

Osaka Gakuin University 2023-2024 Fall Semester

## **Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations and the actions of Japan.**

### **Instructor :**

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Lesson: Monday & Thursday 13:30-15:15

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Subject code : 1043

### **Course Description:**

Course Objectives:

Aiming to spread the knowledge of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the United Nations and to evoke the interest in international governance that promotes exchanges between different cultural backgrounds, this course provides the students with the Global perspective on SDGs. For each SDG, this course will introduce the basics, review the development status of Japan's relevant work, elaborate on case studies of Japan or other countries and regions, and discuss the potential challenges.

Learning Goals:

The students are expected to:

- (1) Master the definitions of SDGs;
- (2) Gain an understanding of Japan's work in the arena of sustainable development;
- (3) Develop analytical skills under a multi-faceted SDG framework.

Also, the students are expected to brainstorm solutions that will help realize the SDGs with their own expertise. The UN SDGs were adopted in 2015, consisting of 17 SDGs that cover the societal, economic, and environmental challenges.

### **Resources**

Handouts and documents will be provided online via digital learning systems such as Slacks or Teams.

**Note:** Other necessary hand-outs will be provided for each class

### **Evaluation**

- Class Attendance ( **20 %**)
- An Individual or Group Presentation(s) ( **50 %**)
- Individual Report ( **30 %**)

**Note:** Evaluation method may change at the instructor's discretion depending on the class size and other factors.

### **Notes:**

The course requires students to read and prepare provided documents in advance before the class.

### **Course Schedule:**

Warmup before the class: Overview of UN SDGs - Introduction

Week 01: Brief discussion and 3 pillars of Sustainability concept

Week 02: SDG1 No Poverty & SDG2 No Hunger: Concept and Definition - Japan's Situation

Week 03: SDG3 Good Health and Well-Being: Concept and Definition - Japan's Situation

Week 04: SDG4 Quality Education: Concept and Definition - Japan's Situation

Week 05: SDG5 Gender Equality & SDG6 Clean Water and Sanitation: Concept and Definition - Japan's Situation

Week 06: SDG7 Affordable and Clean Energy & SDG11 Sustainable Cities and Communities & SDG16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions: Concept and Definition - Japan's Situation

Week 07: SDG8 Decent Work and Economic Growth & SDG9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure: Concept and Definition - Japan's Situation

Week 08: SDG10 Reduced Inequalities & SDG12 Responsible Consumption and Production: Concept and Definition – Japan’s Situation

Week 09: SDG13 Climate Action & SDG14 Life below Water & SDG15 Life on Land: Concept and Definition - Japan’s Situation

Week 10: SDG17 Partnerships for the Goals

Week 11: Group discussion – Review of SDG1 to SDG17

Week 12: Group discussion – Discovering the SDG Framework

Week 13: Group presentation

**Note:** Course contents and schedule are subject to change depending on the class size and the discretion of the teacher.