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How to Apply for FBL/PBL Themes

1. Introduction

- In FBL/PBL course, participants from different disciplines form a team to do problem finding and problem solving for a given theme.
- Several themes are proposed at the beginning of each semester. If you want to take the course, you have to register for FBL/PBL, as well as apply for one of the themes.

2. Themes

- The list of themes of FBL/PBL1 (spring semester) are shown on and after April 1st on the following website (for FBL/PBL2 (autumn semester), on October 1st and later):

  http://www.design.kyoto-u.ac.jp/education/fbl_pbl/

- FBL/PBL themes are conducted by Collaborative Graduate Program in Design (*"program-initiated themes"*), as well as by the departments participating in the program (*"department-initiated themes"*). As for eligibility and credit approval for the participants, there is no difference between them.

3. Application

- In order to apply for the theme, please follow the instruction shown in the theme proposal on the website that you are going to apply for; it may differ depending on the themes.
- The application deadline may also differ depending on the themes. Please check the website and the proposal. (As for the program-initiated themes, the deadline is about in the third week of April / October)
- The application is accepted on first-come basis. After your application, the result will be informed by e-mail. If it was not accepted, please make sure to apply for another theme as soon as possible; you have to decide your theme by the end of April / October.

4. Notes

- In FBL/PBL course, it is supposed to form a team with participants from different disciplines to find and solve problems; each theme is not intended to accept participants from the same discipline as of the instructor. You are also encouraged to participate in the theme conducted by the instructor whose discipline is different from yours.
- If you are a graduate student of Kyoto University and need to earn credits, be sure to register for FBL/PBL on KULASIS. (In addition, if you do *not* belong to the departments involved in Collaborative Graduate Program in Design, you may also have to submit a "auditing request form" (他研究科聴講願: Takenkyuka Choukou Negai). Please contact Design Unit Administration Office (design.unit@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp) for the details.
- Send your question by e-mail to fblpbl_application@design.kyoto-u.ac.jp.

5. (FYI) Changes from the past FBL/PBL

- We will not hold theme introduction (in April/October) or midterm presentation (in June/December).
- The application for the theme is accepted on first-come basis.
- In principle, you cannot participate in two or more themes at the same time.