

Course Title 科目名	Japanese Politics & Law B			Instructor 担当者	WINKLER, C.G. C.G. ウィンクラー		
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】							
By the end of the course, students are expected to have developed the following skills: (1) to understand key terms of Japanese politics, (2) to discuss major issues of contemporary Japanese politics from at least 2 different points of view, (3) to discuss recent important changes in Japanese politics and explain the contexts of these changes.							
【Course Summary: 授業の概要】							
This is an introductory course on postwar Japanese politics. This lecture will cover the politics and government of post-WWII Japan focusing on party politics, political institutions, and the links between politics and society. Throughout the course, we will discuss the following themes: Who are the protagonists of Japanese party politics? How are decisions made in the policymaking process? How has Japanese politics changed over time?							
【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 and overview						
Session 2	Prewar history						
Session 3	Postwar constitutional order						
Session 4	The 1955 Regime and the LDP						
Session 5	The opposition parties under the 1955 Regime						
Session 6	Bureaucracy and institutions of the Japanese state						
Session 7	Clientelism under the 1955 Regime and beyond						
Session 8	Electoral campaigns in Japan						
Session 9	The end of the 1955 regime						
Session 10	Politics and civil society 1						
Session 11	Politics and civil society 2						
Session 12	Foreign policy						
Session 13	Politics and religion						
Session 14	Wrap-up and final discussion						
【Textbooks, Course Materials: 教科書、参考書等】							
【Grading Criteria: 成績評価の方法】							
40%: Participation 60%: Essay							
【Note: 履修上の注意】							