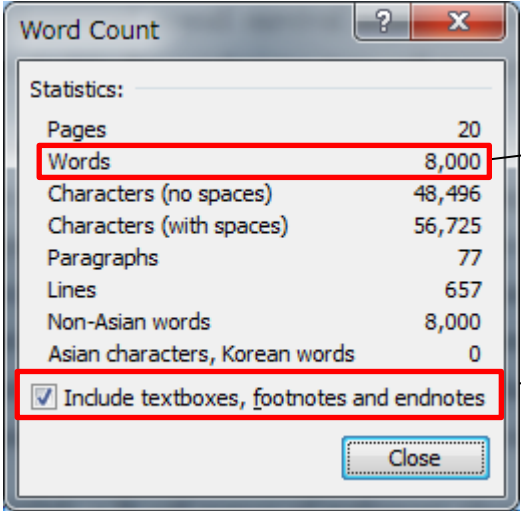


The 44th (2021) Hosei University Essay Contest Entry

Guidelines

<p>■Eligibility</p>	<p>◆<u>Undergraduate students and correspondence course students of Hosei University</u> (excluding graduate students and non-degree students) Applicants can be individuals or groups; however, collaborations with undergraduate or graduate students of other universities, or with graduate students or graduates of Hosei University, who are not eligible for the essay contest, are not allowed.</p>
<p>■Submission period</p>	<p>From Monday, September 27th , 2021 to Monday, October 4th , 2021 [Undergraduate students] Submission via Learning Management System: 23:59 / [Correspondence education student] Submission by mail: as indicated by the postmark</p>
<p>■Essay topic</p>	<p>No specific topic. Select the essay topic of your interest.</p>
<p>■Language</p>	<p>Japanese or English</p>
<p>■Length of essay, size of the characters</p>	<p>■Japanese essay: Within 24,000 letters / 10.5point / 40 letters x 40 lines</p> <p>■English essay: Within 8,000 words / 12point / 30 lines</p> <p>Including the Table of Contents, notes, figures and tables, references, statistical data, etc., but excluding the Cover Sheet.</p> <p><How to count the number of words></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>① *In the case of writing your paper in Japanese, see the number for “<u>Characters(no spaces)</u>”.</p> <p>②</p> </div> </div> <p>Use the Word Count tool in your Word document and see the number for “<u>Words</u>” (①) Be sure to tick the box for “<u>Include text boxes, footnotes and endnotes.</u>” (②)</p>
<p>■Submission procedure</p>	<p>Please confirm the submission procedure on page 4, and submit by the submission deadline.</p>

Hosei University Essay Contest

The purpose of the Hosei University Essay Contest is to encourage the university's students to pursue their academic goals while improving their logical writing skills as well as to publicize outstanding essays widely to society. This year's contest marks its 44th year. Unlike simply turning in papers, applicants for this essay contest are required to follow some rules, such as they must thoroughly review previous studies before actually writing an essay. For this purpose, applicants should make continuous efforts to improve their skills in seminars and through other academic activities. Once students have developed essay writing skills, they will be able to communicate persuasively. We look forward to original and quality essays being submitted by many students.

1.How to write an essay for the contest

Before writing your essay, please read the "Entry Guidelines" and the "Essay Writing Guidelines."

Please note that

- Essay only about your personal experiences
- The explanation of your personal/social background
- A book report
- Quite short in content

is not regarded as eligible and will not be evaluated.

Past winning essays to 2016 can be found at the university libraries in each campus and are also posted on the university's website at <https://www.hosei.ac.jp/campuslife/katsudo/kensho//>.

2.Faculty recommendation and preliminary screening

< Faculty recommendation >

As a rule, each applicant is required to obtain a recommendation from faculty.

Essays submitted by students who for unavoidable reasons, such as not being enrolled in a seminar or being a student in the School of Correspondence Education, do not have a faculty advisor are subject to preliminary screening.

