

**【教員氏名】**

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**【単位数】**

2 単位

**【演習概要】**

This course is designed to introduce you to the basic understanding on what economic topics are discussed in Japan, and what economic theories and data are useful for these discussions. The course structure is, (1) overview of the current problems in Japan and Asia (class sessions #1-3), (2) the current economic situation in Japan (#4-6), (3) the economic policies the current government is conducting (#7-10), and (4) Japan's Asia strategy and their interrelation (#11-14).

**【学習目標】**

The aims of this course are:

- (1) To introduce students to basic knowledge in economic affairs in Japan and Asia which are well-known and referred often in the current discussion of the Japanese economy.
- (2) To introduce students to analytical tools (both economic and non-economic) which are, and should be, used in the discussions.
- (3) To enable students to participate in debates or discussions on current economic affairs, regardless of their major. Student's level of proficiency in English does not matter very much in attending the class sessions.

**【講義計画】**

- 第1回: Economic situation in Japan
- 第2回: Overview of the economic affairs in Japan
- 第3回: Overview of the economic affairs in Asia
- 第4回: Japan's 'Lost decade' - Low growth and deflation
- 第5回: Japan's enormous public debt and fiscal deficit
- 第6回: Consumption tax rate hike in 2014/15
- 第7回: Abenomics: the 1st and 2nd arrows
- 第8回: International competitiveness of the Japanese economy
- 第9回: Abenomics: the 3rd arrow and regulatory reform
- 第10回: 3.11 Earthquake and the Japanese economy
- 第11回: Importance of the Asian economy for Japan
- 第12回: Japanese affiliates in Asia
- 第13回: Japan's ODA and infrastructure system exports to Asia
- 第14回: FTAs/EPAs with/within Asian countries
- 第15回: Other important topics

**【成績評価の方法】**

試験評価: 40% レポート: 40% 出席: 20%

This course is assessed by a one-hour unseen written examination (using an English dictionary is permitted), two assignments and active participation in the class sessions.

Students are required to do two assignment during the term. One is to answer a fill-in-the-blank type questions, and the other is to write a short essay (approx. 500 words) in English.

**【参考文献】**

Indicated in each class session.

**【準備学習の指示】**

Basic comprehension in micro- and macroeconomics will definitely give you an advantage to understand the topics more easily.