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About Classes in the 2023 Academic Year

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As in the 2022 Academic Year, the classes in AY 2023 will continue to be face-to-face (f2f) classes in principle. However, some classes will be "remote classes (on-demand video format)" or "blended classes" that combine face-to-face classes and remote classes (on-demand video format).

In addition, the government has recently decided to shift the classification of the COVID-19 under the Infectious Disease Control Law to "Class 5," the same as seasonal influenza, on May 8 of this year, and from March 13, the wearing of masks will basically be left to individual judgment, and people's lives are gradually returning to their pre-coronavirus status. The public's life is gradually returning to the pre-Corona situation. In principle, the University will lift its previously mandated restrictions on the wearing of masks and on the capacity of all classrooms from April onward. Please keep in mind that the wearing of masks should be done to prevent infectious diseases, referring also to the effective situations indicated by the government.

As was announced in the guidelines for the fall semester of AY 2022, from AY 2023, no f2f special consideration will be made on the basis of underlying medical conditions, etc. Other guidelines for classes in AY 2023 are summarized below [\(major changes from the Fall Semester 2022 are underlined in red\).](#)

* If there is a change in the related legislation such as the classification and designation of infectious diseases for COVID-19, the lesson format and the contents of this guideline may be reexamined.

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I. About classes in the AY 2023

1. About registration with Microsoft Teams

In the AY 2023, in principle, classes will continue to be f2f, however, some classes will be conducted by remote lessons (on-demand video type) and blended f2f and distance (on-demand video type) classes. Therefore, in the same way as in the previous years, after completing course registration, we will continue to register students in Microsoft Teams (hereinafter referred to as Teams), a synchronous tool that enables remote learning on timetables. All classes you will teach, including f2f courses, are displayed in Teams.

For students who have never used Teams, please read Section II below (For students who are taking remote lessons at our university for the first time).

The name of the Teams class ends with “_Year + Semester (S or F)” (Example: English Seminar I during 1st period on Friday will be displayed as “Fri1-English Seminar II_2022F”)

2. About f2f lessons

2.1 F2f classrooms used

- In principle, f2f classes will continue to be held in the spring semester 2023 onward.
- All splash prevention stands will be removed, and the number of students in all classrooms will no longer be limited and will be returned to 100% of the capacity.
- The wearing of masks is not required.
- Alcohol hand sanitizer will be available near the doorway. Please use as appropriate.

2.2 Elimination of “Face-to-Face Consideration Students (*taimen-hairyō-gakusei*)”

- As announced in the guidelines for the Fall 2022 semester, beginning with the AY 2023, no f2f consideration will be given to students for having an underlying medical condition or for other reasons.

If a student gets infected with COVID-19, they will be placed on “suspension of attendance” for a certain period as with seasonal influenza, so please contact the Health Service Office (TEL. 075-322-6024 E-mail: hoken@kufs.ac.jp) immediately for instructions. Until the Infectious Diseases Control Law classifies COVID-19 infection as a “Class 5” disease (by May 7, 2023), the “Suspension of Attendance” as a “Concentrated Contact” will continue, so if you suspect infection, such as a family member living with a positive case, please contact the Health Service Office immediately.

2.3 About f2f make-up classes

If the teacher is unable to conduct the class for some reason, the class will be cancelled and a make-up class will be held on another day. In principle, make-up classes will be held in person, but there may be cases in which a make-up video prepared by the teacher may be viewed and substituted for a class assignment, etc., so please follow the instructions of the teacher.

3. About remote lessons (on-demand video type) and blended f2f and distance (on-demand video type) classes

3.1 Remote lessons (on-demand video type)

- The "Basic Seminar" and "Language and Peace I" are remote classes (on-demand video type). Please check the list of applicable classes at the following URL.
https://www.kufs.ac.jp/cms_image/file/2023.pdf
- Remote lessons (on-demand video type) are considered to be attended by watching videos recorded by the professor for your convenience and submitting an assignment by the designated deadline. Therefore, it will take a few days for the attendance information to be reflected in the Confirmation of the Student Attendance Status of Kyoto Gaidai UNIPA. Teachers are supposed to give you the attendance registration policy in the syllabus or in the first class.
- You will be able to take classes according to the timetable. Some teachers will broadcast live, but you will not be able to ask questions by voice during that time. Classes are video-recorded and uploaded on the Internet, so you can take classes outside of class hours.
- Please follow the instructions of the teacher regarding the examination in the relevant class.
- It is possible that the teacher may not be able to upload the data on the class day for some reason. In such a case, the start date of viewing will be postponed.
- Even if it is an on-demand type, classes will be registered according to the timetable. It is not possible to register for two or more courses in the same period of the same day. Please note that the classroom number does not appear in the schedule table shown on Kyoto Gaidai UNIPA.
- Communication from the teacher regarding on-demand video delivery periods, URLs, assignment submission instructions, etc., will be made primarily through the Teams posting section. (For students who have never used Teams, please refer to "II. For students who are taking remote lessons at our university for the first time).
- Some teachers may use the lesson support system “Class Profile” of Kyoto Gaidai UNIPA.
- You can watch the videos even on campus. Please use “*eduroam*”, which is a free Wi-Fi service on campus. However, be sure to use your own device for viewing. Free rental PCs are available, but the number is limited.

