

To all UGAS students enrolled after April 2021

Regarding "Research Ability Improvement Seminars" and Seminar Proposals from Students

Iwate UGAS has established the "Research Ability Improvement Seminars" (elective course, 1 credit) as a lecture subject from 2022 fiscal year. Students who have enrolled after April 2021 will be able to earn the credit of this course.

Outline of the lecture: This lecture aims to improve the research ability of doctoral students by providing seminars on statistical methods, how to write dissertations, etc. as subjects that can be selected and taken under the independence of students. One credit will be awarded by attending seminars 7 times or more (equivalent to 100 minutes each time) held at the constituent university, etc. and submitting a report for each seminar. Those who do not wish to earn credits may also attend the seminars.

There are four categories of research ability improvement seminars which are as follows:

(1) Seminar planned by the Faculty (Online)

Educational seminars are provided online, such as "Thesis Writing Seminars" and "Career Support Seminars" planned by the university, as well as seminars organized by the university faculty members by research field and subject. To earn credits, you need to attend at least **3 seminars (300 minutes)** from this category.

(2) Seminar planned by University (Face-To-Face, Online, Hybrid)

Seminar planned by University are those that are recognized as seminars that contribute to the improvement of students' research ability as a university among the academic seminars planned by each constituent university. Please contact the UGAS Office for applicable seminars.

(3) Student Proposal Seminar (Online)

Seminar Proposed by the Student is an online seminar that are planned and proposed by the students that they want to hold. The seminar must have the permission and approval of the Dean of the UGAS. Students who wish to attend this seminar must submit a **seminar proposal**. Please see the open call for participants guide for **the implementation procedure**.

(4) Research Exchange Seminar (Online)

The research exchange seminar is an online seminar for students from same or other constituent universities that have few opportunities to interact while conducting research activities in similar specialized fields can gather for discussion and exchange their research contents. As a general rule, the content is planned so that students from three universities gather in units of majors or joint courses, but students from other majors and joint courses are also allowed to participate. All participating students are required to make a presentation. There is no limit to the

number of students who can participate, but it is necessary to organize the seminar as a 100-minute or longer seminar. If you wish to plan this seminar, please consult with the university and plan and carry out the seminar according to the instructions from the instructor in charge.

Points to note regarding taking courses and evaluation methods

- All or part of the courses offered by UGAS, such as "Special Lectures in Agricultural Science", "Advanced Seminars in Each Major Course", and "Communication for International Conferences", cannot be taken as part of the "Research Exchange Seminar".
- The course period is one year. If it is unavoidable, we may allow you to take courses for up to two years.

Report submission and evaluation

- Please submit the **report** by the recommended method within 2 weeks after attending each seminar.
- After submitting the report for 7 times (700 minutes in total), please submit the **attendance list**.
- Grade evaluation will be judged comprehensively based on the content of the submitted report, the number of attendances, the number of hours, etc.

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