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	Law and Culture in Japan-E2 Law and Culture in Japan-E2					Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation			Graduate School of Law Associate Professor, KARAISKOS, Antonios			
Group Humanities and Social Sciences					Field	Field(Classification)			urisprudence, Politics and Economics(Foundations)			
Language of instruction					Old	Old group Group A			Number of credits 2			2
Number of weekly time blocks	I Class stric		ecture (Face-to-	cture ace-to-face course)			Year/semesters		2024 •	First semester		
Days and periods				, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			Eligible students		For all majors			

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course will give an outline of some major legal issues in Japan, and explain the cultural and social elements behind them.

Further, it will demonstrate the mutual relation between law and culture in Japan, especially focusing on two topics: (1) law in everyday life, and (2) social issues and the law.

Along the way, relevant cases decided by Japanese courts will also be discussed.

The goal of this course is for students to acquire a basic knowledge of the structure and current state of Japanese law, and get able to comprehend and analyze representative legal issues of everyday life. An additional goal is for students to deepen their understanding of Japanese society and culture.

During this course, students will be given the opportunity to actively participate in discussions and exchange of ideas.

[Course objectives]

- Understanding the basics of law in modern Japanese society.
- Getting able to comprehend and analyze representative legal issues of everyday life.
- Deepening the understanding of Japanese society and culture.

[Course schedule and contents)]

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Significance and foundations of law
- 3 Sources and categories of law
- 4 Trials, structure of courts and legal professions
- 5 Law in everyday life I: Minors and the law
- 6 Law in everyday life II: Elderly people and the law
- 7 Law in everyday life III: Family and the law
- 8 Law in everyday life IV: Contracts in Japan
- 9 Law in everyday life V: Consumer protection/education and the law
- 10 Social issues and the law I: Organized fraud
- 11 Social issues and the law II: Product safety
- 12 Social issues and the law III: False accusations in criminal cases
- 13 Social issues and the law IV: Bioethics
- 14 Social issues and the law V: Artificial intelligence
- 15 Final exam

Feedback (the method will be explained later)

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[Course requirements]
None
[Evaluation methods and policy]
Class attendance and active participation: 20% Final written examination (part of the questions will have to be answered in the form of a short essay): 80%
[Textbooks]
Handouts will be distributed and further reading material will be indicated during the course. [References, etc.]
(References, etc.) Introduced during class
[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]
Will be indicated during the course if necessary.
[Other information (office hours, etc.)]
Students may contact me by email for appointments or questions regarding the course.