Special Lecture (Studium Generale II)

Undergraduate / Graduate	Undergraduate	Registration Code	0055521
Course Category	InterD Liberal	Credits	2.0
Term (Semester) / Day / Period	G-II (1st year, Spring Semester) / Fri. / 5 (16:30~18:00)		
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•Goals of the Course

The name "Studium Generale" means "General Studies" in Latin and comes from old European universities, still used in many German universities. Studium Generale B course offers exposure to academic topics from the field of social sciences, presented at an introductory level. The goal is to expose students to topics outside their major or research field, to different ideas – from both the speakers and other participants. For students from the regular Japanese program, it offers an opportunity to experience university lectures in English. The course cultivates a multifaceted view of the world and communication skills, which are fundamental competencies for future members of the society.

•Objectives of the Course

Students will increase their understanding and appreciation of wide range of scientific fields in social sciences. Students will gain experience discussing with participants from other majors and countries. Student develop these competencies while using English language.

•Course Content or Plan

The format of the course includes (1) recorded talks by invited speakers and (2) guided discussions among participants.

A different speaker, from Nagoya University or elsewhere, gives each talk thus the content of each class session is different.

This course is conducted entirely online. The lectures are provided as recorded videos and are accessible any time (on-demand online). Class time is used for interactive group discussions (live online). The event schedule and instructions on how to access the source materials will be provided on NUCT.

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•Course Prerequisites and Related Courses

No prior scientific knowledge is required. Everyone is welcome! However, students should have at least intermediate English language abilities and be able to listen, speak and write in English.

•Course Evaluation Method and Criteria

"This course provides a choice of TWO LEARNING TRACKS:

(1) Individual Learning Track:

Written report for each lecture (70%); Participation in 5 discussion sessions (30%).

(2) Team Project Learning Track:

Written report for 5 lectures (40%); Participation in 5 discussion sessions (30%); Team project (30%).

Lecture reports grading criteria: Each report should answer the provided questions and be several sentences long. Grading criteria for reports: (1) understanding lecture content, (2) logical thinking and analysis of lecture content, (3) organization of text, and (4) English language usage. A detailed grading rubric is provided on the course site.

Team project grading criteria: Each team should prepare one project using a topic related to one course lecture. The project should be the work of the entire team and be presented in English during the designated class at the end of the course. The project is graded based on (1) team effort, (2) topic development, (3) presentation and (4) English language usage.

Withdrawal (W) grade: Students who do not intent to complete the course need to inform the course manager of their desire to withdraw through direct email/NUCT message. This can be done at any time during the course. Students who register but never come to class will receive an W grade. この講義を最後まで履修しない場合には、履修取り下げ届を提出すること。この手続きは、授業期間中いつでも可能。"

• Study Load (Self-directed Learning Outside Course Hours)

This course will expect watching lecture videos and submitting report on the lecture content outside class hours. The report completion may sometime involve independent small online research. Students who choose Team project learning track will work on their project outside class hours.

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• How to Respond to Questions

For any questions, email the course manager Prof. Vassileva at the provided email address.

•Notice for Students

1. This course is conducted in English and is entirely online.

2. Note that this course is also an open course! Participants who are not undergraduate university students register through a separate course website. Students taking this course for credit do not need to register there. Participants registering for the Open Course (through the separate course website) follow separate requirements to receive a Certificate of Completion. These requirements DO NOT apply to credit-seeking students registering as ILAS course.

•Message from the Instructor

Videos of some previous Studium Generale lectures may be seen on Nagoya University OCW page: http://ocw.nagoya-u.jp/index.php?lang=en&mode=c&id=624&page_type=index

Some lectures have been translated into Japanese and added to the NUAcL webpage: http://nuact.ilas.nagoya-u.ac.jp/ocw/index.html

Textbook	none
Reference Book	none