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～Advanced Graduate Courses for International Students～

【1. Profile of the University】

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⑥Enrollment (only Graduate School)	902 (including MEXT Scholarship Students: 272)		

【2. Outline of the Course】

① Course	Personnel Development Program Contributing to Asian Legal Assistance
② Degree	Two years leading to the Degree of Master of Laws (Comparative Law) and three years leading to the Degree of Doctor of Laws (Comparative Law)
③Graduate Course, Department	Comparative Law Program in Law and Political Science, Department of Combined Programs in Law and Politics, Graduate School of Law
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④Collaboration (Universities, Graduate courses, Departments)	
⑤Q u o t a	30 (Master's Level 22, Doctoral Level 8) (including MEXT Scholarship students: 10(Master's Level 7, Doctoral Level 3) (including Japanese students : 0)
⑥Faculties	40 (Full-time(only for this course): 32 Full-time(at the department offering this course): Part time: 8)
⑦Representative of the Course	Job Title Dean of the Graduate School of Law, Nagoya University
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【3. Contents of the Course】

This program has been running at our Faculty in an institutional form since 1998. It aims to support improvements in the legal infrastructure of countries engaged in systemic transition and development and to provide education for those who will be leaders in such activities. Two sets of classes have been setup: 'Legal Education through English Classes' and 'Legal Education through Japanese Classes'.

In terms of the nature of legal enquiry, there are certain limitations in particular for overseas students specializing in Japanese law and who are receiving their education and research supervision through English. As one dimension of our legal assistance program, our Faculty established the 'Nagoya University Japanese Legal Education Research Center' (referred to below as the 'Japanese Law Center') in the Tashkent State Institute of Law in Uzbekistan in 2005. This was in order to "create a long-term system of education for legal specialists with a good command of Japanese". There is now education in Japanese language and Japanese law being taught through Japanese the faculty students at this university (up to 20 students). A Japanese Law Center has also been established this year in the School of Law of the National University of Mongolia.

The Comparative Law Program in Law and Political Science at our Graduate School of Law, which has been running for over 7 years (1 year in the case of the doctoral section) and has involved legal education and research instruction through English, has been setup to offer legal education classes in Japanese for outstanding students who have graduated from these Japanese Law Centers, in parallel with legal studies classes that have been conducted through English as before, to become the Personnel Development Program Contributing to Asian Legal Assistance. This program has now opened with 7 Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship students in the Masters level and 3 in the Doctoral level.

Curriculum Outline

- System of Supervision

This program, as one dimension of the Asian legal assistance activities integrated institutionally into our Faculty, permits a system whereby all Faculty staff members (apart from fulltime staff in the Nagoya University Law School) can partake in teaching and research guidance.

-Master's Level

The master's course in Comparative Law Program in Law and Political Science is designed to provide for the education and formation of skilled generalists who have a broad and balanced fundamental knowledge of law and politics. With this in mind, a wide array of subjects are offered and serious attention is paid to the writing of a master's thesis.

The main subjects for the 'Legal Education through English Classes' shall be supervised by Faculty staff members. However, to provide the overseas students with the opportunity to learn from a broad range of viewpoints, there are lectures in the courses taught in English by a diverse range of teachers who are invited as part-time lecturers from international organizations, and foreign and domestic universities. There are also classes in 'Corporate Legal Practice' by three guest lecturers from the Toyota Group Legal Committee. On top of that, there are special lectures from the Yomiuri Newspaper and lectures connected to the practice of law given by the Aichi Bar Association. Also, we have set-up classes in 'International Negotiations' that combine student questions and answer sessions with video conferencing in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin Law School in USA which has a scholarly exchange agreement with our Faculty. Through the power of IT, we have embarked upon legal education that transcends international boundaries.

The Master's course's 'Legal Education through Japanese Classes' stream is essentially the same curriculum as the legal education through English classes one. However, as it targets mainly those who have completed their studies in Japanese language and Japanese law at the Japanese Law Centers, the first half of the year after enrollment involves lectures (a total of 6 credits in civil law, criminal law and public law) that are a combination of audited lectures in basic subjects in the School of Law and tutorial-style seminars. We have introduced this new mode of classes where the basics of law are studied along side the undergraduate students in the School and under the guidance of Faculty members in seminars that use material from the lectures that are being audited.

The students who enroll on the 'Legal Education through Japanese Classes' are entitled to take the courses offered in the 'Legal Education through English Classes,' such as 'International Negotiations' class listed above and other subjects from existing programs. Bilingual classes can also be developed depending on need. Student internships are being promoted in our Faculty and internships in local companies are also open to overseas students enrolled in the 'Legal Education through English Classes'.