< Selection processes >

Each entry will be evaluated for quality by the Essay Contest Judging Committee in the following two steps ①Preliminary screening and ②Evaluation. The committee may interview applicants if deemed necessary.

< Preliminary screening >

Entries without faculty recommendation will be subject to preliminary screening by the Essay Contest Judging Committee to be checked for inadequacies in the format and for plagiarism. The objective of preliminary screening is to make sure that each essay is written in the proper format in accordance with the Entry Guidelines and the Essay Writing Guidelines, and then the content of the essay will be evaluated.

< Evaluation >

Each entry will be evaluated by judges and the Essay Contest Judging Committee.

3.Plagiarism

Submitting as one's own the writings, ideas, work or research of others is plagiarism, and as such will not be tolerated. The student must note source information for all referenced materials. This applies not only to material taken from the Internet and books, but also to research and work shared in a seminar.

Any indication of plagiarism may be reported to the applicant's faculty/department, and likely will result in disciplinary action. If plagiarism is found in an essay that has been awarded a prize, the student is obliged by the University to return that prize.

When used, endnotes and references must be correctly formatted.

4.Double-posting and Re-posting

The submission of a previously published paper or a paper with the same or very similar content to one an applicant has presented to an academic society, sent to a journal, etc., whether Hosei University affiliated or not, likely will be judged as a "double posting". The resubmission of a paper sent to the Hosei University Essay Contest in the past, one that does not include new developments concerning the essay's subject matter, likely will be judged as a "re-posting". Papers deemed to be double postings or re-postings may be excluded from consideration for a Hosei University Essay prize.

5. Ethical Considerations

When collecting materials such as survey's, tests, or questionnaires using personal information or data, you must obtain the consent of the study subject in advance. In addition, please check the corresponding column of the check box on the cover of the Hosei University Essay Contest Cover Sheet. In the essay, double underline the places where consent has been obtained and the procedure for consent is described. The Hosei University Essay Contest review panel will not accept essays that include personal information or data collected using a questionnaire etc. that has been obtained without consent (even if the corresponding check box has been filled in). "Essays for which consent has not been obtained from the research subject" and "essays for which consent has not been clearly stated in the treatise" are judged to have been submitted as a false application and are not subject to review in principle.

Hosei University Research Ethics Policy:

https://www.hosei.ac.jp/application/files/3815/7492/5822/kenkyuriri_kitei.pdfHosei University Regulations on 'Research Ethics for Research Involving Human Subjects':

https://www.hosei.ac.jp/application/files/8115/7362/7209/hito_kenkyurirnrri_kitei.pdf

6.Winner announcement

Award winners will be announced around mid-February 2022 on the university's website and on the bulletin boards of the Web. An award ceremony will be held on February 24, 2022 at Ichigaya Campus. (Detailed information on the award ceremony will be notified to the winners.)

7.Prizes

President's Special Prize	:	300,000 yen
First Prize	:	200,000yen
Second Prize	:	150,000yen
Honorable Mention	:	50,000yen
Selected Works	:	10,000yen

●The faculties/departments and the grade levels that the authors and co-authors of winning/selected essays are in, the full names and head-and-shoulders photos of the authors and coauthors, and the essay topics and keywords of winning/selected essays may be published on the university's website, the bulletin boards of the Web and other prints issued by the university.

Submission Procedure

■Submitted documents and data

Please submit the following documents 1 to 4.

1. 44th Hosei University Essay Contest Cover Sheet

File Format: Microsoft Office Word (* .doc, * .docx, * .docm)

2. Paper Abstract & Keyword Submission Form

File format: Microsoft Office Word (* .doc, * .docx, * .docm)

3. Essay's Body (including Table of Contents)

File format: Microsoft Office Word (* .doc, * .docx, * .docm)

* Please use Excel only for charts and statistics, and create the text in Word.

4. Essay Contest Submission Table

File format: Microsoft Office Excel (* .xls, * .xlsx, * .xlsm)

* Please obtain the required documents from the university website.

