

AY2018 Spring Semester "3rd Year Seminar Subjects (Major Seminar)"

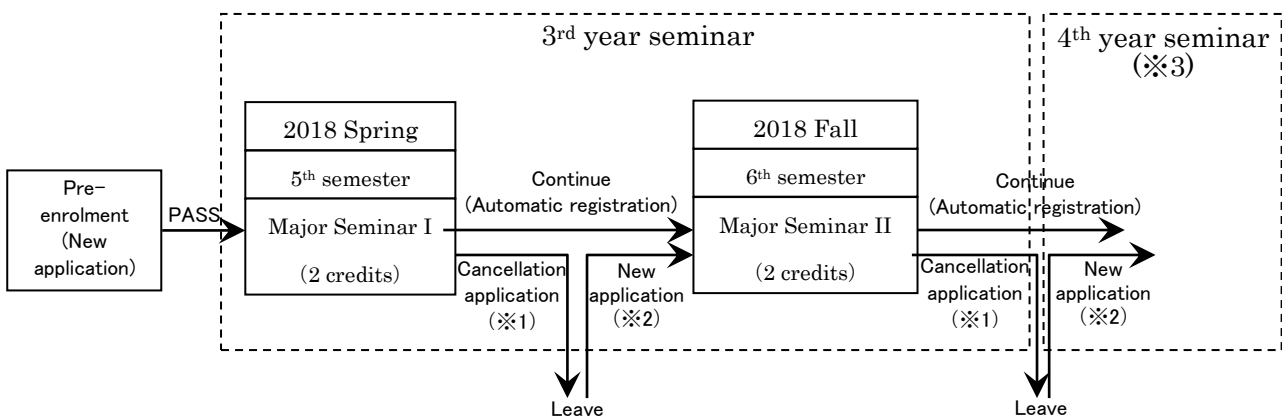
1. Overview of Seminar Subjects

Although students take seminar subjects starting from the first year, transfer students begin from the third with 3rd Year Seminar (Major Seminar). 3rd Year Seminar subjects are not required, however the University recommends beginning specialized study in 3rd Year Seminar for students who are considering seeking employment within Japan in the future. Although the contents of each individual seminar vary greatly, the main aim of all 3rd year seminars is the same to deepen understanding on a specific topic through in-depth study and debate. We recommend that transfer students make use of the knowledge and experience gained through studies at previous educational institutions in order to form a study plan for graduation at APU. 3rd Year Seminar courses are each semester-length (half-year).

Fourth year students are able to take 4th Year Seminar courses. In these subjects, students make use of the accumulated knowledge and research done during the 3rd Year Seminars to write a thesis, which is the culmination of students' four years of study at APU. This highly specialized subject allows students to select a topic of interest and conduct focused research over a one-year period.

2. Seminar Subject Application Period and Enrolment

Seminar course consists of 3rd year seminar classes (Major seminar I and II) and 4th seminar classes (Research seminar and Undergraduate thesis). The process of the course is shown below.



※1) If you do not continue taking seminar course after finishing 5th semester or 6th semester, you can cancel the course by making “Cancellation applications (Late December or Late June)”.

※2) If you do not start taking seminar courses immediately during your first semester (5th) after your admission, you can begin from the 6th semester instead. You are also able to change seminars between the 5th and 6th semesters by making both “Cancellation application” and “New application”.

※3) For details of 4th Year Seminar subjects, please refer to the Student Handbook distributed after enrolment

3. Applying Method

If you wish to take a 3rd Year Seminar course from the 2018 spring semester, please carry out the following procedures to make your application.

- (1) Please confirm classes for which you can apply on the Academic Office website.
<http://www.apu.ac.jp/academic/page/content0273.html/?version=english> (Coming out on Wed. January 31, 2018)
- (2) Please click the name of instructor and you can view the syllabus on the website. Please read the syllabus carefully. You can select up to 2 different seminars in order of preference. You must also consult with course instructors to discuss the contents of each course before you applying.
- (3) Please make application essays (free format) for each seminar. The essay must include four items listed below.
 - (a) Your name
 - (b) Seminar Instructor Name
 - (c) Reasons for applying for the instructor's seminar class
 - (d) Your email address

English basis students are able to take seminars held in the Japanese language. If you wish to apply for a Japanese seminar, please write all forms in Japanese.

- (4) Please send an e-mail with the essays attached to seminar1@apu.ac.jp by **Wed. February 14 at 16:30**. Please be sure to include "Seminar Application (Transfer)" in the subject line. Seminar instructors will evaluate applications based on the written essays.

4. Application Schedule

The schedule for Applications and screening are shown below.

Wed. January 31, 2018	:Seminar list posted
Wed. January 31 – Wed. February 14	:Application period
Wed. February 14 at 16:30	:Application deadline
Middle February	:Screening period (※4)
Early March	:Screening results announced (planned)(※5)

※4) You may receive inquiries during the screening period from the instructor for whom you applied. These will be sent to the e-mail address provided in your application essay.

※5) After your admission, but before class registration, the Academic Office will send the results of your application to your APU e-mail address.

Other seminar consultation and questions should be directed to the seminar instructor.

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