

Course Manager

Requisite
Undergraduate Program of International Social Studies

Foundation Subjects for Major (Core Electives)

Course Number	Course Name	Instructional Type	Credits	Standar d Academic Year	Course Offering Term	Weekday and Period	Instructor	Course Overview	Remarks
BE21041	Academic Writing for Social Sciences I	1	2.0	1, 2	FallAB	Mon5, 6	Devena Penelope Haggis	This course is an introduction to the elements of academic writing. Students will cover models and samples of academic writing with the aim of improving their academic writing for course work, research papers and graduation thesis. Students will build a solid foundation for academic writing, by analyzing the different writing communication styles, format, and language accuracy. This a practical course with lots of writing tasks. You will also need to spend time at home to fulfil the course requirements.	Course Semester/Module is subject to change. Course details will be announced through TWINS Bulletin Board. Non-native speakers of English are encouraged to attend this course. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face equivalent to "English Writing I" in 2010-2012.
BE21051	Academic Writing for Social Sciences II	1	2.0	1, 2	SprAB	Mon5, 6	Devena Penelope Haggis	This course aims to develop the skills needed for academic writing. Academic writing is a different type of English communication that uses accuracy, complex vocabulary, objective writing, and critical thinking for problem solving and the development of an argument. Classes will focus on the writing styles, format, structure, and language necessary to write an academic paper. This course is complementary to BE21041 (Academic Writing for Social Sciences I).	Lectures will be conducted in English. Non-native speakers of English are encouraged to apply. Lecture content may vary slightly from the syllabus depending on the flow of the course/class. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE21071	Japanese Learning Support I	1	2.0	1, 2	FallAB	Mon4, 5	Takashi Tanaka	This course is designed to support you to acquire Japanese language skills, and also designed to deepen the Students' understanding of the lifestyle and culture of Japan using subjects that are appropriate for the students.	This class is aiming for an equivalent of N3 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test. The number of students is limited to 25. face-to-face
BE21081	Japanese Learning Support II	1	2.0	1, 2	FallC	Mon4, 5 Fri3, 4	Takashi Tanaka	This course is designed to support you to acquire Japanese language skills, and also designed to deepen the Students' understanding of the lifestyle and culture of Japan using subjects that are appropriate for the students.	This class is aiming for an equivalent of N2 (N3) of JLPT. The number of students is limited to 25. face-to-face
BE21091	Japanese Learning Support III	1	2.0	1, 2	SprAB	Mon4, 5	Takashi Tanaka	This course is designed to support you to acquire Japanese language skills, and also designed to deepen the Students' understanding of the lifestyle and culture of Japan using subjects that are appropriate for the students.	• The number of students is limited to 25. This class is aiming for an equivalent of N3 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test. face-to-face

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BE21121	Contemporary World Politics		1	2.0	1, 2	Fall AB	Intensive	Anar Koli	<p>This course is an introductory course in politics and political thought of a globalized world. The course begins with fundamental debates in globalization and world politics and moves toward how political science tries to understand and explain such debates and cross-country differences. The course introduces students to fundamental political theories, focusing on domestic and global politics. Bringing together political thought, political philosophy, comparative politics, and international relations, this course presents the overall realities of contemporary global politics.</p> <p>This class offers a different way of teaching global politics. Conventionally, we usually start with a series of issues or various theoretical approaches. Or, sometimes, offer some combination of the two. Here, we are not excluding those approaches. However, we will not prioritize them. Instead, we will begin with questions. In the study of politics and global politics, we come up with a series of questions about how to conceptualize the world, and these questions are placed within it. Sometimes, we are motivated by a desire for change. Many of these questions concern how we live in a world where so many people are brought together in such proximity. Who are 'we' anyway? Are we individuals, first and foremost, or social beings? What forms of identity do we adopt and why? What happens when things go wrong, and we end up with wars, conflicts, or severe economic inequalities?</p> <p>The approach that this class will take questions like these as its starting point. We use them to draw out the concrete historical and geographical locations within which the questions are situated, examine the challenge and complexity of the response, and emphasize the need to think carefully about the broader assumptions or theoretical approaches that underlie the questions we ask as well as the responses we give. Each session thus follows the same structure, with sections examining the question, an example, what responses there might be, and broader issues raised.</p> <p>This class requires your full engagement. Your questions are not just welcomed: they are the driving force of our discussions. Taking your questions seriously fosters engagement, empowers and inspires students, and provides a sound basis for further study.</p>
BE21131	Introduction to Programming		1	2.0	1, 2	Spr AB	Tue 1, 2	Simona Mirela Vasilache	<p>This course is focused on helping students acquire fundamental programming notions. Some of the topics that will be covered include starting programming from "pen&paper", pseudocode, algorithms, data types, basic control structures etc.</p>
BE21181	Sociology of Contemporary Japan		1	2.0	1, 2				<p>The aim of this course is to analyze the social and economic changes in Japan, with particular focus on changes in the nature of work in society and its implications in Contemporary Japanese society, including complex issues such as migration, foreign workers, ageing society, job hunting, working poor and inequality.</p>
BE21201	International Economics		1	2.0	2	Annual	by appointment		<p>This course will introduce students to basic international economic theories and their applications to real world data mainly about Japan's international trade and finance. I will emphasize the usefulness of basic international economic theories in understanding international economic issues. This course does NOT require BC51061 Introductory Microeconomics or BC51081 Intro-Intermediate Macroeconomics as a prerequisite. In class, I will explain all necessary background to understand this course.</p>