Furthermore, since 2006, a program entitled 'Creating an Educational Environment for Internationally Connected Legal Education in the form of Human Networking' which seeks to promote the internationalization of university education has been established. This course is for overseas and Japanese students and offers an educational environment where law and politics is studied through mutual cooperation over one year or more. This to create an education aimed at establishing genuine life-long networks built on trust. For the overseas students it offers them an opportunity to explain the law and politics of their own country and at the same time gives them a chance to learn about the law and politics of Japan. For the Japanese students it gives them a chance to explain the law and politics of Japan through collaborative study with the overseas students and gives them a chance to understand the law and

politics of various Asian countries and, in turn, gives them an incentive to learn languages other than English. Friendships formed through such exchanges can be the building blocks of genuine lifelong international networks. It is strongly hoped that through this the human networks built-up among the graduates of this faculty will be strengthened.

The writing of a thesis is one of the major pillars of this program. A system of supervision is in place employing supervisors (1 main supervisor and 1 sub-supervisor) and individual supervision from the main supervisor has been made into core credited modules (Special Research I and Special Research II- each giving 4 credits). Also, in conjunction with the individual supervision, Academic Writing I (core), II and III (each giving 2 credits) is offered with the aim of giving guidance in group and multi-stage research methods and thesis writing methods. Thesis writing centers around this system and commences from when students first enroll. The same research guidance is essentially also given to those students enrolled in the legal education through Japanese classes.

-Doctoral Level

The doctoral level of the program creates specialists in Japanese law and politics who have refined their specialization further based on the research skills expanded in the master's level studies. Such persons will be equipped with a high level of practical ability. It also aims to create individuals who can organize high-level research in relation to their own nation's legal or political system's infrastructure and reform, using a broad perspective in law and politics.

Accordingly, it is aimed at students already on the master's program who wish to obtain a doctorate. It is required that the thesis is written with conscious objectives and in a planned manner. The thesis is written under the guidance of a supervisor and a high level of research skills is sought. In addition, for doctorates in the Comparative Law Program in Law and Political Science, a program to develop skills allowing one to engage in the works for development of the legal infrastructure of one's country is being offered as follows:

1. Autonomous investigations and writing under the direction of a mentor
2. Critical discussion sessions to fully consider and evaluate the findings of one's research
3. Research management programs to create the skills necessary to carryout large scale research and organize a large number of researchers.
4. Internship programs to provide practical and dynamic understandings of actual systems and to connect theoretical research to practice.

-Type of Degree

The students in the master's level are affiliated with classes depending on their language choice upon enrolment, and can gain the degree of Master of Laws (Comparative Law) by fulfilling variously determined course completion requirements. The students in the doctoral program are required to fulfill the conditions for obtaining the degree of Doctor of Laws (Comparative Law) as variously determined.

-Languages Used

The overseas students who take their instruction through English will have their lectures and thesis writing supervision in English. However, the overseas students in the 'Legal Education through Japanese Classes' will gain their education through Japanese. However, as part of the 'Legal education through English Classes,' a Japanese language education program shall be provided in conjunction with the University's Education Center for International Students, Japanese Education Section for master's students in these classes during the introductory period. Also, even for those doctoral students who have selected the legal education through English classes stream, it will be necessary to carryout investigations and document analysis in Japanese. Consequently, improvements in Japanese language skills will be required. For those students who have chosen the legal education through Japanese classes, international networks in legal development in their own country after they return will be important. Accordingly, the ability to read and communicate in the English, as the language of international communication, will be required.

-Recruitment Targeted Countries, Internal Methods of Selection etc.

The recruitment for this program will be targeting mainly law students and politics students who have finished their undergraduate studies, as well as those connected with university education and legal practitioners. Such students will mostly be from Asian countries engaged in systematic transformations and targeted for legal assistance; namely, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Mongolia, Uzbekistan and so on. Recruitment of scholarships students shall be secured for outstanding students through the specialist educational universities that have concluded scholarly exchanges with Nagoya University or with our Faculty. Admission will as far as possible be through a selection system. The screening of candidates will be conducted through the examination of application form and other documentation by a selection committee from the Faculty. Interviews will take place in the home country or at the Faculty. The examination will integrate the application form, including the research plan, and the results of the interview, and will be judged by the Special Committee of the Comparative Law Program. The Faculty Committee will receive the results of the screening from the Special Committee and shall make the final decision regarding the successful candidates.