Outside of Class : relevant reading materials that will be explained in class				
	11th	Title:Popular Sovereignty and Separation of Power				
		Understand the institutional structure of Japan from a constitutional point of view				
		Instructor :				
		Independent Study Outside of Class : relevant reading materials that will be explained in class				
	12th	Title:Principle of Pacifism				
		Understand the meaning of Article 9 and learn about the various developments relating to its interpretation				
		Instructor :				
		Independent Study Outside of Class : relevant reading materials that will be explained in class				
	13th	Title:Fundamental Rights (1): General Approach				
		Understand the different categories of human rights guaranteed by the Japanese Constitution				
		Instructor :				
		Independent Study Outside of Class : relevant reading materials that will be explained in class				
	14th	Title:Fundamental Rights (2): Special Focus (Freedom of speech and religion)				
		Understand how freedom of speech and religion are regulated in Japan				
		Instructor :				
Independent Study Outside of Class : relevant reading materials that will be explained in class						
15th	Title:General Conclusion and Instructions for the Term Exam					
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	Instructor :					
	Independent Study Outside of Class : N/A					
Textbooks	None in particular. Necessary materials will be provided by the lecturer.					
Reference	to be indicated in class					
Grading Policy *Hover the mouse over the number of a learning goal to view the full text of it.	Evaluation Methods	Report/paper	Learning engagement			
	Learning Goals1	○	○			
	Learning Goals2	○	○			
	Learning Goals3	○	○			
	Allocation of Marks	70%	30%			
Additional Information on Grading	Final report 70%, Class participation (including regular attendance, participation and contributions to the discussions, attitudes during class, etc.) 30%.					
Reasonable Accommodation	• 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.					

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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 Hours	Reservation by email at any time
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

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