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BE21231	Intro-Intermediate Macroeconomics	1	2.0	2	Fall AB	Thu1, 2	Hisahiro Naito	This course covers the basic concepts in macroeconomics. Topics include the IS-LM model, aggregate demand, aggregate supply and the Phillips curve, monetary and fiscal policy, rational expectations, real business cycle models, micro foundations, and long-run economic growth.	Identical to BC51081. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face Only those who are able to participate in face-to-face classes are eligible.
BE21241	Media Politics	1	2.0	1 – 3	Fall AB	Tue5, 6	Leslie Tkach Kawasaki	From "traditional" media, such as newspapers and television, to new media formats including websites, blogs and social media channels, in this course, students will examine the intersection between media and politics from historical and theoretical perspectives. Special emphasis is placed on the use of visual images through various media channels, including the internet and social media by political actors. International comparisons are encouraged and expected.	JTP Identical to BC51161. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE21371	Introduction to Law	1	2.0	1, 2	Spr AB	Mon1, 2	Andrea Ortolani	This course is designed to provide students with a comprehensive introduction to law. It presents the character and development of law in historical and anthropological perspective. The course requires the active participation of the students.	The number of students is limited to 25. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE21381	Introduction to Political Science	1	2.0	1, 2	Fall AB	Fri5, 6	Y. Zhai	In this course, we will discuss the major concepts and theories of political science. It covers broad topics in this discipline, including what is politics, state building, government, political regimes, nationalism, globalization, and human rights.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE21391	Introduction to Sociology	1	2.0	1, 2	Fall AB	Thu5, 6	Edson Ioshiaqui Urano	This course aims to introduce students to basic concepts of Sociology, as well as key authors. It will discuss topics of paramount importance for the understanding of contemporary society, such as globalization, international migration, diversity, family and social inequality.	Bruce, Steve (2018) Sociology: A Very Short Introduction, Oxford University Press. Giddens, A. and Sutton, P. W. (2017) Sociology 8th Edition, Polity. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE21511	Academic Discussion Seminar	1	2.0	1, 2	Fall AB	Thu3, 4	Simona Mirela Vasilache	This course wishes to engage students in active discussions on various contemporary topics, ranging from politics, economics, science to culture, entertainment etc. The students are encouraged to express and defend their opinions openly and actively, as well as propose issues to be discussed.	Lectures are conducted in English. G-course face-to-face interdepartmental course The number of students is limited to 30.
BE21831	Quantitative Methods for Social Sciences	1	2.0	1, 2	Fall AB	Fri1, 2	Y. Zhai	This course introduces students to basic statistical knowledge and the main methods of quantitative research analysis. Through the practice of using software on a computer, students are equipped with basic quantitative analysis skills.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face The number of students is limited to 20. Due to a limited number of available software licenses, priority will be given to second- and third-year students enrolled in the TISS program.

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BE21861	Introduction to Economics	1	2.0	1, 2	SprAB	Tue5, 6	Abu Girma Moges	<p>The course introduces students to the fundamentals of economics. Introduction to Economics provides foundational skills to understand concepts, theories, and applications in the field of economics. As an entry level course for undergraduate students in the social sciences, the course provides conceptual framework on how economists think about the workings of the market system. The course introduces the concepts of demand and supply, how these forces operate and interact in the market system, explains the competitive process of how the market equilibrium is established, and how market prices are determined to allocate relatively scarce resources. Students also examine the theory of the consumer, the theory of the business firm, the theory of utility function and utility maximization, the theory of the cost minimization and profit maximization, and social welfare issues. Moreover, students will learn about the central concepts and policy issues of macroeconomics such as aggregate output, economic growth, unemployment, inflation, interest rate, exchange rate. By the end of the course, students will be able to appreciate how the economy operates, recognize the decision-making and choice behavior of consumers and business firms, and understand how the market system operates at both microeconomic and macroeconomic levels.</p>	<p>Students who have earned credits of BE21211 or BE21851 are not permitted to take this class. This course is equivalent to "Principles of Economics" (BE21861). Lectures are conducted in English. G-course face-to-face</p>
BE21871	Monetary Economics	1	2.0	3, 4	FallAB	Tue5, 6	Abu Girma Moges	<p>This course deals with the monetary theory and policy in the context of modern economies. It addresses the role and definition of money in the economy, the microeconomic and macroeconomic aspects of money, the demand for money, the supply of money and interest rates, monetary policy making and instruments of monetary policy, and central banking at theoretical and practical levels. The course equips students with the skills to understand the operation of modern economies and the main monetary aggregates of an economy over time and across countries and its implications on economic welfare indicators.</p>	<p>Reading materials are uploaded on manaba system. Lectures are conducted in English. G-course face-to-face</p>

