

Course Name	Law, Rights, and Legal Culture		
Semester, Year	First Semester, 2019	Number of Credits	2 credits
Course level	1000	Course Number	027011
Instructor(s) (Institution)	Ko HASEGAWA 大学院法学研究科		
Course Objectives	<p>(1) Educational Objectives: a) Lecture/Seminar in English in the General Education Program of Hokkaido University, as well as in MJSP and the Nitobe College Program; b) Introduction to the World of Law and Rights and Its Basic Characteristics</p> <p>(2) Academic Objectives: a) Grasping the Key Features of Modern Law, Rights and Legal Culture; b) Learning Important Legal Issues Today, particularly concerning the Problems of Human Rights</p>		
Course Goals	<p>(1) Learn basic perspective and terminologies in law, rights, human rights, and legal culture</p> <p>(2) Try to think in English</p> <p>(3) Hold collaborative spirit to discuss various points with other fellow students</p>		
Course Schedule	<p>Week 1 Guidance Theme, Approach</p> <p>Week 2 Part I Norm in Human Life—Normative Language, Normative Thinking</p> <p>Week 3 Societal Norms—Convention, Ethics, Morality, Law</p> <p>Week 4 Law & Rights—Rules, Standards, Legal System</p> <p>Week 5 Practice of Law—Legal Structure, Legal Process, Legal Behavior</p> <p>Week 6 Legal Culture—Ingredients of the Idea of Law, Legal Traditions of the World</p> <p>Week 7 Western and East Asian Law—Western Law, Japanese Law, East Asian Laws</p> <p>Week 8 Interlude: Discussion with a Guest on Comparative Legal Culture</p> <p>Week 9 Part II The Concept of Human Rights—Significance, Conceptual Features</p> <p>Week 10 Varieties of Human Rights—Principles and Treaties, Practices</p> <p>Week 11 Domestication of Human Rights—Distinctions, Tensions, Japanese Situation</p> <p>Week 12 Human Rights Culture—Cultural Relativity, Limits of the Rights Talk</p> <p>Week 13 Human Rights in Japan—Individual Freedom, Gender and Racial Equality</p> <p>Week 14 Reconstruction of Human Rights in East Asia—Accommodations, Diversity</p> <p>Week 15 Wrap-up Review and Future Perspective</p>		
Homework	See, for example, basic course materials: http://lex.juris.hokudai.ac.jp/~hasegawa/coursematerials.htm		
Grading System	<p>(1) Combination of Lecture, Seminar, and Q&As</p> <p>(2) Reaction Papers—Two Reaction Papers after Week 5 and Week 11.</p> <p>(3) Intermediate Assignment and Final Essay—After Part I and after Part II.</p> <p>(4) Course Evaluation—12 weeks attendance and the submissions of (2) & (3) for pass.</p>		
Textbooks / Reading List	None in particular		
Websites			
Website of Laboratory	http://lex.juris.hokudai.ac.jp/~hasegawa/works.htm		
Additional Information			