

科目コード／科目名 (Course Code / Course Title)	DM478/Torts		
テーマ／サブタイトル等 (Theme / Subtitle)	Introduction to Torts		
担当者名 (Instructor)			
学期 (Semester)	秋学期(Fall Semester)	単位 (Credit)	2単位(2 Credits)
科目ナンバリング (Course Number)		言語 (Language)	英語 (English)
備考 (Notes)	For PEACE and DLP students		

授業の目標 (Course Objectives)

The objective of this course is to introduce students to the basics of Japanese tort law from a comparative perspective.

授業の内容 (Course Contents)

Imagine that your friend intentionally broke your smartphone. He or she committed the crime of criminal damage, which consists of damaging property that belongs to others. The state may send him or her to jail or make him or her pay a fine. In either case, you will not receive the money to repair your old smartphone or buy a new one unless you take action. Tort law is the law that allows you to ask your friend to pay compensation for what he or she did to you. We begin the course with an introduction to the meaning of a tort and the basic elements you need to prove to receive compensation from a person who has harmed you. Next, we step into the defendant's shoes to learn how you can defend yourself from a tort claim. In the last classes, we take a closer look at special types of torts, defamation, and privacy. Japanese tort law will be the basis for most of our discussions with some comparisons to the laws of the United States, England, France and Germany. We use the Socratic Method to investigate real and hypothetical cases so students will be asked questions every class.

授業計画 (Course Schedule)

1. What is a tort?
2. Elements of a tort 1
3. Elements of a tort 2
4. Elements of a tort 3
5. Elements of a tort 4
6. Tort victims
7. Defenses to torts 1
8. Defenses to torts 2
9. Defenses to torts 3
10. Special torts 1: Joint torts
11. Special torts 2: Liability for the act of others
12. Special torts 3: Liability for the act of things
13. Defamation and privacy 1
14. Defamation and privacy 2

授業時間外(予習・復習等)の学習 (Study Required Outside of Class)

Students will be given book chapters and materials to read before every class. Preparation should take around one hour depending on your English reading skills.

成績評価方法・基準 (Evaluation)

筆記試験(Written Exam)(60%)/Attendance and participation(40%)

テキスト (Textbooks)

All materials discussed in class will be made available in advance or distributed in class.

参考文献 (Readings)

その他 (HP 等) (Others(e.g.HP))

注意事項 (Notice)