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BE22021	Japan and the World	1	2.0	2 – 4	FallAB	Fri3, 4	Liang Pan	<p>This course focuses on the history of Japan's domestic politics and foreign relations from the end of the Second World War till the end of 1970s.</p>	<p>Open in an even number year. Identical to BC11961. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face</p>

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BE22031	Japanese Foreign Policy	1	2.0	2 – 4				This course examines the historical background of modern Japan's foreign policymaking from early 1890s till the end of the Second World War (1945). Main emphasis of the lectures will be placed on the interaction between Japanese domestic politics and foreign affairs.	Open in an odd number year. Identical to BC1911. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face (partially online)
BE22051	Public Policy	1	2.0	2 – 4	SprAB	Thu4, 5	Edson Ioshiaqui Urano	The objective of this course is to provide students with the basic concepts of public policies to enable them to understand, analyze and discuss the various public policies that affect our lives on daily basis, by focusing mainly in the field of social policies, such as health care systems, income redistribution and labour policies.	Limited to 35 students. Open in an even number year. Identical to BB11881 and BC11461. Lectures are conducted in English. G-course face-to-face
BE22071	International Politics	1	2.0	2 – 4	FallAB	Tue5, 6	Takafumi Ohtomo	This course examines various theories and cases to understand the dynamics of international politics.	Identical to BC11121. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE22161	Comparative Law I: Legal Traditions and Cultures	1	2.0	2 – 4	FallAB	Wed1, 2	Andrea Ortolani	This course provides an overview of the world's major legal traditions. The lessons will present the birth and evolution of the civil law, common law, Islamic law and of other traditions, according to the interest of the participants.	This course is open to all students. A background in law is useful but not required. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE22171	Comparative Law II: History and Methods	1	2.0	3, 4	SprAB	Wed1, 2	Andrea Ortolani	This course focuses on the development and on modern methodological issues of comparative law. The first lessons present the origins and the history of comparative law. The second part provides an overview of several methodological issues and of comparative methods in law.	This course is recommended to students who attended Comparative Law I: Legal Traditions and Cultures. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE22181	Japanese Law I: Introduction to Japanese Law	1	2.0	3, 4	FallAB	Mon3, 4	Andrea Ortolani	This course offers an overview of the legal system of Japan, in historical and comparative perspective. The lessons will cover modern legal history, constitutional law, private law, criminal law, family law and other areas.	This course is open to all students. A background in law is useful but not required. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE22191	Japanese Law II: The Supreme Court of Japan	1	2.0	3, 4	SprAB	Mon3, 4	Andrea Ortolani	This course focuses on the Supreme Court of Japan. The first lessons present its origin, structure and functions. The second part of the course provides an overview of the most important cases decided by the Supreme Court of Japan.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face

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BE22221	Japanese Economy	1	2.0	2 - 4	Annual	by appointment		The main purpose of this course is to understand basic historical facts about the Japanese Economy. We analyze those facts both empirically and theoretically and relate most Japanese issues to those in the U.S. The goal of this course for Japanese students is to explain to foreign people about the Japanese economy in English, and that for international students is to be more interested in Japan. As a prerequisite, this course requires BC51061 Introductory Microeconomics and BC51071 International Economics, or equivalent.	Identical to BC11881. Lectures are conducted in English. Details will be announced. 2026年度開講未定
BE22231	Econometrics	1	2.0	2 - 4	Annual	by appointment		This course is an introduction to econometrics. We will begin with the linear regression model and its estimation and inference. Then we will cover linear models with endogeneity, linear panel models, limited dependent variables, and models used in program evaluations. This course requires Introductory Statistics.	Identical to BC12061. Lectures are conducted in English. Details will be announced. 2026年度開講未定
BE22241	Economic History	1	2.0	2 - 4	Fall AB	Mon3, 4	Hideao Takahashi	The purpose of this lecture is to examine both the basic discussion of the history of economic development in Europe and the development of the Japanese economy from the 19th century to the present. Please acquire the attitude of examining contemporary characteristics from a historical perspective.	This class will be lectured in English. Identical to BB41541. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE22271	International Trade	1	2.0	2 - 4				As the economy becomes more globalized, it is becoming necessary to study the basic mechanism of international trade and its impact on welfare. In this course, we first study the concept of comparative advantage and study why countries will be engaged in international trade. Then, we study the impact on welfare by using several models. (The Ricardian, Heckscher-Ohlin and Specific Factor Model). Then, we study the monopoly model and its implication for international trade theory. In addition, we discuss the impact of international factor movement such as immigration and foreign direct investment.	Open in an odd number year. Identical to BB41601, BC11411, and FH25051. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE22292	International Financial Institutions and Economic Development in Southeast Asia	2	2.0	2 - 4				This course will aim at applying the macroeconomic knowledge to analyze the actual economic development and macroeconomic issues in emerging economies in Southeast Asia on the basis of reports by the World Bank and the IMF. The course will focus on COVID-19's economic impacts and policy responses. This course will be conducted in English.	Equivalent to "International Financial Institutions and Economic Development in Emerging Economies in Southeast Asia" (BE22292). Identical to BC12352. Lectures are conducted in English. Not open in 2026. Work Experience faculty face-to-face
BE22302	Financing for Development	2	2.0	2 - 4	Spr AB	Thu3, 4	Hideaki Suzuki	This course will discuss what modality of finance will be needed for achieving 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), based on the understanding that conventional types of development finance such as ODA will be vastly inadequate for SDGs. The discussion will take up a variety of new financing modalities for development, taking into account ongoing works at global forum such as the World Bank. This course will be conducted in English. Students need to expect heavy workload in terms of reading requirement and class presentation.	Identical to BC12342. Work Experience faculty face-to-face

