科目ナンバリング	U-LAS06 20023 LE42						
授業科目名 <英訳>	Japanese Politics-E2 Japanese Politics-E2			担当者所属 職名・氏名	法学研究科　教授　HIJINO Ken		
群	人文・社会科学科目群	分野(分類)	法・政治・経済(各論)		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・開講期	2026・後期	曜時限	火2	配当学年	2回生以上	対象学生	全学向

（法学部の学生は，全学共通科目として履修登録できません。所属部局で履修登録してください。）

[授業の概要・目的]

This is an introductory course on Japanese politics which considers the nature of Japan's political institutions from a comparative perspective. The course will analyze how variation in key political institutions (such as the electoral system) affects political outcomes in Japan and other democracies. The course is organized into three parts: 1) a brief survey of Japanese political history from the Meiji era to the present 2) a description and comparison of Japan's key political institutions 3) investigation into a number of political themes in post-war Japan.

Along the way, students are introduced to basic social science methodologies of comparison to generate causal inferences as well as some basic analytical models used in comparative politics (such as the principal-agent and veto player model).

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The goal of this course is for students to begin to contemplate how the preferences of voters, politicians, parties and interest groups are constrained and channeled by political institutions. Another goal is for students to improve their English reading and writing skills through studying in English a subject that they may be familiar with in the Japanese language.

[授業計画と内容]

1.Introduction: What is politics? What are political institutions? Why compare?

Part one: An overview of Japan's political history

2. Why study Japan: cultural vs insituttional explanations
3. Political history: Meiji and post-war constitutions
4. Ideology and cleavages in Japan’s post-war political history

Part two: Japan's political institutions in comparative perspective

5. Electoral systems 1: comparative overview
6. Electoral systems 2: From SNTV to MMM in Japan
7. Party systems and organizations 1: comparative overview
8. Party systems and organizations 2: Japanese parties and organizations
9. Executives and bureaucracy 1: comparative overview
10. Executives and bureaucracy 2: Japanese executive and bureacuracy
11. Local government 1: comparative overview
12. Local government 2: Japanese local government and decentralization

Part three: Themes in Japanese politics

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13. Explaining the lack of populism in Japan: society, economy, or institutions?
14. New cleavages in Japan: class, inter-generational, multi-cultural divides?

Total:14 classes and 1 feedback

[履修要件]

Previous knowledge in Japanese politics, social sciences or political science will not be required for this class. Students will be expected to read about 20-30 pages of rigorous and academic, though not technical, English. Students will also be expected to write their assignments in English (although this may change according to the class level).

[成績評価の方法・観点]

Students will be evaluated on quizzes = 30% and a final examination = 70% for their grade.

[教科書]

Rosenbluth and Thies 『Japan Transformed: Political Change and Economic Restructuring』ISBN:978-0691135922

[参考書等]

（参考書）
Clark, Golder and Golder 『Principles of Comparative Politics, 2nd edition』（Sage CQ Press）ISBN:978-1608716791

[授業外学修（予習・復習）等]

Students will be expected to read and prepare for at least 2-3 hours per class each week.

[その他（オフィスアワー等）]

I will not have fixed office hours, but students may contact me by email for appointments or questions about the course.

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