

<b>Course Title</b> 科目名	<b>The Constitution of Japan- Government Structure</b> 日本国憲法— 統治機構	<b>Instructor</b> 担当者	<b>NASU, Yuji</b> 奈須 祐治
Semester 学期	<b>Spring</b>	Credits 単位	<b>2</b>
Course Level 履修年次	<b>N/A</b>	hrs/wks 時間数/週	<b>2</b>
<b>【Course Objectives and Focus : 授業の到達目標及びテーマ】</b>			
The Constitution of Japan is the supreme law of our country, and you must know it to truly understand the social and political structure of Japan. You can also understand Japanese political landscape through this lecture. This lecture is about the law, but you do not need any legal knowledge for taking the lecture.			
<b>【Course Summary : 授業の概要】</b>			
In this lecture, we will overview the Constitution of Japan. The Constitution mainly consists of two parts; human rights and government structure. In spring term, I will lecture on the latter part. I also explain about basic principles and history of the Constitution in this lecture.			
<b>【 Preparatory Work : 準備学習等についての具体的な指示】</b>			
I do not require any preparatory works. You just need to bring your materials posted on Moodle. You have to work after taking every lecture, reading back handouts and other materials.			
<b>【 Content : 各回の授業内容】</b>			
Day 1	Basic Principles of the Japanese Constitution		
Day 2	A History of the Constitution of Japan		
Day 3	The Emperor and the People's Sovereignty		
Day 4	The Electoral System		
Day 5	The Diet (1) - Organization and Powers of the Diet		
Day 6	The Diet (2) - Legislative Process		
Day 7	The Cabinet (1) - Organization and Powers of the Cabinet		
Day 8	The Cabinet (2) - Relationship between the Diet and the Cabinet, Bureaucrats, and the Cabinet Reform		
Day 9	The Courts - Organization and Powers of the Courts		
Day 10	Judicial Review		
Day 11	Local Government System (1) - History of Local Autonomy		
Day 12	Local Government System (2) - Organization and Powers of the Local Public Entities		
Day 13	Pacifism and National Defence (1) - History		
Day 14	Pacifism and National Defence (2) - Interpretation of the Article 9		
Day 15	Constitutional Amendment		
<b>【Textbooks, Course Materials: テキスト・参考書等】</b>			
Every handouts and relevant materials will be posted on Moodle. I will introduce many books and articles during every lecture.			
<b>【Grading Criteria: 成績評価の方法】</b>			
Exam: 70%, Report: 30%			
<b>【Note: 履修上の注意】</b>			
Class attendance and active participation is essential for this lecture.			