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| 科目ナンバリング  |            |  |        |      |                |      |                 |      |     |
| 授業科目名<br><英訳>   |            | Current Issues in Japan II<br>Current Issues in Japan II |        |      | 担当者所属<br>職名・氏名 |      | 総合生存学館 教授 長山 浩章 |      |     |
| 群   | 人文・社会科学科目群 |  | 分野(分類) | 日本理解 |                |      | 使用言語            | 英語   |     |
| 旧群  | A群         | 単位数  | 2単位    | 週コマ数 | 1コマ            | 授業形態 | 講義（対面授業科目）      |      |     |
| 開講年度・<br>開講期  | 2024・前期    |  | 曜時限    | 木5   |                | 配当学年 | 全回生             | 対象学生 | 留学生 |
| [授業の概要・目的]  |            |  |        |      |                |      |                 |      |     |
| <p>The primary purpose of this class is to deepen our understanding of a variety of issues in Japan. Japan is the world's third largest economy and one of the most prosperous nations in the world. However, there are many seemingly intractable challenges currently facing Japan and the Japanese. In this class, we will cover a wide variety of issues that Japan is currently facing.</p> <p>During this course, participants will learn about and discuss Japanese society, industries, economy and management, medical services, energy policies, the environment, education and other aspects of the country primarily based on the information taken from recent newspapers, magazines and other publications. The course consists of lecture-based instruction followed by guided discussion, student presentations, a term report, and short midterm and final tests.</p> <p>At the end of each class, students are expected to engage in discussions regarding the lecture topics and consider solutions. Selected groups are appointed to present their group's recommendation in the class.</p>   |            |  |        |      |                |      |                 |      |     |
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| <p>The primary goal of this class is to deepen our understanding of a variety of social issues in contemporary Japan. Students are expected to consider countermeasures to address these issues.</p>  |            |  |        |      |                |      |                 |      |     |
| [授業計画と内容]   |            |  |        |      |                |      |                 |      |     |
| <p>Tentative Schedule is as follows;</p> <p>Week 1) Japan in the world</p> <p>Week 2) Low birth rate (1)</p> <p>Why is the birthrate of Japan declining, and what countermeasures/solutions to address this issue?</p> <p>Week 3) Low birth rate (2)</p> <p>Week 4) Economy of differences</p> <p>What policies should the government introduce in order to tackle the problems brought about by increasing economic differences?</p> <p>Week 5) Agricultural issues</p> <p>Why is the self-sufficiency ratio of foods in Japan declining? Will the Japanese agricultural industry gain international competitiveness by joining TPP (Trans Pacific Partnership)? How?</p> <p>Week 6) Medical issues</p> <p>How to achieve equal distribution of medical doctors between big cities and rural areas (especially among those specializing in obstetrics, gynecology, and other fields)? The aging of society will further accelerate in the future - how should Japanese hospital management address the increasing burden of medical expenses?</p> <p>Week 7) Short midterm test</p> <p>Week 8) Japanese Industry and Economy</p> <p>What does Japan's manufacturing industry need in order to remain competitive into the future (especially in light of increasing global competition)?</p> <p>Week 9) Japanese Management (I)</p> <p>What is OMOTENASHI? Is it relevant in a globalized hospitality industry?</p> <p>Week 10) Japanese Management (II)</p> |            |  |        |      |                |      |                 |      |     |
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## Current Issues in Japan II(2)

What is the current governance situation in Japanese companies? Why are there repeated scandals involving false reporting of financial records, fuel mileage, anti-earthquake capabilities, etc.?

Week 11) Educational issues

What are the major issues facing education in Japan today? Identify the problem and discuss what kinds of government policies could be implemented to address the issues.

Week 12) Energy and Environment

What should Japan do to address global warming issues (while also taking into consideration national security issues regarding access to vital economic resources)?

Week 13) Wrap up discussion about Japanese Society

VIDEO: High School Baseball (KOKOYAKYU)

Week 14) Short final test

### 【履修要件】

This class is limited to international students. No prerequisites required. You should be interested and committed to learning about current issues in Japan.

### 【成績評価の方法・観点】

Grades are determined based on the following:

Short midterm test: 20%

Short final test: 20%

Quizzes during the class: 20%

(\*)There will be no prior notification for the dates of the quizzes

Term report : 20%

Class participation to discussion, attitude: 20%

Students who miss 4 or more classes will not be eligible to receive credit for this course.

### 【教科書】

授業中に指示する

### 【参考書等】

(参考書)

授業中に紹介する

・ R. Taggart Murphy (2014) , Japan and the Shackles of the Past

・ 『日本(にほん)タテヨコ』 和英(わえい)対訳(たいやく) (学研(がっけん))

・ Joyce, Colin (2016), Now How to Japan: Fresh Discoveries, Further Reflections. Sankensya, Tokyo

・ The Japan Times NEWS DIGEST, selected volumes, The Japan Times

### 【授業外学修 (予習・復習) 等】

Review the contents of the lectures and prepare for the tests (a short mid-term test and a short final test)

### 【その他 (オフィスアワー等)】

No specific date and time. Please make an appointment by e-mail.