3.2 Blended f2f and distance (on-demand video type) classes

- Some data science-related courses in the Faculty of Global Engagement will be conducted as “blended classes” combining f2f classes and remote classes (on-demand video type).
 - ✓ In 14 classes, classes will be held in a combination of face-to-face classes and remote classes (on-demand video type). Please check the list of applicable classes at the following URL (located at the bottom of the list).
https://www.kufs.ac.jp/cms_image/file/2023.pdf
- Please check the syllabus, Kyoto Gaidai UNIPA, or the explanation by the teacher at the first class for the respective dates of f2f classes and remote classes (on-demand video type).
- Please refer to “3.1 Remote Lessons (on-demand video type)” above for details on how to take remote class (on-demand video type).
- Each student's schedule, shown in Kyoto Gaidai UNIPA, includes a classroom number.

4. About regular exams

- Regular examinations will be conducted from the AY 2023 onward. Please check the syllabus to confirm which courses will have regular examinations.

5. About textbooks

Purchase all textbooks online from this site. You can also pick them up at the on-campus bookstore.

<https://www.kufs.ac.jp/news/detail.html?id=OsUXIKvI>

8. Regarding the rules for attending lessons

- Students should fully understand and comply with the following rules before and when taking classes whether they are given f2f or remotely. The following acts are prohibited. Please note that violation of these rules in some cases may lead to legal proceedings.
 - 1) Any conduct that involves the sharing of your account information with other people, and also for letting them use that information.
 - 2) Any conduct for letting other people, with no rights to take remote classes, view those classes.
 - 3) Any conduct for sharing the URLs of your classes and/or meeting IDs and passwords with other people who have no rights to take those classes.
 - 4) Any conduct for using identifiable private information, such as student ID numbers, that came to your knowledge in the course of your classes for purposes other than the original purpose.
 - 5) Any conduct that involves the sharing of uploaded teaching materials, newspaper and weekly magazine articles, publications prepared for teaching purposes, as well as audio and video recorded data with other people on SNS, and also for redistributing them without permission beyond the scope of your classes.
 - 6) Any conduct that involves recording video of any classes without permission from teachers in charge, and also for releasing and spreading these recorded classes and screenshots to the public on SNS or other means.
 - 7) Any conduct that infringes on image rights, privacies and human rights of other students, teachers, and teaching assistants. Writing that has nothing to do with class, or slanderous acts against others is prohibited.
 - 8) Any conduct that interferes with the progress of classes.
 - 9) Any conduct that interferes with the operations of software and information systems of our university by applying excessive loads to them.
 - 10) Any wrong-doings, such as test-taking by proxy and/or cheating in examinations conducted by our university, including online examinations.
 - 11) Other misconduct that is against the roles and duties of students.

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- Please access the Kyoto University of Foreign Studies online study preparation site
<https://sites.google.com/kufs.ac.jp/startup-guide/>.
- Microsoft Teams (Teams) is required for remote learning at our university, so please install it. The ID and password issued by the university are required for installation. Please install the desktop version or mobile version from the following site according to your device such as your PC, tablet, smartphone. At the same time, Microsoft Office applications such as Word, Excel, and Power Point can be installed for free.
<https://products.office.com/ja-jp/microsoft-teams/download-app>
- All classes taken on Teams will be displayed. Please press the class you are attending and check the teacher's instructions in the posting column, as Teams will be used as a teaching tool for distance (on-demand video type) and blended classes, and as an adjunct to f2f classes.
- Contact from the university is made by displaying it on the "post" of Kyoto Gaidai UNIPA or by sending it to the university's email address (@kufs.ac.jp). Please be sure to check the "post" of Kyoto Gaidai UNIPA or KUFSS email account every day as we will NOT send anything to your other email address directly. Alternatively, please set up email forwarding on your own.

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