Course number	U-LAS03 10008 SB48				
Course title (and course title in English)	外国文献研究（経・英）A-E1 Readings in Humanities and Social Sciences (Economics, English)A-E1	Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Economics Professor,NAKABAYAHI JUN		
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences	Field(Classification)	Readings in Humanities and Social Sciences		
Language of instruction	English	Old group	Group C	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2026・First semester
Days and periods	Wed.3	Target year	2nd year students or above	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course is an introduction to the study of microeconomics. Students will enhance their academic English skills through intensive reading, writing, and critical thinking. By the end of the course, students will have a deeper understanding of how economists approach and analyze issues such as the behavior of firms, market competition, rent controls, international trade and tariffs, externalities, and more.

[Course objectives]

1. An understanding of the interaction of the individual, the firm and the industries in the structure of the economy.
2. An understanding of production and cost decisions made by firms and understanding of different market structures.
3. An understanding of the role of government in externalities and antitrust.

[Course schedule and contents)]

First class: Introduction and guidance

Regular class covers following topics:

1. Introduction to Economics/Scarcity and Choice
2. Gains from Trade
3. Supply and Demand
4. Elasticity/ Market Efficiency
5. Price Ceilings, Floors, and Bans/ Costs of Taxation
6. International Trade/ Externalities
7. Public Goods and Common Resources/ The Costs of Production
8. Competitive Markets/ Monopoly
9. Oligopoly and Monopolistic Competition
10. Labor Markets

Total：12 classes, 3 exams

[Course requirements]

You purchase an online version of your textbook along with access to MindTap (an e-learning material) (7,

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500 Yen).

[Evaluation methods and policy]

10 Homework assignments: 20%,
Midterm #1: 20%,
Midterm #2: 20%,
Final: 40%.

[Textbooks]

『N. Gregory Mankiw, Principles of Microeconomics, 8th edition.』
You purchase an online version of your textbook along with access to MindTap (7,500 Yen). You can also purchase a hardback version of the textbook for an additional payment. Course materials including POWERPOINT SLIDES and exams will be posted on MINDTAP website.

[References, etc.]

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Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

During the course, you will be required to complete 10 homework assignments found on the MINDTAP website.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hour by appointment

[Essential courses]

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