

Course title	Global and Comparative Law				
Responsible person to enter grades	Shih-An WANG			開講区分	単位数
				1st semester	2.0
Numbering Code	J2MC611	Day・Period, etc.	Fri1(対面)	Timetable Slot Code	1J366

Lesson topic

This course introduces students to the legal institutions, systems, and traditions significant to Japan within the broader context of globalization. It is not just a course on foreign law; instead, you will learn about how law diverges or converges across different jurisdictions. Topics will include courts, legal transplant, law and development, and legal pluralism. The course will also introduce you to the key features of major legal systems worldwide, examining their historical traditions and contemporary practices. Furthermore, we will explore the structure and operation of international law from a comparative perspective.

Lesson target

By the end of this course, students shall be able to appreciate the major topics in global and comparative law. Students shall be able to analyze major legal issues of their own countries and other countries from a global perspective. Additionally, students can enhance their English communicative skills by exchanging their opinions in class.

Syllabus and plan

1. The Tradition of Comparative Law
2. Decolonial Theory and Comparative Law
3. Dispute Resolution and Courts
4. Legal Transplants in Public Law
5. Legal Transplants in Private Law
6. Law and Development
7. Legal Pluralism and Commerce
8. Confucian Legal Tradition
9. Common Law
10. Former Soviet States of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia
11. Islamic Law in Middle East and North Africa
12. South Asia
13. Cross-Border Judicial Dialogue
14. Comparative International Law
15. Final Exam

Evaluation method

- Class participation (15%).
- Final exam or research paper (85%).

Evaluation baseline

- Class participation (15%). All students are expected to participate and exchange their perspectives on the course materials in class. Students who contribute regularly will receive extra credit that will significantly figure into their final grade. Students will not be penalized for making errors in English.
- Final exam or research paper (85%).
 - o Final exam: The exam will require students to write responses to a few questions in English. Grades will be determined by how well students can master and analyze course materials and the topics discussed in class. To the extent that their responses are clear and apprehensible, students will not be penalized for making grammatical errors in English.
 - o Research paper: Students may write a research paper (at least 20 pages in English) instead of taking the exam. Students should consult the instructor about paper topics if they want to do so. The deadline for paper submissions will be announced in class. Grades will be determined by the quality of the paper.

Notice (include info. on related class)

Students interested in studying in English-speaking countries may participate in this course to develop their familiarity with English materials and communicative skills.

Review and preparation

Course materials will be distributed on BEEF+, and students are expected to complete readings by the beginning of each class. All course materials are in English.

Kobe University requires 45 hours of study from students to award one credit, including both in-class instructions as well as study outside classes. Students are required to prepare for each class and complete the review after each class, depending on the respective class goals.

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Message for student

The course aims to be intellectually engaging, so students should feel comfortable to ask questions and express their viewpoints in class. Students are also encouraged to discuss the readings and lectures with classmates or anyone else.

Both undergraduate and graduate students are welcome to take this course.

Improvements in Teaching

Text

No textbook is required for this course. All course materials will be distributed on BEEF+.

Reference Material

Students interested in further reading are welcome to schedule a meeting with the instructor for details.

Classroom Language

English

Keywords

Comparative law

Global law

Transnational law

Legal Institution

Exchange student (Special auditing student)