This course will examine the issues of Japanese universities and their students in the process of globalization, from a variety of perspectives ranging from the individual experience to the role of higher education in the larger Japanese society. Discussions based on relevant readings, lectures, and student presentations will be the platform for this course. In addition to classroom discussion, students will explore one of five selected issues of universities and their students in the globalizing and diversifying society as a group project.

The three learning objectives of this course are:
1. Understand the issues tied to globalization and how these issues may impact universities and their students in Japan, your home country, and other countries
2. Learn about the perspectives held by those living and working outside your home country and of the impact their views have on higher education
3. Conduct group projects and present major findings to the class

To achieve those learning objectives, different types of learning activities will be employed, including lectures, guest speakers, discussions, and fieldwork experience.

Week 1 Orientation @ Google Meet
Week 2-3 Higher Education System in Japan
Week 4 University Students (1): Academic engagement and performance
Week 5 University Students (2): Career perspectives
Week 6 Globalization and Higher Education System (1): Higher Education and SDGs
Week 7 Globalization and Higher Education System (2): Internationalization of Japanese universities
Week 8 Globalization and Higher Education System (3): Development of global human resource/global talent and international student mobility
Week 9 Globalization and Higher Education System (4): English as a lingua franca
Week 10 Globalization and Higher Education Systems (5): Cost sharing and accessibility in higher education
Week 11-15 Group Project Presentation and Discussion
This course will be delivered through synchronic online teaching. Students need their own computer and headset to attend classes.

| Evaluation Method | Final grades will be determined as follows:  
| Attendance and class participation | 40%  
| Two (2) short essays | 30%  
| Group Project | 30%  

All assignments must be completed to pass the course. More than four (4) absences will result in a fail (F) for the class. Two (2) late arrivals (more than 20 minutes late) equal one (1) absence.

| Textbook and References | Students are required to prepare for class according to the goal and contents of each class.  
A list of required reading for each class will be provided in the first class. You can obtain the articles and book chapters and Review in the list through Tohoku University Library Online Catalog. Additional reading will be announced in class.

| Practical business | ☑ Indicates the practical business

| Preparation | This course will be delivered through synchronic online teaching. Students need their own computer and headset to attend classes.

| Contact (Email, etc.) | Students must bring their own computers to class [Yes / No]

| Max participants | The maximum number of participants for this course is 20. If there are more applicants than places, participants will be selected by lottery at the first class. The first class will be held at Google Meet.