

Course title	Japanese Legal System		
Instructor	SAITO Akira	Lecture category	Credit(s)
		2nd semester	2

Theme and Objectives

This course is mainly designed for foreign exchange students who will stay one or two semesters only. This course is not a comprehensive introduction to Japanese Legal System. Rather, it tried to pick up recent important topics of Japanese Law, which shows the features in the context of the characteristics of Japanese cultures and societies including business activities. It is also useful for Japanese students to learn the legal terminology in English. The topics are selected and explained by the specialist of each legal area. Most of lectures are delivered by the team of the fulltime faculty members of the graduate school of law of Kobe University. Each topic is analyzed from the viewpoint comparative law, which makes this course valuable for both foreign as well as Japanese students. The participants are requested to read the materials indicated by the teachers before attending the class. The participants are expected to learn how laws are functioning in Japanese societies, as well as the basic structure of the judicial system in Japan.

Description and Schedule

1. Judicial System and Lawyers in Japan
2. Judicial System and Lawyers in Japan
3. The Legal Transplantation of Civil Code and Contract Law
4. International Harmonization of Contract Law and Japan
5. Labor Law in Japan
6. Labor Law in Japan
7. Corporate Law in Japan
8. Corporate Law in Japan
9. Social Welfare: Laws and Institutions in Japan
10. Social Welfare: Laws and Institutions in Japan
11. International Civil Procedural Law in Japan
12. International Civil Procedural Law in Japan
13. Investment Treaty Arbitration and Japan
14. Investment Treaty Arbitration and Japan
15. Review and Q&A

Evaluation

Regular Attendance and Active Participation (40%)
 Reports and Essays (60%)

Information Regarding Preparation, Review and Related Subjects

As a Global Special Subject, this course is conducted in English only. The students of other departments are also encouraged to register.

Office Hour and Contact Information

To be decided after discussing with the participants.

Message

This is the first course provided by the fulltime members of Law Faculty. This course is also useful for Japanese students who would like to work in any field involving international elements. The use of English legal terminology is required in various occasions in our daily life.

Improvements in Teaching

Textbook

All the lectures are delivered with the aid of PowerPoint Slides. The reading assignments and materials are to be distributed.

Reference Materials

Classroom Language

English

Keywords

Japanese Law, Japanese Legal System, Comparative Law, Global Human Resource,