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BE22321	Statistics	1	2.0	2	Annual	by appointment		This course is a formal introduction to Statistics. No prior knowledge of probability and statistics is required as all concepts will be developed from the ground up. We will cover a range of topics including descriptive statistics, basics of probability, random variables, distribution and density functions, sampling distributions, point estimation, confidence intervals, and hypothesis testing. If time allows, a preview of the regression analysis will be provided. The details of regression analysis will be covered in Introductory Econometrics, which is a continuation of this course.	2016年度までのBC12031「統計科学」の単位を取得した者は履修不可。Identical to BC51181. Lectures are conducted in English. Details will be announced. 2026年度開講未定
BE22391	International Human Rights Law	1	2.0	2 - 4	Fall IC	Tue1, 2 Thu3, 4	Hajime Akiyama	This course is composed of three parts. Part I "Invitation to International Human Rights Law" covers the basics of humanity, international society and international law. Part II "Basics of International Human Rights Law" discusses the basics of international human rights law such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and International Covenants on Human Rights. Part III "Issues" deals with issues in international human rights law such as women, children, refugees and stateless persons. In the third part, students may be required to make an oral presentation depends on the number of students.	This course welcomes native and non-native English speakers of both Undergraduate Program of International Social Studies (TISS) of the School of Social and International Studies and other colleges and programmes. Identical to BB28071. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE22401	Transnational Social Policy	1	2.0	2 - 4				Globalization has brought many changes in social life, including increasing flows of financial resources, goods and persons. Among the new challenges these changes pose to governments and civil society is the need to create new social agenda and to develop social policies. The aim of this course is to discuss these challenges for the 21st Century from a transnational perspective.	Biennial Course (offered in odd years) Open in an odd number year. Identical to BB11861 and BC11471. Lectures are conducted in English. G-course face-to-face
BE22451	Social Development	1	2.0	2 - 4	Fall AB	Wed1, 2	Midori Matsushima	People's well-being cannot be achieved by economic growth alone, and the important role of social development has become widely recognised in international development practice. This course is offered for students firstly to increase understandings of why and how social development became a main stream of development by learning historical background and development theory. Secondly, we focus on some key concept and practice including human development, capability approach, participatory approach, and social capital. In the latter half of the course, we learn social development in relation to important development topics namely, poverty, human capital, labour and employment, micro finance, social protection, and human rights and human security. With some examples of on-going development programmes, students will discuss significance and applications of social development in practical field, and how we can improve development programmes towards sustainable development.	Open in an even number year. Identical to BC12221. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face Course in 2022. Biennial Course (offered in odd years)

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BE22471	Globalization and Development		1	2.0	2 - 4	SprBC	Intensive	Anar Koli	<p>This course examines the politics of development in the era of globalization, exploring major issues and problems being encountered and confronted by the developing countries in the contemporary period.</p> <p>The aims of the course are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · To broaden students' knowledge of major development issues and the impact of globalization on developing countries. · To provide students with a good introduction to globalization theory and to the politics of development. <p>Academic goal:</p> <p>To help promote the TISS Program's objective of developing global citizens who can respond to the needs of a global society.</p>
BE22501	Linguistic Anthropology		1	2.0	2 - 4	SprAB	Tue1, 2	Risako Ide	<p>Linguistic anthropology is a study of how language shapes and is shaped by culture, society, and human interaction. It examines the ways people use language to construct identities, convey cultural norms, and influence power dynamics. We will learn the roles and functions of language in creating universal as well as cultural-specific worldviews, while addressing issues of language death, revitalization, and the impact of globalization on the ways in which we live our lives as linguistic beings.</p>
BE22521	International Education		1	2.0	2 - 4				<p>This course invites both overseas and Japanese students. The major purpose of the course is to enable students to learn about issues and current trends in educational studies in international perspectives. It deals with themes, such as development, colonial legacy and global interaction, in education.</p>
BE22551	Outline of Japanese Education		1	2.0	2 - 4	FallAB	Tue3, 4	Masako Shibata	<p>This course is offered to students who are interested in the historical development of Japanese education. The course looks at the processes of the foundation of the Japanese education system and the formation of a modern state in Japan. Special reference is made to the past and present dimensions of patterns of the cross-national transfer of policy for education. Thus international and comparative perspectives are welcome throughout the course.</p>
BE22581	Sociology of Migration		1	2.0	2 - 4	FallAB	Thu3, 4	Edson Ioshiaqui Urano	<p>This course aims to analyze international migration focusing on key themes for understanding this social phenomenon. To this end, topics such as gender and migration, transnational communities, migration policies will be addressed through a sociological and multidisciplinary perspective.</p>

