

Course Title 科目名	Japanese Economy B			Instructor 担当者	MIYAKE, Shinji 三宅 伸治		
Semester 学期	SPRING 2026	Course Level 履修年次	N/A	Credits 単位	2	hrs/wks 時間数/週	2
【Course Objectives: 授業の到達目標】							
The goals of this course are for participants to: (1) become familiar with the characteristics of the Japanese economy across several topics, including demographic change, the labor market, the education system, public finance, and monetary policy; (2) gain insights into various economic and social problems that the Japanese economy has faced from an economic perspective; and (3) understand how the economy of their home country compares to the Japanese economy.							
【Course Summary: 授業の概要】							
This is an introductory course on the Japanese economy designed for beginning students. The instructor will provide an overview of each topic from both institutional and empirical perspectives at the beginning of each class, offering clear explanations to help students comprehend significant issues confronting the Japanese economy. In some sessions, the instructor will demonstrate how basic economic models can illustrate essential aspects of the Japanese economy. No advanced mathematics is required for this course, as it offers a wealth of verbal descriptions and extensive economic data regarding Japan, with a focus on demographic changes, labor markets, monetary policy, and fiscal policy. Additionally, students will learn how to obtain economic data and recognize the differences between their country's economy and Japan's.							
【Study Required outside Class (Preparation etc): 事前・事後学習】							
【Class Outline: 授業計画(各回の授業内容)】							
Session 1	Introduction						
Session 2	Income, GDP, and Industrial Structure						
Session 3	Cost of Living, Price Index, and Inflation						
Session 4	Demographic Change: Population and Workforce						
Session 5	Public Finance: Tax and Government Debt						
Session 6	Social Insurance System and Aging Economy						
Session 7	Accumulated Government Debt						
Session 8	Financial System: Banking and Payment System						
Session 9	Quantitative Easing and Monetary Policy						
Session 10	Foreign Exchange Rate and International Trade						
Session 11	Education System / Labor market						
Session 12	Japan's Regional Economy / Change of Industrial Structure						
Session 13	Business Practice in Japan						
Session 14	Final Examination						
【Textbooks, Course Materials: 教科書、参考書等】							
No textbook is required for this class.							
【Grading Criteria: 成績評価の方法】							
The instructor will evaluate grades based on the student's understanding of (1) the Japanese economy based on objective data and (2) how it differs from the economy of student's home country. Final examination: 60% Class participation: 40%							
【Note: 履修上の注意】							