

September 1, 2020

To all students,

Classes in the Second Semester of AY 2020

Most courses in the second semester of AY 2020 will continue to be provided online, but some classes will be provided face-to-face where necessary. The content of such face-to-face classes will also be made available through live or recorded video lectures, supplementary classes, or other means for students who cannot come to the university to attend them for reasons related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Please note that, even in mid-semester, face-to-face classes may be changed to online classes if there is a significant increase of confirmed novel coronavirus cases or a new case of group infection at the university. Please, therefore, be sure to maintain the necessary arrangements to take online classes at home at any time.

Information on the method of class provision (whether online, face-to-face, or hybrid [a combination of online and face-to-face]) will be provided by each faculty or graduate school prior to the course registration period. Students who will attend face-to-face classes are required to take all possible precautions to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus, including checking their own health conditions (such as their body temperature) from two weeks before the classes, avoiding activities that increase the risk of infection (such as traveling and holding gatherings over food and drink), wearing a face mask (compulsory), and leaving the university campus quickly after classes.

Many students, particularly first-year students, may have worries about online classes, such as concerns about the difficulty of asking questions and communicating with instructors and fellow students. If you have any such worries, please speak to your instructors or to the staff members in the education affairs section of your faculty or department of affiliation. Some faculties and departments provide counselling services, provided by specialist counselors. Alternately, if you would prefer not to consult with any of the aforementioned people, or if your worries remain even after a consultation, please do not hesitate to contact the university's Counseling Office.

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For reference:

1. The method of class implementation will be demined based on the level of activity restriction

at the university (details of activity restriction levels can be found in the university’s “Guidelines for the Restriction of Activities to Prevent the Spread of the Novel Coronavirus)

Kyoto University’s Response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/safety/coronavirus.html>

2. Contact point for inquiries about education affairs

<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/inquiry/>

3. Other on-campus counselling services

<http://www.gssc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/counsel/additional.html> (in Japanese)

4. The Counselling Office of Kyoto University’s General Student Support Center

<https://www.gssc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/counsel/english.html>

5. Notice: Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) prevention measures (Ver. 3)

https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/safety/documents/200731_1.pdf