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BE22591	Introduction to International Law	1	2.0	1, 2	FallAB	Thu3, 4	Ziaeddin Seyed Madani	This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the foundational principles and structures of international law. It explores the sources of international law, including treaties, customary law, and general principles, and examines how states, international organizations, and individuals interact within the international legal framework. Through case studies and discussions, students will gain insights into the legal mechanisms that govern global issues and resolve disputes between states. The course serves as a stepping stone for further study in specialized areas of international law.	Identical to BC16331. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE22681	International Environmental Law	1	2.0	1, 2	SprAB	Thu3, 4	Ziaeddin Seyed Madani	This course delves into the legal frameworks and principles crafted to address global environmental challenges, including climate change, biodiversity conservation, pollution control, and sustainable development. It examines key treaties, such as the Paris Agreement and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The UN Agreement on Biodiversity beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement), alongside the role of international institutions and state responsibility in ensuring environmental protection. The course also considers the intersection of environmental law with other key branches of international law such as human rights law, law of the sea, and economic development.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE22691	International Polar Law	1	2.0	1, 2				This course focuses on the unique legal regimes governing the Arctic and the Antarctic. It examines key issues concerning the polar regions such as sovereignty, territorial claims, resource management, environmental conservation, and the rights and stance of the Indigenous peoples. The course also explores the legal frameworks established by treaties and institutions including the Antarctic Treaty System (ATS), the Arctic Council and the binding agreements adopted under its auspices. Moreover, it highlights the role of international cooperation in addressing challenges such as climate change, shipping, and biodiversity in fragile polar ecosystems. The course will touch on crosscutting issues with other branches of international law such as environmental law, law of the sea, human rights law, and water law.	Lectures are conducted in English. Not open in 2026. face-to-face
BE22761	International Humanitarian Law	1	2.0	1, 2	FallAB	Thu5, 6	Ziaeddin Seyed Madani	This course offers an in-depth exploration of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), focusing on the legal frameworks designed to protect individuals during armed conflicts. Students will study the core principles of IHL, including the Geneva Conventions, the distinction between combatants and civilians, and the treatment of war crimes. The course will also tackle contemporary issues such as the role of non-state actors, and humanitarian interventions. Through case analyses and discussions, students will develop a critical understanding of the legal dimensions of warfare and conflict resolution. Depending on the number of students, they may require to make oral presentations (individually or within teams).	Identical to BC16341. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face

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BE22771	European Human Rights Law	1	2.0	2 – 4	FallAB	Tue3, 4	Tsubasa Shinohara	This lecture will offer a foundational understanding of European human rights law as developed by the Council of Europe (CoE) and the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR). This lecture focuses on the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the ECtHR.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face(partially online)
BE22781	International Law of the Sea	1	2.0	1, 2	SprAB	Thu5, 6	Ziaeddin Seyed Madani	This course provides an in-depth examination of the legal framework governing the world's oceans, with a focus on the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) also known as the 'Constitution of the Oceans'. Topics include maritime zones, such as territorial seas, exclusive economic zones (EEZs), and the high seas, as well as navigation rights such as the legal regime of straits used for international navigation, resource exploitation, marine environmental protection, marine scientific research (MSR), and dispute settlement and conflict resolution mechanisms in international law of the sea. Other key relevant international instruments such as the Agreement on Biodiversity beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement) will also be examined. While the course highlights the role of international law in ensuring equitable and sustainable use of ocean resources, it will touch upon crosscutting areas of other branches of international law such as international humanitarian law (IHL), human rights law, environmental law, and water law.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE22791	Political Psychology	1	2.0	2, 3				Political psychology is an interdisciplinary academic field dedicated to understand politics through a lens of psychology. It aims to link individual personality with group dynamics and political process by investigating how contexts affect and shape people's beliefs, motivation, perception, cognition, information processing, and attitude formation.	Lectures are conducted in English. Not open in 2026. face-to-face The number of students is limited to 25.
BE22821	History of Economic Thought	1	2.0	2 – 4	FallAB	Thu5, 6	Abu Girma Moges	The course is about the history, philosophy and evolution of economic ideas and thoughts. We review critically the different schools of economic thoughts from the classical to the modern schools to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the origin, evolution, arguments, and philosophy of economics and the economists behind such powerful ideas.	Identical to BC16021. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE22851	Mathematical Economics	1	2.0	2 – 4	SprAB	Tue1, 2	Masako Ikefuchi	This course introduces students to the most fundamental analytical tools of mathematics for economics. It provides the necessary skills and training to use mathematical approach in economic analysis. The goal of this course is to give the students skills to apply the mathematical methods to solution of economics problems.	Identical to BB41561 and BC16011. Lectures are conducted in English. Online (Asynchronous) Identical to BB41561 and BC16011. Lectures are conducted in English. Online (Asynchronous)