Student Life / Sports → Extracurricular Activities → Hosei University Essay Contest →

Documents for Application to Essay Contest

<https://www.hosei.ac.jp/campuslife/katsudo/kensho/>

■Submission file name

When submitting the documents 1 to 4 above, please submit with the same name as in the example below. **(Please do not add a name or student ID number to the file name.)**

(Example)

- 01. 44th Hosei University Essay Contest Cover Sheet
- 02. Paper Abstract & Keyword Submission Form
- 03. Paper Title **(Please use the title name of the paper to be submitted as the file name.)**
- 04. Essay Contest Submission Table

■Submission procedure

[Undergraduate Student]

● **Submit via the learning management system (For the submission method, please refer to the attached "Essay Contest Submission Operation Manual")**

[Correspondence Education Student]

● **Submit by mail (cannot be submitted at the counter)**

● **Save the documents on a USB drive**, put it in a simple case (an envelope is acceptable), and send it to the following address:

《Destination》

Hosei University Essay Contest Secretariat

(Academic Affairs Section, Academic Affairs Department)

Fujimizaka Building 5F, Ichigaya Campus Hosei University

2-17-1 Fujimi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8160

* Please be sure to send by a method such as "Registered mail" or "Letter pack plus" that keeps a record of delivery.

* Please write your student ID number and name on the surface of the USB memory or on the case and submit it.

* The USB memory will not be returned to you, so be sure to make a backup before submitting it.

■ Submission period

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■Others■

- (1) No acknowledgement may be included in entries; however, winning essays are allowed to add acknowledgement for the publication on the university's website etc.
- (2) The copyright of essays submitted will be held by the university and no essays will be returned to the applicants. The essays submitted will be handled in accordance with the university's personal information protection rules.
- (3) Any private information provided to us as part of your entry documents shall not be used for any other purposes than the entry and screening of the Hosei University Essay Contest. The faculties/departments and the grade levels that the authors and co-authors of winning/selected essays are in, the full names and head-and-shoulders photos of the authors and coauthors, and the essay topics and keywords of winning/selected essays may be published on the university's website, the bulletin boards the Web, and other prints issued by the university.
- (4) Should an issue arise concerning a submitted paper, the Essay Contest staff may contact the applicant/the applicant representative by telephone. (03-3264-9303)

*** Corrections to submitted essays or replacement of submitted essays are NOT allowed.**

【For inquiries】

■Secretariat:

**Hosei University Essay Contest Secretariat
(Academic Affairs Section, Academic Affairs Department)**

■Address:

**Fujimizaka Building 5F, Ichigaya Campus Hosei University
2-17-1 Fujimi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8160**

■TEL: 03-3264-9303

Essay Writing Guidelines

Essay Contest Judging Committee

An essay is a discourse that logically and empirically develops a reasonable, lucid argument on ideas/discoveries that are unfound in previous literature.

Essays should be written as something to be read by others, rather than as a collection of the author's notes. To accurately convey the gist of the author to readers, it is important to use conventional essay style. In essay writing, particular attention should be paid to the points outlined below.

1. Defining the thesis statement & Referring to previous studies

Define the thesis statement in the introductory paragraph in reference to previous studies as supporting evidence.

- (1) Since an essay is a thesis, it is desirable to clarify at the beginning (Preface, Foreword, Introduction, Prologue, Chapter 1, etc.) your concern with the subject of the paper.
- (2) The essay should be developed centering on this concern, and a consistent argument should be made from the beginning to the end. If the point of the essay is unclear, the reader may not be able to accurately follow its argument.
- (3) It is a basic rule in essay writing to thoroughly examine previous works related to the thesis statement. You should know what existing studies have clarified and to what extent, and have a clear idea of what the paper will demonstrate. It is important to establish a question based on your research of previous literature.

2. The end of your essay

At the end of your essay (conclusion, closing remarks, afterword, final chapter, summary, epilogue, etc.), you should summarize your ideas to answer your thesis stated in the introductory paragraph. The conclusion must be consistent with the introduction.

