

Course Title 科目名	The Constitution of Japan - Government Structure A 日本国憲法 - 統治機構A			Instructor 担当者	NASU, Yuji 奈須 祐治		
Semester 学期	FALL 2023	Course Level 履修年次	N/A	Credits 単位	2	hrs/wks 時間数/週	2
【Course Objectives: 授業の到達目標】							
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.							
【Course Summary: 授業の概要】							
In this lecture, we will overview the Constitution of Japan. The Constitution mainly consists of two parts; human rights and government structure. In fall term, I will lecture on the latter part. I will also explain about basic principles and history of the Constitution in this lecture. In spring term, I will lecture on the part of human rights. Before each lecture, I will assign a short presentation time to one student, in which you will make a speech on a recent topic on your own constitution (I assume that you will use an article on the web, and introduce it to the class).							
【Study Required outside Class (Preparation etc): 事前・事後学習】							
I do not require any preparatory works (except for short presentation). You just need to bring your materials posted on Moodle. You have to work after taking every lecture, reading back handouts and other materials.							
【Class Outline: 授業計画(各回の授業内容)】							
Session 1	Basic Principles of the Japanese Constitution						
Session 2	A History of the Constitution of Japan						
Session 3	The Emperor and the People's Sovereignty						
Session 4	The Electoral System						
Session 5	The Diet (1) - Organization and Powers of the Diet						
Session 6	Equality (2) - Cases						
Session 7	The Cabinet						
Session 8	The Judiciary						
Session 9	Judicial Review						
Session 10	Local Government System (1) - History of Local Autonomy						
Session 11	Local Government System (2) - Organization and Powers of the Local Public Entities Speech						
Session 12	Pacifism and National Defence (1) - History						
Session 13	Pacifism and National Defence (2) - Interpretation of the Article 9						
Session 14	Constitutional Amendment						
【Textbooks, Course Materials: 教科書、参考書等】							
Every handouts and relevant materials will be posted on Moodle. I will introduce many books and articles during every lecture.							
【Grading Criteria: 成績評価の方法】							
Exam: 70%, Report (including a short presentation): 30%							
【Note: 履修上の注意】							
Class attendance and active participation is essential for this lecture.							