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BE22861	Health Economics	1	2.0	2 – 4	SprAB	Thu5, 6	Abu Girma Moges	Health Economics is an applied economics course that analyzes issues in health, medical care and health finance. The demand for health and medical care services and the economic behavior of health service providers and the operation of health insurance markets are analyzed with economic tools of analysis and perspectives. The role of the government sector in the provision, regulation and financing of health care services are addressed within the context of health sector policies both in developed and developing countries.	Identical to BC12921. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE22871	Contemporary Issues in Developing Countries	1	2.0	2 – 4	FallAB	Fri4, 5	Yuko Nakano	The goal of this course is to understand contemporary and important economic and social issues in developing countries. We also analyze statistical data related to the topics.	Identical to BB41401 and BC12121. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE22981	Psychology of Family Violence	1	1.0	2 – 4	Sum Vac	Intensi ve	Chie Maekoya	This course provides students with a basic overview of family violence from victimological and psychosocial perspective. It mainly covers child abuse and spouse abuse. Students will learn how to decrease victims' vulnerability and enhance victims' recovery. Further, we will discuss culture influence on our perception towards family violence issues.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face Same as "G30 Special Lecture VIII (BE22981)" in AY2019 and before.
BE22991	Nationality and Statelessness	1	1.0	2 – 4	FallC	Thu5, 6	Hajime Akiyama	This course examines issues related to nationality and statelessness in Japan and the world and discusses the role of nationality in this globalised era.	This course welcomes native and non-native English speakers of both Undergraduate Program of International Social Studies (TISS) of the School of Social and International Studies and other colleges and programmes. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE31103	Internship I	3	2.0	2 – 4	Annual	by request	Edson Ioshiaqui Urano	Undertaking internships and gaining experience in workplaces such as companies, research institutes and non-profit organizations is valuable for our students. Students can learn skills that cannot be acquired through their university classes and use these opportunities to objectively evaluate their own abilities and aptitude. Mutual agreements between the workplaces and the School, as well as reports submitted from the participating internship institutions after the completion of internship, are required to obtain credit.	This course is available only for students in International Social Studies. Application is required. Lectures are conducted in English. CDP face-to-face
BE31113	Internship II	3	1.0	2 – 4	Annual	by request	Edson Ioshiaqui Urano	Undertaking internships and gaining experience in workplaces such as companies, research institutes and non-profit organizations is valuable for our students. Students can learn skills that cannot be acquired through their university classes and use these opportunities to objectively evaluate their own abilities and aptitude. Mutual agreements between the workplaces and the School, as well as reports submitted from the participating internship institutions after the completion of internship, are required to obtain credit.	This course is available only for students in International Social Studies. Application is required. Lectures are conducted in English. CDP face-to-face

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BE31133	Internship III	3	1.0	4	SprAB	by request	Edson Ioshiaqui Urano	Undertaking internships and gaining experience in workplaces such as companies, research institutes and non-profit organizations is valuable for our students. Students can learn skills that cannot be acquired through their university classes and use these opportunities to objectively evaluate their own abilities and aptitude. Mutual agreements between the workplaces and the School, as well as reports submitted from the participating internship institutions after the completion of internship, are required to obtain credit.	This course is available only for students in International Social Studies. Application is required. Lectures are conducted in English. CDP face-to-face

Major Subjects (Required Courses)

Course Number	Course Name	Instructional Type	Credits	Standar d Academic Year	Course Offering Term	Weekday and Period	Instructor	Course Overview	Remarks
BE12102	Seminar A	2	1.0	3	FallAB	by request	Each Course Instructor of School of Social and International Studies (other than English Program Instructors), Hajime Akiyama	Seminar under supervision of instructors who are affiliated with School of Social and International Studies, but who are not offering Seminars A1 to A6. Students who register for Seminar A1, A2, A3, A4, A5 or A6 cannot register for Seminar A.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12112	Seminar A1	2	1.0	3	FallAB	by request	Andrea Ortolani	Students who register for Seminar A1 cannot register for Seminar A, A2, A3, A4, A5 and A6.	Monday 5, 6 (In principle) Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12122	Seminar A2	2	1.0	3	FallAB	by request	Abu Girma Moges	Students who register for Seminar A2 cannot register for Seminar A, A1, A3, A4, A5 and A6.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12132	Seminar A3	2	1.0	3	FallAB	by request	Y. Zhai	Students who register for Seminar A3 cannot register for Seminar A, A1, A2, A4, A5 and A6.	Friday 3 period (In principle) Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12142	Seminar A4	2	1.0	3	FallAB	by request	Edson Ioshiaqui Urano	Students who register for Seminar A4 cannot register for Seminar A, A1, A2, A3, A5 and A6.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12152	Seminar A5	2	1.0	3	FallAB	by request	Simona Mirela Vasilache	Students who register for Seminar A5 cannot register for Seminar A, A1, A2, A3, A4 and A6.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12162	Seminar A6	2	1.0	3	FallAB	by request	Ziaeddin Seyed Madani	Students who register for Seminar A6 cannot register for Seminar A, A1, A2, A3, A4, and A5.	Friday 2 period (In principle) Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12202	Seminar B	2	1.0	3	FallC	by request	Each Course Instructor of School of Social and International Studies (other than English Program Instructors), Hajime Akiyama	Seminar under supervision of instructors who are affiliated with School of Social and International Studies, but who are not offering Seminars B1 to B6. Students who register for Seminar B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 or B6 cannot register for Seminar B.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face

