

科目コード／科目名 (Course Code / Course Title)	EX589／法学基礎演習 (Introductory Seminar on Law)		
テーマ／サブタイトル等 (Theme / Subtitle)	To examine the society from a legal point of view and train your independent research, logical thinking, writing and presentation skills		
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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)	LPX2911	言語 (Language)	英語 (English)
備考 (Notes)	その他登録		

授業の目標 (Course Objectives)

This seminar is designed to train students' logical thinking, writing and presentation skills, while examining the society from the legal, sociological, cultural and political points of view.

Through examining modern social issues from a legal point of view, students can also gain insights into the modern society in Japan.

授業の内容 (Course Contents)

The area of law addressed in the seminar will be mainly Japanese civil law. However, since social issues are commonly related to not only Japanese civil law but also various kinds of laws, such related laws will also be covered.

The seminar will be inclined more toward learning civil-law related social issues from legal, sociological, cultural, historical and political points of view, rather than delving into doctrinal aspects of legal studies.

The first half of the semester will be dedicated to train students logical thinking and presentation skills. The topics for the training will be provided by the instructor.

The second half of the semester will be for training students' independent research skills, as well. Therefore, students will be asked to find the topics to research on and present the research in class. Students may choose any topic involving social issues related to the Japanese law or other countries'. However, since the research materials may be limited depending on the topics, consultation with the instructor will be required before starting the research. It is recommended to decide the topic earlier during the first half of the semester. For those who may find it hard to select their research topics, a list of possible research topics will be provided at the beginning of the semester.

Students are also required to write a short research paper on the topics that they selected.

授業計画 (Course Schedule)

1. Introduction to the seminar
Logical thinking and presentation skills (1) The topic will be provided by the instructor.
2. Logical thinking and presentation skills (2) The topic will be provided by the instructor.
3. Presentations and discussion: The topic will be provided by the instructor.
4. Presentations and discussion: The topic will be provided by the instructor.
5. Presentations and discussion: The topic will be provided by the instructor.
6. Presentations and discussion: The topic will be provided by the instructor.
7. Presentations and discussion: The topic will be provided by the instructor.
8. Students presentation(s) and discussion
Research paper(s)
9. Students presentation(s) and discussion
Research paper(s)
10. Students presentation(s) and discussion
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11. Students presentation(s) and discussion
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12. Students presentation(s) and discussion
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13. Students presentation(s) and discussion
Research paper(s)
14. Students presentation(s) and discussion
Research paper(s)

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

There will be reading assignments in the first half of the semester. Students must complete the reading assignments.

Occasional writing assignments may be given, as well. For preparing for the presentations, independent research will be required as well.

成績評価方法・基準 (Evaluation)

Presentation and participation in class(60%)/Research papers(40%)

テキスト (Textbooks)

なし

参考文献 (Readings)

その他 (HP 等) (Others (e.g. HP))

<選考方法>

採用人数: 20 名程度

配当年次: 1 年次

選考方法: Selection based on the short essays submitted by the students

① 題目: Select a social issue that you are interested, explain the issue and why you are interested in it. (You may select any social issue of any country in any time period.)

② 字数: a maximum of 800 words

注意事項 (Notice)