3. The survey

In theses based on qualitative or quantitative surveys, the following points should be clarified:

- (1) Whether you conducted the survey individually, or you participated in the survey conducted by the seminar members.
- (2) The date, place, the number of subjects, response rate, method (personal interview, mail-in questionnaires, etc.) of the survey
- (3) The questionnaire or other material that show the content of the questionnaire must be attached.

4. Academic responsibility

Academic researchers are required to act in a responsible manner as professionals based on social ethics. Specifically, special attention should be paid to privacy protection and to the treatment of individual and corporate information obtained from surveys and interviews. For reference, see Research Ethics Regulation on the Hosei University Research and Development Center website (<http://kenkai.ws.hosei.ac.jp/fuseiboshi.html>).

5. Plagiarism

Your own words should be clearly distinguished from those of others. As a basic rule, the thesis should clarify what previous studies have achieved. Essays containing extensively copied text will be deemed plagiaristic and invalid.

Accordingly, direct quotes should be indented to indicate that they are someone else's, and the cited literature should be referenced.

6. A table of contents, notes and references

A table of contents, notes and references must be provided in a proper style.

- (1) Notes must be numbered consecutively and listed at the end of each chapter or the end of the essay or must be listed as footnotes on each page. Each citation must include the page number of cited material.
- (2) In addition to notes, references must be listed at the end of your essay.
Each reference must include the names of all authors/editors/translators, book/article title, journal title, year of publishing, publisher and other necessary information. It may be impossible to identify the source of material obtained via the Internet. In such a case, the URL and access date must be added. (When material found on the Internet is also available as a book, a journal, a report or other printed form, the printed material must be used as a reference.)

7. How to write abstract

The selection of the topic, the analytical method, the development of the argument and the conclusion of your essay must be clearly summarized in approximately 300 words. An abstract is a key to appeal the significance of your essay to judges.

8. Essay writing

Get started well in advance and revise your essay.

- (1) In general, it is extremely difficult to write a good essay without revising it. It is better to revise your essay as many times as possible until it is finalized.
- (2) You should therefore get started well in advance to secure enough time to revise your essay. It is unfortunate to see many essays that fail to fully develop the argument throughout them probably due to a lack of time.
In preparation for writing essays, you are advised to keep your reading logs and store your ideas in two types of notebooks (cards). It is impossible to write good essays without organized accumulation of knowledge and ideas.

9. Recommended books

There are a number of books that explain how to write essays. Some of them are listed below.

The Hosei University Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) System available on the University Library's web site and the Pathfinder (guide to subject searching) are also useful tools.

James D. Lester, James D. Lester Jr., *Writing Research Papers: A Complete Guide, 15th Edition*, Pearson, 2014.

Adrian Wallwork, *English for Writing Research Papers (English for Academic Research)*, Second Edition, Springer, 2016.

Stephen Bailey, *Academic Writing: A Handbook for International Students*, Fourth Edition, Routledge, 2014.

The 44th Hosei University Essay Contest Cover Sheet

Essay Topic

Applicant (Primary Author)

Faculty/Department

Grade

Number of co-authors (Please put a check mark (✓) in the applicable box, and enter the number of co-authors, if any.)

_____ persons (excluding the applicant)

☐ The applicant only

【Confirmation block of Applicant (Primary Author)】

◎Before submitting your essay, you are required to confirm whether necessary documents do not have deficiency, using your checklist. After that please put a check mark (✓) in the box.

☐ **I will submit my essay with Abstract & Keyword Submission Form, Table of contents and References.**

◎If applicable, please put a check mark (✓) in the following box.

☐ **Did you receive a recommendation from a professor? (An essay that has not been recommended by a faculty member will be subject to preliminary examination)**

☐ **I collect personal information or data collected using a questionnaire etc.**

☐ **(If the above is checked)I have been obtained the consent when collecting and collecting information using personal information or data.**

☐ **(If the above is checked) I have shown in the essay that consent from the research subject has been obtained, and double underlined the relevant part.**

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Essay Contest
Abstract & Keyword Submission Form

- Keywords are essential and should preferably be limited to two to three words.
- The selection of the topic, analytical method, the development of your argument and obtained conclusion must be clearly summarized in approximately 300 words.

