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To all students,

**Classes in the First Semester of AY 2022**

Classes at Kyoto University in the first semester of AY 2022 will, in principle, be conducted in person while taking all possible measures to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus. For international students who have not yet arrived in Japan and students who are unable to attend classes on campus due to preexisting medical conditions or for other reasons, the university will arrange alternative options, such as the provision of classes online. Classrooms will be ventilated by frequently opening windows and doors, so please wear warm clothes. Please note that the lunch break will be extended by 15 minutes as it was in AY 2021.

It is still difficult to predict how the COVID-19 situation will develop. The above policy may change depending on future developments. Please be sure to regularly confirm the latest information provided on KULASIS, the website of the Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences (ILAS), and by your faculty or department, etc.

Despite some reports that the Omicron variant of COVID-19 has a relatively low risk of severe symptoms, the number of serious cases will increase as the number of infections increases, and this will cause a strain on the health care system. All students are requested to take all possible measures to prevent yourself and others from being infected with the virus.

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