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(Purpose)

Article 1 The purpose of these Rules is to provide for the necessary matters pertaining to the Kobe University Faculty of Law (hereinafter referred to as "Faculty") in accordance with the Kobe University General Rules for Students (established on April 1, 2004; hereinafter referred to as "General Rules").

(Education and Research Purposes)

Article 1-2 The purpose of the Faculty is to impart a wide range of knowledge; to provide education and research on law and political science, as well as to cultivate human resources who have a broad-ranging cultural understanding and expert knowledge of law and politics, an ability to solve problems at a level in accordance with the demands of the increasing specialization of today's society, and the capacity to contribute to the international community in the field of law and politics in today's rapidly globalizing environment.

(Departments)

Article 2 The Faculty will have a Department of Law.

(Subjects)

Article 3 The Faculty department will have the following subjects:
Basic Law
Public Law
Private Law
Political Science and International Relations

(Subjects and Number of Credits)

Article 4 The subjects and the number of credits awarded to each subject at the Faculty are as listed in the Appended Table.

2 In addition to the subjects prescribed in the preceding paragraph, subjects may be established on a temporary basis.

3 Those temporary subjects and the number of credits set forth in the preceding paragraph will be prescribed at the time of their establishment.

4 The allocation of subjects in each year shall be prescribed separately.

(Credit Standards)

Article 5 Credits for each subject shall in principle be calculated in a way that one credit shall be granted for 15 hours of class.

(Courses)

Article 6 The Faculty shall have the following courses of study:

- Legal Course
- Business and Administration Course
- Politics and International Relations Course

- 2 Students must choose one of the courses of study set forth in the preceding paragraph and submit a designated course of study notification to the dean of the Kobe University Faculty of Law (hereinafter referred to as "Dean") within the stipulated period at the beginning of their 3rd year.
- 3 When a student wishes to change the course he or she is enrolled in, he or she must submit the designated change of course of study form to the Dean within the stipulated period.

(Requirements)

Article 7 Students must attain 127 credits or more as prescribed in the following items:

- (1) In accordance to the provisions in the table in Appended Table A, 31 or more credits from subjects listed in the same table;
 - (2) In accordance to the provisions in the table in Appended Table B, 96 or more credits from subjects listed in the same table.
- 2 For special lectures, up to 20 credits may be approved as credits as prescribed in item (2) of the preceding paragraph.
 - 3 For program lectures, up to 20 credits may be approved as credits as prescribed in paragraph 1, item (2). However, this shall not exceed 30 credits when combined with the credits prescribed in the preceding paragraph.
 - 4 When students earn credits from specialized education at other faculties as prescribed separately, up to 20 credits of these credits may be approved as credits under paragraph 1, item (2).
 - 5 When foreign students earn credits from subjects established under the provisions of Article 26, paragraph 2 of the General Rules, these credits may be approved as credits as prescribed in paragraph 1, item (1) pursuant to the provisions prescribed separately.

(Upper Limit for Registration of Subjects)

Article 8 The upper limit of the number of subject registrations as prescribed in Article 29, paragraph 1 of the General Rules shall be 46 credits.

- 2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the upper limit of the number of subject registrations for persons who transfer into the Faculty from another university or another faculty shall be 50 credits.
- 3 Under the provisions of the preceding Article, a student with an excellent academic record who has acquired the designated credits may be allowed to register for subjects in excess of the upper limit prescribed in the preceding 2 paragraphs.
- 4 The criteria for students who register for subjects in excess of the upper limit prescribed in the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed separately.
- 5 In addition to the matters prescribed in the preceding 3 paragraphs, a student may be allowed to register for subjects in excess of the upper limit prescribed in paragraph 1 pursuant to provisions set forth separately.

(Enrollment in Subjects)

Article 9 Students must submit the required enrollment form to the Dean by the designated date every semester.

2 For enrollment in subjects offered by other faculties, students must obtain permission from the Dean of that faculty through the Dean of the faculty to which they belong.

(Taking Subjects at Other Universities or Junior Colleges)

Article 10 Students may take subjects at other universities or junior colleges (including foreign universities or junior colleges. The same applies hereinafter.) with whom the Faculty has signed a cooperative agreement after receiving the approval of the Kobe University Faculty of Law Faculty Council (hereinafter referred to as "Faculty Council").

2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, when unavoidable circumstances arise, students may take subjects at a foreign university or junior college with whom the Faculty has not signed any cooperative agreement after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

3 Regarding credits earned for subjects pursuant to the provisions of the preceding 2 paragraphs, up to 60 credits may be treated as credits earned at the Faculty and approved as credits as prescribed in Article 7, paragraph 1 after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

(Handling of Credits Acquired in a University or Junior College in a Foreign Country, during a Leave from the University)

Article 10-2 Credits earned by a student for subjects taken at a faculty of a foreign university or junior college with whom the Faculty has signed a cooperative agreement while on leave of absence under the approval of the Faculty Council may be treated as credits earned at the Faculty.

