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< Message from the Director of Center for Globalization >

Students of ICT global program all English courses will enter undergraduate school from October, 2016, and the University of Aizu will be on a new stage of the globalization. You can check information about overseas students who will enter our university and our support systems for them here. Further, we will clarify basic idea about subjects provided faculty members for the overseas students. Your understanding and cooperation would be highly appreciated.

< Information about the Overseas Undergraduate Students>

In this October, four of 1st year and seven of 3rd year undergraduate overseas students will enter the University of Aizu.

The details are as followings. For 1st year students, two students were selected from the general selection and two students were selected from special selection (China). For 3rd year students, four students are from Hanoi University of Science and Technology and three students are from Dalian Neusoft University of Information.

< Support Systems for Overseas Undergraduate Students>

In Apr. 2016, a working group (WG) under the SGU committee II (ICT global program) was established. The members are from Student Support Section, Affairs Budget Division, SGU Promotion Office, International Strategy Office, Foreign Personnel Advisors and Office for Learning Support, which are related to international student support. The WG has discussed the student supports including the following matters: a) Prior Guidance before the students come to UoA, b) Guidance for life in Aizu after the students come to UoA, c) Guidance for class and study. We are also steadily working on design of *a buddy program* and reform of the dormitory to secure two beds in the single room. In addition, we will conduct the laboratory assignment to the 3rd year students, and assign advisors for curriculum and school life to the 1st year students.

< How to Implement the All-English Courses >

- We need to create an environment in which students can earn 128 credits required for graduation in all English. Therefore, at least one class in each course/subject provided in English should be set up for the students.

  ◇ For implementation of the course, we can take advantage of UoA's feature, internationality. Since there are many international faculty members in the university, and many classes have been provided in English, the overseas students can naturally join the classes. However, we still have to consider capacity of exercise rooms, gaps of basic knowledge and skills between the overseas students and Japanese students.

  ◇ In case the overseas students cannot take the classes because there has been no English class for a course/subject, we have to open new classes provided in English. It is necessary to consider the instructor adjustment or new instructor assignment for each of the subjects as well as classroom arrangement and class timetable. On the other hand, however, providing new classes will lead to high-level education since the number of students in the classes is small, and active learning can be expected. In addition, some faculty members who are motivated to teach in English will get a great opportunity to have more classes.

< Basic Ideas about Subjects and Instructors of the Courses >

We need to provide the classes in English for the 1st year overseas students apart from the current classes in Japanese.

The 3rd year overseas students will take the current classes in English which are mostly for 3rd year Japanese students. Therefore, it is likely that maximum seven overseas students will attend your class.

Moreover, we would allow those students to take some classes for 4th year students if the numbers of classes the 3rd year overseas students can take from fall are not enough.

< Immediate Arrangement in Q3 and Q4>

The ICT global program is a new program, so it is hard to decide all the assignments of the courses for the whole program at the time being. However, we must decide the classes, the instructors, and the timetable for Q3 and Q4.

The following subjects for the 1st year overseas students will be offered in Q3 and Q4 from this October.
(Refer to Table 1 http://web-int.u-aizu.ac.jp/misc/sgu-pm/T1.pdf
for the subject name, person in charge, and coordinator of the subject)

The following subjects for the 3rd year overseas students will be offered in Q3 and Q4. (Refer to Table 2 http://web-int.u-aizu.ac.jp/misc/sgu-pm/T2.pdf
for the subject name, person in charge, and coordinator of the subjects)

Regarding a draft of curriculum on subjects from next April, please refer to Table 3 http://web-int.u-aizu.ac.jp/misc/sgu-pm/T3.pdf

However, the table still includes things we have not decided yet, such as the person in charge of the class, so there are some challenges issues we need to deal with from now on.

< Links to Related Information >

① Subjects and timetable for the 1st year students in Q3 and Q4 in 2016

Q3: Table 4 -1 http://web-int.u-aizu.ac.jp/misc/sgu-pm/T4-1.pdf , and

Q4: Table 4-2 http://web-int.u-aizu.ac.jp/misc/sgu-pm/T4-2.pdf

② Subjects and timetable for the 3rd year students in Q3 and Q4 in 2016

Q3: Table 5-1 http://web-int.u-aizu.ac.jp/misc/sgu-pm/T5-1.pdf and

Q4: Table 5-2 http://web-int.u-aizu.ac.jp/misc/sgu-pm/T5-2.pdf

It would be appreciated if you carefully check whether you are associated with the classes in order to avoid the mistakes or miss-understanding. If you have any questions and find some mistakes, please feel free to contact us by following email sgu-office@u-aizu.ac.jp

<News>

1) On August 10, the Kick-off Ceremony of Aizu Geek Dojo was held.
2) Kick-off Ceremony of Silicon Valley Internship was held on August 22. Internships will be carried out from August 23 to September 6.

<Information>

A trial of the Honor's Program will be starting from this October. Around 10 of 1st year or 2nd year undergraduate students, who have a good GPA or who are proactive with high motivation and full of potential, will be recruited for the program. Although we will disclose the information and officially recruit students, it would be appreciated if you recommend good candidates to us as a class mentor or instructor. (You can recommend up to three students.) In the case, could you please send their name, student number, and your comments to sgu-office@u-aizu.ac.jp. The SGU Promotion Office will contact them to confirm their participation for the program, and the students will be selected based on application documents review and an interview.

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