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Basic Policy on 2021 Academic Year Classes

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For the 2021 academic year, Kagawa University has established the following policy for classes to prevent the risk of infection and offer quality education while taking into consideration the level of infection in the region.

●Basic Policy

1. Classes, upon taking preventive measures against infection, are to be conducted in-person, in principle. Classes are especially encouraged to be conducted in-person for first and second year students, who are not as accustomed to university classes
2. The number of people attending in-person classes must not exceed the classroom capacity for infection prevention (※See note below). If the number of participants will exceed the capacity in the previous item, conduct hybrid class such as by dividing the class into online and in-person groups.

※Note: Classroom Capacity for Infection Prevention

○For classrooms where desks and chairs are not fixed: The number of people should not exceed the room capacity.

○For classes where desks and chairs are fixed: The number of people should not exceed the capacity set for conducting examinations.

For more details, refer to the hygiene management manual for coronavirus infection in schools updated 2020/12/3 version 5 (infection level 1 and level 2).

3. When conducting in-person classes, utilize the tools and skills gained from conducting online classes – such as LMS (Moodle, WebClass, etc.) – to improve the quality of education. (※See note below)

※Note: Examples of Effective Usage of LMS

○Creating a system that allows students to ask questions and exchange ideas with each other through the LMS.

○Checking the students' level of understanding by having them submit reports or take mini-tests online.

4. Measures for disease prevention

(1) In General

- Students with a fever or symptoms of a cold, must not attend classes in-person.
- Wear a mask on-campus, in principle. ※Follow instructions given by the teacher for classes that involve physical exercise.
- Wash or disinfect hands upon entering/leaving a classroom, after going to the restroom, when using a communal item, etc.
- Ventilate the classroom thoroughly. (Keep the ventilation fan on at all times. In addition, keep windows at opposite ends of the classroom open by approximately 10-20 cm or open all windows at least every 30 minutes.)

(2) In Particular

- The following academic activities are considered to have high risk for infection. Take preventive measures against infection according to the type of class (such as improving methods for ventilation, changing the direction of seats, using acrylic shields, disinfecting hands before and after, etc.) and conduct the class safely.
 - Group work conducted in-person at a close distance for a long duration of time
 - Activities that involve using a loud voice at a close distance
 - Singing or wind/brass instrument ensembles at a close distance indoors in music classes
 - Exercise performed with a dense population or that involves physical assembly or contact (joining arms, shoulders, etc.) in physical education classes

(3) Fieldwork, off-campus activities, etc.

Activities conducted off-campus, such as fieldwork, should be scheduled upon consideration of the level of infection at the site and upon confirmation with the involved parties.

5. The above policies are subject to change depending on the spread of infection.