EXAMPLE

1. **Keyword** *Entry is required. Keywords are essential and should preferably be limited to two to three words.

(Example) Unemployment rate, aging society, statistical survey...

<< Please fill out below. >>

2. **Abstract** *Entry is required. The selection of the topic, analytical method, the development of your argument and obtained conclusion must be clearly summarized in approximately 300 words.

<<Please fill out below. >>

Checklist

Before submitting your essay, you are required to confirm whether necessary documents do not have deficiency, using this checklist. It is not necessary to submit this.

Enter a check mark (✓) in each of the following boxes after confirming that your essay meets the corresponding requirement.

Entries failing to meet the requirements or not in a proper format may be disqualified.

Please read the Essay Requirements and other necessary information thoroughly to make sure that your entry will be accepted.

- ☐ Is the “Abstract & Keyword Submission Form” attached?
- ☐ Are keywords provided? (Keywords are essential and should preferably be approximately 2 – 3 words)
- ☐ Is the Table of Contents included?
- ☐ Is the Table of Contents listed on Page 1? Are the essay pages numbered?
- ☐ Are references listed?
 - Each reference must include the names of authors/editors/translators, book/article title, journal title, year of publishing, publisher and other necessary information. It may be impossible to identify the source of material obtained via the Internet. In such a case, the URL and access date must be added.
 - When material found on the Internet is also available as a book, a journal, a report or other printed form, the printed material must be used as a reference.
- ☐ Are the sources of all cited information listed?
- ☐ Are notes numbered consecutively and listed at the end of each chapter or at the end of the essay or listed as footnotes on each page? (Each citation must include the page number of cited material.)
- ☐ Is the length of your essay appropriate?
 - Japanese essay: Within 24,000 letters / 10.5point / 40 letters x 40 lines
 - English essay: Within 8,000 words / 12point / 30 lines
- ☐ Are there any typos?
- ☐ Did you get faculty recommendation? (An entry without faculty recommendation will be subject to preliminary screening.)
- ☐ Did you collect personal information or data using questionnaires, etc.?
- ☐ If the item above is checked: when collecting the personal information or data, did you obtain the written consent of the research subjects in advance?
- ☐ (If the above is checked) I have shown in the essay that consent from the research subject has been obtained, and double underlined the relevant part.

Submitting as one's own the writings, ideas, work or research of others is plagiarism, and as such will not be tolerated. The student must note source information for all referenced materials. This applies not only to material taken from the Internet and books, but also to research and work shared in a seminar.

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When used, endnotes and references must be correctly formatted.

Note:

The faculties/departments and the grade levels that the authors and co-authors of winning/selected essays are in, the full names and head-and-shoulders photos of the authors and co-authors, the essay topics and keywords of winning/selected essays may be published on the university's website, the bulletin boards of the web and other prints issued by the university.

<<Example>>

Enter the number of words in reference to
"How to count the number of words" in the
"Length of essay, size of the characters"

Enter the number of co-authors
excluding the primary author

Essay Contest Submission Table						
Essay Topic	○○○○					
Essay length (Number of words)	18,653 words	Full name of seminar instructor	△△ △△		Full name of faculty member who recommended your essay *	△△ △△
Applicant (Primary Author)						
Faculty	Department		Grade	Student ID number		
Law	Law		3	19A1234		
Name	× × × ×					
Co-authors (if any)						
Number of co-authors (excluding the primary author)			2			
1	Faculty	Department	Grade	Student ID number	Name	Role in the joint research project
	Law	Politics	2	20A1234	× × △△	Statistical analysis
2	Faculty	Department	Grade	Student ID number	Name	Role in the joint research project
	Law	Global Politics	3	19A5678	× × △△	Chapter **.
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* if you submit the Essay without recommendation by faculty member for unavoidable reasons, such as not being enrolled in a seminar or being a student in the School of Correspondence Education, do not have a faculty advisor, please put "None".

