

COURSE DETAIL

JAPANESE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Country

Japan

Host Institution

Waseda University

Program(s)

Waseda University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science Legal Studies

UCEAP Course Number

139

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

JAPANESE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

UCEAP Transcript Title

JAPAN CONSTNL LAW

UCEAP Quarter Units

3.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.00

Course Description

This course deals with fundamental issues of constitutional law in postwar Japan. Japan has had two written constitutions so far. One was the Constitution of the Empire of Japan, or the Meiji Constitution, which was promulgated on February 11, 1889, and put into effect on November 29, 1890. The other is the Constitution of Japan, the current Constitution, which was promulgated on November 3, 1946, and became effective on May 3, 1947.

The goal is to understand the basic constitutional framework in modern Japan and the constitutional practices of postwar Japan, and to attain insight into the challenges current Japanese society is facing. The course covers the following topics: a comparison between the two constitutional frameworks; judicial review and protecting rights, equality, religious freedom and separation of religion and state; voting rights and the electoral process; freedom of expression, family law, and Article 9 and the peace state.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

LAWH201L

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Host Institution Campus

Waseda University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Political Science

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