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BE12212	Seminar B1	2	1.0	3	FallIC	by request	Andrea Ortolani	Students who register for Seminar B1 cannot register for Seminar B, B2, B3, B4, B5 and B6.	Monday 5,6 (In principle) Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12222	Seminar B2	2	1.0	3	FallIC	by request	Abu Girma Moges	Students who register for Seminar B2 cannot register for Seminar B, B1, B3, B4, B5 and B6.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12232	Seminar B3	2	1.0	3	FallIC	by request	Y. Zhai	Students who register for Seminar B3 cannot register for Seminar B, B1, B2, B4, B5 and B6	Friday 3 period (In principle) Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12242	Seminar B4	2	1.0	3	FallIC	by request	Edson Ioshiaqui Urano	Students who register for Seminar B4 cannot register for Seminar B, B1, B2, B3, B5 and B6.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12252	Seminar B5	2	1.0	3	FallIC	by request	Simona Mirela Vasilache	Students who register for Seminar B5 cannot register for Seminar B, B1, B2, B3, B4 and B6.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12262	Seminar B6	2	1.0	3	FallIC	by request	Ziaeddin Seyed Madani	Students who register for Seminar B6 cannot register for Seminar B, B1, B2, B3, B4, and B5.	Friday 2 period (In principle) Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12302	Seminar C	2	1.0	3	SprAB	by request	Each Course Instructor of School of Social and International Studies (other than English Program Instructors), Hajime Akiyama	Seminar under supervision of instructors who are affiliated with School of Social and International Studies, but who are not offering Seminars C1 to C6. Students who register for Seminar C1, C2, C3, C4, C5 or C6 cannot register for Seminar C.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12312	Seminar C1	2	1.0	3	SprAB	by request	Andrea Ortolani	Students who register for Seminar C1 cannot register for Seminar C, C2, C3, C4, C5 and C6.	Monday 5,6 (In principle) Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12322	Seminar C2	2	1.0	3	SprAB	by request	Abu Girma Moges	Students who register for Seminar C2 cannot register for Seminar C, C1, C3, C4, C5 and C6.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12332	Seminar C3	2	1.0	3	SprAB	by request	Y. Zhai	Students who register for Seminar C3 cannot register for Seminar C, C1, C2, C4, C5 and C6	Friday 3 period (In principle) Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12342	Seminar C4	2	1.0	3	SprAB	by request	Edson Ioshiaqui Urano	Students who register for Seminar C4 cannot register for Seminar C, C1, C2, C3, C5 and C6.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12352	Seminar C5	2	1.0	3	SprAB	by request	Simona Mirela Vasilache	Students who register for Seminar C5 cannot register for Seminar C, C1, C2, C3, C4 and C6.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12362	Seminar C6	2	1.0	3	SprAB	by request	Ziaeddin Seyed Madani	Students who register for Seminar C6 cannot register for Seminar C, C1, C2, C3, C4, and C5.	Friday 2 period (In principle) Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face