2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, when unavoidable circumstances arise, credits earned by a student for subjects taken at a faculty of a foreign university or junior college with whom the Faculty has not signed any cooperative agreement while on leave of absence may be treated as credits earned at the Faculty after receiving the approval by the Faculty Council.

3 Out of those credits that can be treated as earned at the Faculty pursuant to the provisions of the preceding 2 paragraphs, up to 60 credits in total with those credits approved as earned at the Faculty pursuant to paragraph 3 of the preceding Article, may be approved as credits as prescribed in Article 7, paragraph 1.

(Approval of Credits Attained before Admission to a University)

Article 11 The approval of credits attained before admission to a University as prescribed in Article 36, paragraph 1 of the General Rules shall be determined after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Persons who wish to have previously earned credits approved must submit the necessary documents to the Dean by the designated date within the year of admission.

3 Out of the credits approved pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1, excluding cases of transfer from other universities and faculties and cases of readmission, up to 60 credits in total with the credits approved as earned at the Faculty pursuant to the provisions of Article 10, paragraph 3 and paragraphs 1 and 2 of the preceding Article may be approved as credits as prescribed in Article 7, paragraph 1.

(Awarding of Credits)

Article 12 A designated number of credits shall be granted to students who have completed a lecture subject and passed the examinations at the end of the semester when the classes have ended.

(Examinations)

Article 13 Subject examinations shall be conducted at the end of the semester when the classes have ended.

2 Examinations conducted at the end of the semester may be replaced by occasional tests conducted during the class semester and other evaluation methods.

3 Persons who were absent for examinations for subjects listed in Appended Table B may sit for makeup examinations for the said subject after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council pursuant to provisions set forth separately, limited to cases where there are special reasons.

(Grades)

Article 14 Academic achievement for each subject shall be graded on a 100-point scale, with the grades S, A, B and C representing a pass, and F representing a fail, as listed below:

S (90 points or more);

A (80 points or more, less than 90 points);

B (70 points or more, less than 80 points);

C (60 points or more, less than 70 points);

F (Less than 60 points).

2 Results may be evaluated after consideration of the results of the occasional tests carried out during the class semester.

(Criteria for Academic Evaluation)

Article 15 The criteria for evaluating academic performance set forth in Article 30 of the General Rules shall be prescribed separately.

(Graduation)

Article 16 Persons who are enrolled for a specified period and who have met the conditions prescribed in Article 7 shall be approved for graduation.

2 Criteria for early graduation set forth in Article 22, paragraph 2 of the General Rules shall be prescribed separately.

(Transferring to Another Faculty)

Article 17 When a student from another faculty wishes to transfer into the Faculty with the approval of the Dean, the transfer may be permitted after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

2 The transfer from another faculty set forth in the preceding paragraph shall take place at the start of the 2nd or 3rd year.

(Study Abroad)

Article 18 A student who intends to study at a university or junior college in a foreign country pursuant to Article 10, paragraph 1 or 2 must obtain permission to do so from the Dean.

2 The period of study abroad set forth in the preceding paragraph will be included in the years required for completion of course of study.

(Special Auditor)

Article 19 Students from another university or junior college with whom the Faculty has signed a cooperative agreement who wish to apply to the Faculty as special auditors shall submit their requests to the Dean via their universities or junior colleges as prescribed separately.

2 The permitted period for special auditors shall be the beginning of the semester in which the subjects they wish to take are being held, and the enrollment period for special auditors shall be the period during which subjects that they take are held.

(Credited Auditor and Auditor)

Article 20 Necessary matters concerning credit auditors and auditors shall be prescribed separately.

(Miscellaneous Provisions)

Article 21 In addition to the provisions in these Rules, necessary matters concerning the implementation of these Rules shall be prescribed by the Dean after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

Supplementary Provisions

1 These Rules come into effect from April 1, 2004.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these Rules (Referred to as "Enrolled Students" in this paragraph) and persons who transfer from another university or another faculty, or are readmitted in the same year at the Faculty as an Enrolled Student on or after April 1, 2004, the previous Rules shall remain applicable in accordance with the provisions of the Kobe University Rules for Faculty of Law prior to its abolishment under the provisions of Article 2 of the Rules on Abolishing Kobe University Rules, etc. (established on April 1, 2004), notwithstanding the revised provisions of the Kobe University Rules for Faculty of Law (hereinafter referred to as "New Rules").

3 When the necessity arises to allow persons set forth in the preceding paragraph to enroll in subjects under the New Rules, the handling thereof shall be prescribed by the Faculty Council.

Supplementary Provisions between the original and the latest are omitted.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2015)

1 These Rules come into effect on April 1, 2015.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these Rules (hereinafter referred to as "Enrolled Students") and persons who transfer from another university or faculty, or are readmitted in the same year at the Faculty as an Enrolled Student on or after April 1, 2015, the previous Rules shall remain applicable, regardless of the revised provisions of Appended Table.

Appended Table is omitted.