Please describe the parts of the paper you contributed.

* Please also refer to the example of description on Sheet 2

Essay Contest Submission Table						
Essay Topic						
Essay length (Number of words)		Full name of seminarinstruct or		Full name of faculty member who recommended your essay *		
Applicant (Primary Author)						
Faculty	Department		Grade	Student ID number		
Applicant name (Primary author)						
Co-authors (if any)						
Number of co-authors (excluding the primary author)						
1	Faculty	Department	Grade	Student ID number	Name	Role in the joint research project
2	Faculty	Department	Grade	Student ID number	Name	Role in the joint research project
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Learning Management System Essay Contest Submission Operation Manual

【1】Login to the Class Support System

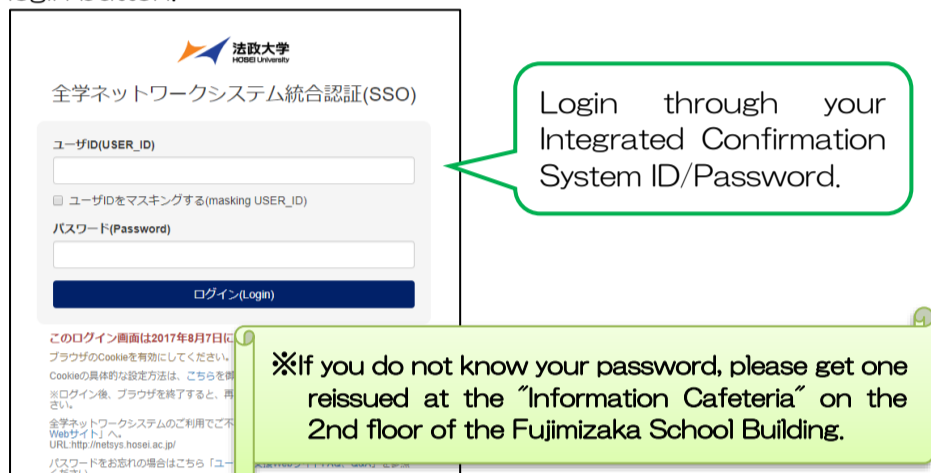
<https://hoppii.hosei.ac.jp/portal>

Open the URL above to access the Learning Management System and login.



Login

As is shown below, on the 「net2010 Integrated Confirmation System」, enter your user ID (student number)/password, and then click on the login button.



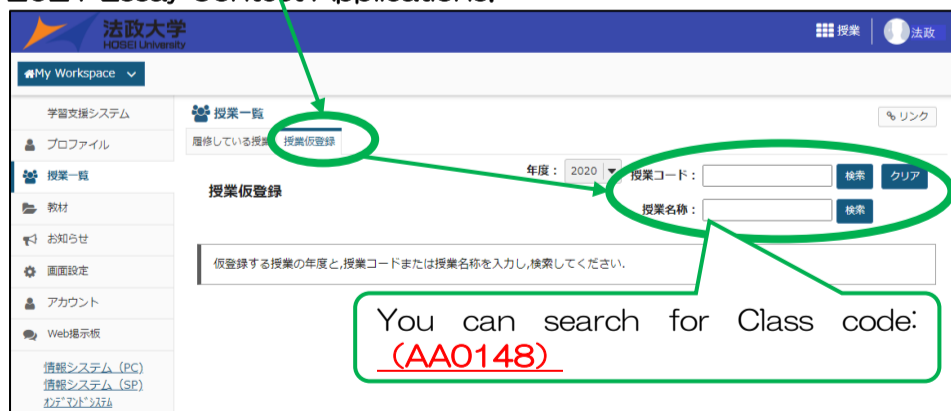
【2】Search for Essay Contest (Class code: AA0148)

After successfully logging in, the Class Support System screen will appear. Here, select the 2021 Essay Contest Applications.

