

Course name	Lecture on Public assistance
Course Number	CE31681
Credits	2.0
Year	1 - 4
Term, Weekday and Period	Fall BC Intensive
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Course overview	The course will enable students to learn philosophy and significance of public assistance in modern society and the mechanisms and recent trends of livelihood subsidy. The course will further discuss the way of guaranteeing the right to live, including the cooperation with the professionals of livelihood subsidy and related organizations and institutions.
Remarks	The course is specified as a prerequisite subject for the examination of national certified social worker. The course is equivalent to CE31091 in FY2012 or earlier. The course is held in every two years (even year). Details will be informed later.
Teaching method	Lecture
Attainment target	Students will be able to understand the current status of low-income people and the outline of livelihood subsidy.
Teaching schedule	1. Modern society, the current situation of low-income people, and the significance of public assistance Days 1-2: Learning of the position, role, and significance of public assistance, based on the understanding of structure of social security system Days 3-4: Learning about the definition, concept, and scope of public assistance Days 5-6: Learning about the development of public assistance Days 7-8: Learning about the current situation of low-income people, issues toward poverty, and the outline of measures for low-income people Days 9-10: Discussion on the significance of public assistance in modern society 2. Details of livelihood subsidy system Days 11-12: Learning about the objective, basic philosophy, and concept of livelihood subsidy system Days 13-14: Learning about the history of livelihood subsidy system Days 15-16: Learning about the principles of subsidy Day 17: Learning about the types and contents of subsidies and understanding the way of administrative procedures through example cases. Day 18: Learning about the supporting institutions, administrative policies, and facility types. Day 19: Learning about the rights and obligations of the protected persons, and recent trend of protection procedures. Day 20: Multi-faceted, comprehensive discussion on several case studies, such as livelihood subsidy, homeless assistance, and social worker involved in solving of multiple debt problems, in order to learn the way of assistance based on the cooperation with related occupations.
Course conditions	
Evaluation	Comprehensive evaluation based on the results of attendance record, reporting assignment, and examination.
Homework	
Text Book	
Reference	
Office hours	
Expectation for student	Poverty is closely related with other welfare areas and create a difficulty in individual life. Learning about the essence of the poverty problem will enhance students' applicable skills in various welfare fields. So, students are requested to actively participate in the class. Also, students are encouraged to be interested in various economic and social issues reported on news media and newspapers, such as homeless and unemployment problems, in their daily life.
Keywords	Public Assistance Act, social welfare office, self-reliance support program, life welfare funds, law to help homeless people become financially independent