

4 【大学】英語による専門教育プログラムの履修登録

Courses Offered by Special Program (Conducted in English) :
「Agriculture, Food and Environment」

◎ 「英語による専門教育プログラム」受講のすすめ

本プログラムは2002年度から開講しており、年度を追うにつれて次第に受講生も増加してきました。本プログラムは、日本人の学生はもとより海外からの留学生に対して、日本およびほかのアジア諸国における食料、農業ならびに環境に関する現状と課題を総合的に理解してもらうことを目的に、英語で開講しているものです。英語での授業を通じて、日本人の学生にとっては、自分の専門分野を英語で習得するよい機会となってそれが留学プログラムを立案したり、International Studiesをより深く理解することに役立ち、また留学生にとっては日本語の授業で十分理解しえない部分を習得できる絶好の機会となります。将来を通じた自分のキャリア・ステップを考慮に入れて、受講されることを強く勧めます。

(1) Program Title:

Special Program (Conducted in English) : Agriculture, Food and Environment

(2) Rationale

An integrated approach is important for the solution of problems of mankind in such areas as food, environment, health, resources and energy, which are all mutually related and interwoven. The food problem generally refers to problems of food production, distribution and consumption, thus covering a wide range of topics. For instance, food production is closely related not only to natural environment but also agricultural and food processing technologies. Distribution of food is determined by political and economic mechanisms, while improved storage and distribution technologies have tremendously contributed to the widening scope of marketing. Food consumption is highly related to the level of income but culture, social norms and dietary habits are other key determinants of what and how people consume food.

Modern agricultural science has greatly contributed to increased food production, which has expanded beyond global population growth. However, problems of environmental destruction and unassured food safety have also emerged. The urgent need to assure environmental conservation and safe food supply are now globally recognized. At Tokyo University of Agriculture, a multidisciplinary, all-university-education program is now being offered for the study of food and environment. Integrated learning of agriculture, food and environmental issues guides students to see how they can make a contribution to solving global issues in the 21st century.

This program provides the opportunity for Japanese students as well as international students to gain holistic understanding on issues of food, agriculture and environment in Japan and other Asian countries.

(3) Time Table (in 2011)

This program was established in April 2002 (not listed in the 2002 course catalogue). The courses are offered to all students in 2011. It is our advice that you select courses according to your English ability.

【First semester】

Food and Environment in Economic Development

Environment and Landscape of Japan

Environment, Society and Culture

Japanese Agricultural Development

Environment Conservation in Asia
Food and Nutrition
Global Food Systems
Ecology and Food Production

【Second semester】

Principles of Environment and Agriculture
Comparative Developing Agriculture
Farmers and Consumers in Japan
Agricultural Trade
Comparative Food Production Technologies
Food and Culture
Field Study of Food and Environment (intensive)
Group Approach to Food and Environment (intensive)
Sustainable Agriculture in Asia (intensive)

(4) Credits

Each course carries two credits. Credits earned in this program can be counted for graduation requirements, to a maximum of 30 credits under the inter-faculty enrollment system, as specified in Article 15 (3) in the TUA Constitution.

(5) Examination and Grade

Examinations are conducted during the lecture period. Students are requested to follow the instruction of the lecturers. Since supplementary examinations will not be provided, unsuccessful students are required to re-enroll in the following years.

(6) Fees Required

No additional payment is required. However, as fieldtrips and experiments are needed, the students enrolled in Environment and Landscape of Japan, Environment Conservation in Asia, Field Study of Food and Environment, Group Approach to Food and Environment, and Sustainable Agriculture in Asia are required to cover their own expenses. Details will be given in the class.

(7) You may sit-in under this program

For those students who are interested in the program but are unsure of their English competency, auditing is allowed upon permission from the lecturer. No registration is required in this case, but students can make a formal registration after gaining confidence.