② Click 「Classes Overview」



② Click on “Temporary Class Registration” and search for the 2021 Essay Contest Applications.



③ Register.

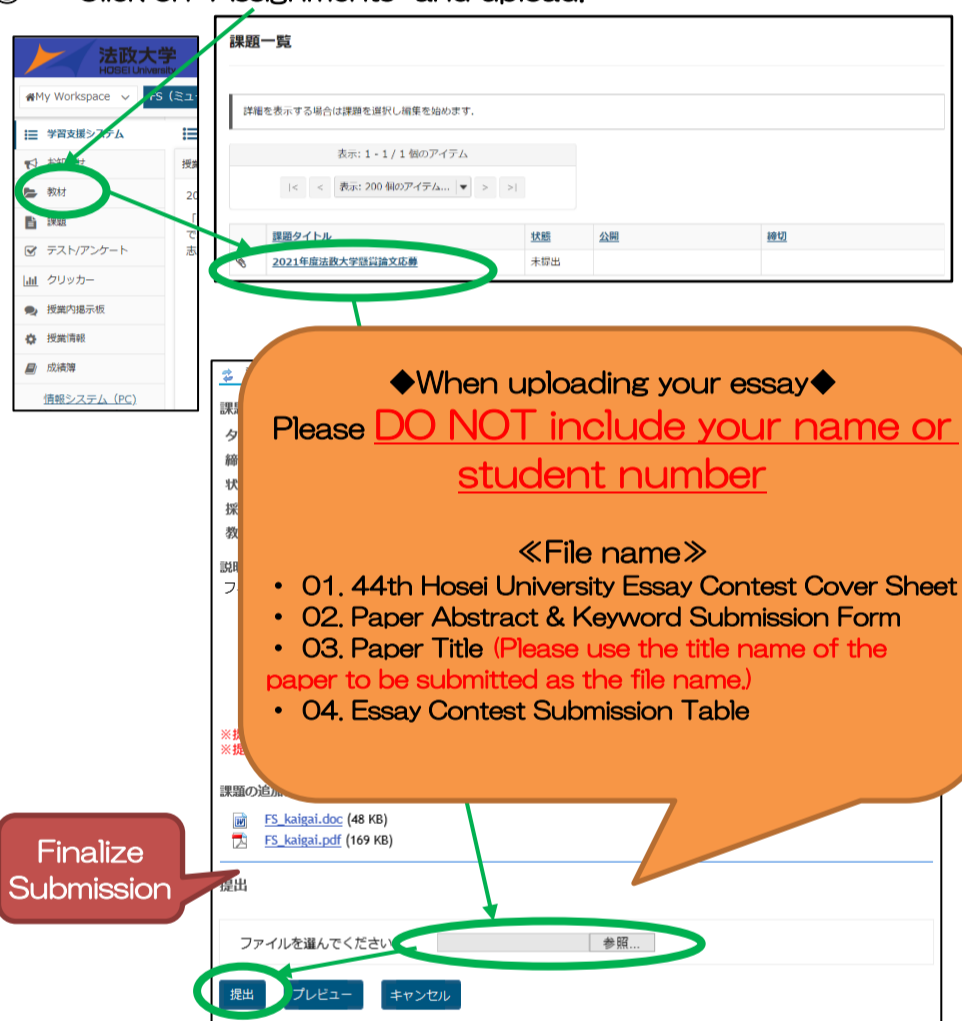


【3】Submitting your Essay

- ④ Click on your registered “2021 Essay Contest Application” tab. If you have a lot of registered courses and the tab does not appear, select it from the “Class Overview” section.



- ⑤ Click on “Assignments” and upload.



★Precautions★

- ◆After finalizing your submission, the Class Support System will send you an “Assignment Submission Notification. Because of that, please make sure to confirm that the Class Support System has your correct email address registered.

【Confirming/Changing your Email Address】

