

KC3014 Contemporary Japanese Economy A

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【Course Description】

We will pick up economic problems that emerged in Japan in the last decades, and study the causes of those problems.

【Class Goals】

The goal of the class is to deepen our understanding of contemporary Japanese economy and its relations to the world economy.

【Course Schedule】

1. Introduction
2. Bubble economy, Long stagnation
3. Recovery in the 2000s
4. Financial Crisis and Earthquake
5. Aging society
6. Social security
7. Government debt
8. Industrial structure
9. Japanese corporations
10. Employment system
11. Female workers, foreign workers
12. Economic relationship with the U.S.
13. Economic relationship with China
14. Abenomics – Fiscal policy, monetary policy, reforms
15. Presentation

【Preparation for Class】

Read assigned text. You will need to spend about 2 hours for the preparation.

【Review of Class】

Review reading assignments and powerpoint slides. You will need to spend about 2 hours for the review.

【Remarks for Class】

Prerequisites: Introductory course(s) on economics.

【Texts】

Mitsuru, Taniuchi.(2014) The Japanese Economy: Then, Now, and Beyond. Cengage Learning Asia.

【Reference Books】

N/A

【Evaluation Criteria】

Assignment and class participation (40%)
Quiz (25%)
Final paper (25%). More than 2,000 words.
Presentation (10%)

【Notes】