About SGJS Seminars

SGJS has a large selection of courses in seminar format, called "zemi. These interactive
courses have small class size and are taught by a professor specializing in that particular field
of study. Students decide their research themes, engage in discussions, and conduct research.
During the research process, students may collect information or do experiments for their
research results. Seminar students make a presentation and discuss their research results with
other members.

2. Schedule for each year

New first year students

Starting from the end of March 2026, there will be a screening for entering a seminar in the second or third year. We will announce details including the full schedule on Oh-o! Meiji in mid-December.

On the Webpage of GJS, you can see the schedule and the syllabus for AY2025. Please use this as a reference for thinking about your courses.

New second and third-year students

-Course registration for your seminar

The office will register students based on the results of the current seminar screening. The results will be reflected in the Class Web on April 15. If you have been notified that you have been accepted, but your courses do not appear on the Class Web after April 15, please contact the office.

Also, if you have been notified that you have been accepted, please be sure not to register for any other courses on the days and times when the exercises will be held.

New fourth-year students

-Course registration for your seminar

The School Office will register for the seminar based on the course registration in the AY2024 Fall semester. Seminar courses will be reflected in your class web on April 15.

*The seminar with the same instructor you belonged to in the AY2024 Fall semester (Seminar B for 3rd year) will be registered for your 4th year (Seminar A/B).

*In the first class, there will be a final confirmation of the students joining each seminar course. Please be especially careful not to miss the first class.

-Changing your seminar after you enter

If you wish to change the seminar you are enrolled in, make sure to seek permission from the instructors of both your current seminar and the seminar you wish to enter. After getting permission, the instructor will report the School Office about the change, and will proceed with the registration.

-Leaving your seminar / Joining a new seminar

If you wish to leave your seminar or newly join a seminar this semester, please seek permission from the seminar instructor. After getting permission, the instructor will report the School Office about the change, and will proceed with the registration.

If you took a leave of absence in the AY2024 Fall Semester

If you wish to register after taking a leave of absence, please check in advance with the seminar instructor. Please also remember to register temporarily when joining the first class.

*If you could not take the Seminar Screening test because of your leave of absence, please directly contact the instructor in charge. Please note that some seminars have already closed their application.

Fourth-year students who are repeating the year

If you are repeating your fourth year, the seminar will not be registered by the office. If you wish to join a seminar, please check in advance with the seminar instructor. Please also remember to temporarily register when joining the first class. After getting permission, the instructor will report the School Office about the change, and will proceed with the registration.

*If you have already earned credits for Seminar A/B, you cannot register for seminars again.

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