

KC3014 Contemporary Japanese Economy A (*set with B)

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Tue 4

【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. Overview of today's Japanese economy
3. Overview of today's Japanese economy
4. Bubble economy
5. Long stagnation
6. Recovery in the 2000s
7. Financial Crisis and Earthquake
8. Aging society
9. Fertility rate
10. Social security
11. Government debt
12. Public spending
13. Consumption
14. Investment
15. Trade
16. Yen exchange rate
17. Industrial structure
18. Japanese corporations
19. Japanese corporations
20. Employment system
21. Female workers
22. Foreign workers
23. Economic relationship with the U.S.
24. Economic relationship with China
25. Economic relationship with Asia, Europe, Latin America, and Africa.
26. Abenomics – Fiscal policy
27. Abenomics – Monetary policy
28. Abenomics - Reforms
29. Presentation
30. Presentation

【Preparation for Class】

Read assigned text.

【Review of Class】

Review reading assignments and powerpoint slides.

【Remarks for Class】

•If you take Contemporary Japanese Economy A, you must take Contemporary Japanese Economy B as well. Take both A and B.

Prerequisites: KC-2103 (Introduction to Economics B) or Consent of Instructor.

【Texts】

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【Reference Books】

【Evaluation Criteria】

Assignment and class participation (40%)

Quiz (25%)

Final paper (25%). More than 2,000 words.

Presentation (10%)

【Notes】

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