

44010 JAPANESE NATIONALITY LAW

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course deals with some topics on Japanese Nationality Law and the Family Registration System. Through learning about such topics, students are expected to gain a better understanding of the features of Japanese society. Since we only use Japanese material and the Japanese language in class, students are required to have a level of Japanese equivalent to IJ500 or higher.

COURSE SCHEDULE

The following teaching methods and activities are covered:

1. The principle of jus soli and the principle of jus sanguinis
2. From a patrilineal system to a bilineal system
3. Recognition of paternity and Japanese nationality
4. The rule of naturalization
5. Dual nationality and the principle of a single nationality
6. The nationality selection system
7. The nationality retention system
8. Family register and nationality
9. The basic structure of the Japanese Family Registration System
10. International marriage and the family registration system
11. Some decisions of the Japanese Supreme Court relating to Japanese Nationality Law

TEXTS

Textbook: No books to buy.

ASSESSMENT

Class participation 40%; Term paper 20%; Final report 40%