

Course Name	Advanced: Japanese Economy		
Semester, Year	Second Semester, 2018	Number of Credits	2 credits
Course level	2000	Course Number	27083
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Course Objectives	<p>This course focuses on the various aspects of Japanese economy, industry, society and management. The goal of this lecture is to understand the characteristics of contemporary Japanese Economy in order to consider the reasons why Japan had experienced high and steady economic growth until the 1980s as well as long stagnation periods after the 1990s so that students would be able to step further into comparative studies between Japanese and other countries economies.</p> <p>More specifically,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To understand the transformation of Japanese families, society and economy. 2. To understand the problems that Japan has includes the declining birthrate and aging society. 3. Provide the basics of Japanese industrial structure and industrial policy. 4. Discuss the basics of the theoretical and empirical industrial organization. 5. Provide some idea on the recent developments in research in industrial organization. 6. To understand the relationship among business strategy, business organization, and competitive advantage. 7. To understand the concept of business system. 8. To learn issues on economic ethics in Japanese context. 		
Course Goals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To obtain the knowledge of the problems that Japan is currently facing. 2. Students are expected to get some idea of the basics of industrial organization. 3. Students are expected to obtain a rough idea of the characteristics of the Japanese industries and their recent changes. 4. Students are expected to form their own views on the future of the Japanese industries. 5. To obtain the basic skills to analyze the source of competitive advantage by using the concept of business system. 		
Course Schedule	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transformation of Japanese families, economy and society. 2. Formation of families and children in Japan. 3. Social policies for the problems that Japan has includes the declining birthrate and aging society. 4. Japanese Industrial Structure: We will discuss the unique aspects of the Japanese industrial structure, such as "Zaibatsu" and "Keiretsu", and others. 5. Japanese Industrial Policy: We will discuss the benefits and drawbacks of the Japanese industrial policy, and how it has changed over time. The topics include reduction of "excessive competition", "convoy protection system". 6. Other topics may include: Recent Fraudulent behavior of Japanese firms, the economics of the brand and marketing, behavioral economics. The topics will be chosen based on students' interests. 7. Discussion: The future of Japanese industries. 8. Business Strategy of Japanese Firms: Part 1. 9. Business Strategy of Japanese Firms: Part 2. 10. Business Strategy of Japanese Firms: Part 3. 11. Economic Ethics in Japanese context 1. 12. Economic Ethics in Japanese context 2. 13. Economic Ethics in Japanese context 3. 14. Final examination. 		
Homework	We do not impose any homework, but students are required to read the text books and the reference documents which will be assigned in the course.		
Grading System	The evaluation is mainly based on the score of the final examination. The questions that appear on the exam will be given by every instructor, and so students have to answer all questions.		
Textbooks / Reading List	Economic Analysis of Families and Society: The Transformation of Japanese Society and Public Policies (Advances in Japanese Shinji Yamashige 2017) 産業組織の経済学 長岡貞夫、平尾由紀子 日本評論		
Websites			
Website of Laboratory			
Additional Information			