Course title	European Law				
Responsible person to enter grades	SEKINE Yuki			開講区分 2nd semester	単位数 2.0
Numbering Code	J2MC611	Day · Period, etc.	Mon4(対面)	Timetable Slot Code	3J367

Lesson topic

This course is a basic course on EU Law and politics, given by several faculty members specializing in various fields of Japanese law, and an external expert in EU politics. While adapting to the level of English proficiency of students taking this class, this class aims at providing a rare opportunity to law school students, to study law in English. Basic knowledge of EU has become essential to law practitioners in Japan, in the context of globalization of the economy. This course is open to KIMAP students.

Lesson target

This course aims at providing basic knowledge on the history and politics of European integration, EU institutions, its institutions and policies concerning social and workers' protection, competition law, international law, enabling students to understand what is the European Union, its legal structure and its functioning.

Syllabus and plan

The course schedule is as follows (however it is subject to change)

Part I: Introduction (European integration and EU Law)

- 1 2: What is European Law?
- 3: European integration and the making of EU Law

Part II: The Politics of the EU and Withdrawal from the EU (Brexit)

- 1: European integration (the Politics)
- 2: Withdrawal from the EU (Brexit: an analysis)

Part III: The policies of the EU and Substantive Law of the EU

- 1 3: The Four Freedoms (Free movement in the EU)
- 4 5: Workers' Protection, Social Protection
- 6 7: Competition Law
- 8 9: The Foreign Policy of the EU, and International Law

Evaluation method

Participation in class (discussion, answers to questions) 40%; End of term exam 60%

Evaluation baseline

Criteria for the evaluation comprise participation in the discussions in class, answers to questions in class, and the end of term exam, according to the objective of the class stated above.

Notice (include info. on related class)

Detailed instructions shall be given, together with the course schedule and materials, at the first lecture.

Review and preparation

Additional details to those given at the first lecture shall be given by each lecturer. Kobe University encourages students to study about 45 hours in total over the course of a one credit course.

Office hour · Contact information

Office hours will differ according to each lecturer, but will typically be conducted on an appointment basis.

Message for student

Knowledge of EU Law, even a basic one, is an important asset for any law practitioner nowadays. This course provides a rare opportunity to practice English in a Japanese Law school. We shall make sure to adapt to the English proficiency of students whose main focus it to prepare for the Japanese bar exam.

Improvemenets in Teaching

This is the first time this class is conducted in English at the Law school. It is given by tenured Faculty Members of the Graduate School of Law of Kobe University mainly.

Text

There is no designated text book for this course. Materials shall be distributed by each lecturer.

Reference Material

In addition to the materials, students might consult the following textbook (in Japanese)

EU法 / 中西優美子:,2012,ISBN:9784883841790

Classroom Language

English

This course is given in English. However, this is a basic course designed for Japanese students, and shall be adapted to the English proficiency level of the law school students.

Keywords

European Union

Lisbon Treaty

Schengen Treaty

Freedom of Movement