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BE12402	Seminar D	2	1.0	4	Fall AB	by request	Each Course Instructor of School of Social and International Studies (other than English Program Instructors), Hajime Akiyama	Seminar under supervision of instructors who are affiliated with School of Social and International Studies, but who are not offering Seminars D1 to D6. Students who register for Seminar D1, D2, D3, D4, D5 or D6 cannot register for Seminar D.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12412	Seminar D1	2	1.0	4	Fall AB	by request	Andrea Ortolani	Students who register for Seminar D1 cannot register for Seminar D, D2, D3, D4, D5 and D6.	Moday 5, 6 (In principle) Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12422	Seminar D2	2	1.0	4	Fall AB	by request	Abu Girma Moges	Students who register for Seminar D2 cannot register for Seminar D, D1, D3, D4, D5 and D6.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12432	Seminar D3	2	1.0	4	Fall AB	by request	Y. Zhai	Students who register for Seminar D3 cannot register for Seminar D, D1, D2, D4, D5 and D6	Friday 3 period (In principle) Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12442	Seminar D4	2	1.0	4	Fall AB	by request	Edson Ioshiaqui Urano	Students who register for Seminar D4 cannot register for Seminar D, D1, D2, D3, D5 and D6.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12452	Seminar D5	2	1.0	4	Fall AB	by request	Simona Mirela Vasiliache	Students who register for Seminar D5 cannot register for Seminar D, D1, D2, D3, D4 and D6.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12462	Seminar D6	2	1.0	4	Fall AB	by request	Ziaeddin Seyed Madani	Students who register for Seminar D6 cannot register for Seminar D, D1, D2, D3, D4, and D5.	Friday 2 period (In principle) Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12502	Seminar E	2	1.0	4	Fall C	by request	Each Course Instructor of School of Social and International Studies (other than English Program Instructors), Hajime Akiyama	Seminar under supervision of instructors who are affiliated with School of Social and International Studies, but who are not offering Seminars E1 to E6. Students who register for Seminar E1, E2, E3, E4, E5 or E6 cannot register for Seminar E.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12512	Seminar E1	2	1.0	4	Fall C	by request	Andrea Ortolani	Students who register for Seminar E1 cannot register for Seminar E, E2, E3, E4, E5 and E6.	Moday 5, 6 (In principle) Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12522	Seminar E2	2	1.0	4	Fall C	by request	Abu Girma Moges	Students who register for Seminar E2 cannot register for Seminar E, E1, E3, E4, E5 and E6.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12532	Seminar E3	2	1.0	4	Fall C	by request	Y. Zhai	Students who register for Seminar E3 cannot register for Seminar E, E1, E2, E4, E5 and E6	Friday 3 period (In principle) Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12542	Seminar E4	2	1.0	4	Fall C	by request	Edson Ioshiaqui Urano	Students who register for Seminar E4 cannot register for Seminar E, E1, E2, E3, E5 and E6.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12552	Seminar E5	2	1.0	4	Fall C	by request	Simona Mirela Vasiliache	Students who register for Seminar E5 cannot register for Seminar E, E1, E2, E3, E4 and E5.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face

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BE12562	Seminar E6	2	1.0	4	FallC	by request	Ziaeddin Seyed Madani	Students who register for Seminar E6 cannot register for Seminar E, E1, E2, E3, E4, and E5.	Friday 2 period (In principle) Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12602	Seminar F	2	1.0	4	SprAB	by request	Each Course Instructor of School of Social and International Studies (other than English Program Instructors), Hajime Akiyama	Seminar under supervision of instructors who are affiliated with School of Social and International Studies, but who are not offering Seminars F1 to F6. Students who register for Seminar F1, F2, F3, F4, F5 or F6 cannot register for Seminar F.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12612	Seminar F1	2	1.0	4	SprAB	by request	Andrea Ortolani	Students who register for Seminar F1 cannot register for Seminar F, F2, F3, F4, F5 and F6.	Monday 5, 6 (In principle) Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12622	Seminar F2	2	1.0	4	SprAB	by request	Abu Girma Moges	Students who register for Seminar F2 cannot register for Seminar F, F1, F3, F4, F5 and F6.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12632	Seminar F3	2	1.0	4	SprAB	by request	Y. Zhai	Students who register for Seminar F3 cannot register for Seminar F, F1, F2, F4, F5 and F6	Friday 3 period (In principle) Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12642	Seminar F4	2	1.0	4	SprAB	by request	Edson Ioshaqui Urano	Students who register for Seminar F4 cannot register for Seminar F, F1, F2, F3, F5 and F6.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12652	Seminar F5	2	1.0	4	SprAB	by request	Simona Mirela Vasilache	Students who register for Seminar F5 cannot register for Seminar F, F1, F2, F3, F4 and F6.	Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12662	Seminar F6	2	1.0	4	SprAB	by request	Ziaeddin Seyed Madani	Students who register for Seminar F6 cannot register for Seminar F, F1, F2, F3, F4, and F5.	Friday 2 period (In principle) Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12918	Graduation Thesis	8	6.0	3, 4	Annual	by request	Each Course Instructor of International Social Sciences Program & Urano, Moges, Vasilache, Ortolani, Zhai, Madani	Guidance is conducted mainly in English. The course is conducted under the guidance of an advisor and one sub-advisor.	This course is for students who apply for early graduation in 7 semesters. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face
BE12928	Graduation Thesis	8	6.0	3	Spring Semester	by request	Each Course Instructor of International Social Sciences Program & Urano, Moges, Vasilache, Ortolani, Zhai, Madani	Guidance is conducted mainly in English. The course is conducted under the guidance of an advisor and one sub-advisor.	This course is for students who apply for early graduation in 6 semesters. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face

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BE12938	Graduation Thesis	8	6.0	4	Spring Semester	by request	Each Course Instructor of International Social Sciences Program & Urano, Moges, Vasilache, Ortolani, Zhai, Madani	Guidance is conducted mainly in English. The course is conducted under the guidance of an advisor and one sub-advisor.	This course is for students who apply for graduation in 8 semesters. Lectures are conducted in English. face-to-face