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COURSE ORGANIZATION
This is a 90-minute lecture class and we will meet twice a week. The course is based on lectures, but students are expected to read all assigned readings before coming to each lecture and prepare to answer questions in class. Class attendance is required. Students are also expected to participate in discussions and group debates.

REQUIREMENTS
There will be two short paper assignments, a midterm examination, and a comprehensive final examination. Class participation includes attendance at classes and contributing to discussions. The number of times you ask a question or make a comment is important but the quality of your questions and comments is equally important. In order to receive an excused absence or to take a make-up exam, such as health or family emergencies, religious observances, or official university activities, you need to show a doctor’s note or comparable documentation.

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SPECIAL NEEDS
If you have any special needs that require accommodation by the instructor, please contact me as soon as possible.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS
This course uses many book chapters and journal articles. They are available through the class
website or at the IUJ library. However, as we will read most of the following books, you are required to purchase them:


**COURSE SCHEDULE**
The followings are the subject and readings for each session (readings with * are optional):

**Week 1-1: Introduction**

**I. Democracy and Public Administration**

**Week 1-2: Democratic Regime Types**

* Caramani, ed., *Comparative Politics* (Oxford University Press, 2008), Ch. 8.

**Week 2-1: Party Systems**

Lijphart, *Patterns of Democracy* (Yale University Press, 1999), Ch. 5.
Clark et al., *Principles of Comparative Politics* (CQ Press, 2009), Ch. 13.

**Week 2-2: Electoral Systems**

Lijphart, *Patterns of Democracy* (Yale University Press, 1999), Ch. 8.
Clark et al., *Principles of Comparative Politics* (CQ Press, 2009), Ch. 12.

**Week 3-1: Central-Local Relations**

Lijphart, *Patterns of Democracy* (Yale University Press, 1999), Ch. 10.
Caramani, ed., *Comparative Politics* (Oxford University Press, 2008), Ch. 11.

**Week 3-2: Executive-Legislative Relations**

Lijphart, *Patterns of Democracy* (Yale University Press, 1999), Chs. 6-7.
Clark et al., *Principles of Comparative Politics* (CQ Press, 2009), Ch. 11.
Week 4-1: Delegation and Accountability

* Strom, Muller and Bergman, eds., *Delegation and Accountability in Parliamentary Democracies* (Oxford University Press 2003), Chs. 2-3.

Week 4-2: Review Session

We will review the course materials we have covered to prepare for the midterm examination.

Week 5-1: Midterm Examination

II. Government and Bureaucracy of Japan

Week 5-2: Historical Background

* Stockwin, *Governing Japan* (Blackwell, 2008), Ch. 2.

Week 6-1: The Government Structure of Japan


Assignment 1: Draw a figure of the government structure in a country of your choice and discuss how it is similar to and different from the one in Japan (2 pages).

Week 6-2: The Japanese Party System

* Ishida and Krauss, eds., *Democracy in Japan* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 1989), Ch. 5.
* Stockwin, *Governing Japan* (Blackwell, 2008), Ch. 9.

Week 7-1: The Liberal Democratic Party

Richardson, *Japanese Democracy* (Yale University Press, 1997), Ch. 3.

Week 7-2: Politics and Policymaking Process

Campbell, *Contemporary Japanese Budget Politics* (University of California Press, 1977), Ch. 5.
Ramseyer and Rosenbluth, *Japan’s Political Marketplace* (Harvard University Press, 1993), Ch. 2.

**Week 8-1: Bureaucracy**

Johnson, *MITI and the Japanese Miracle* (Stanford University Press, 1982), Ch. 2.

**Week 8-2: Bureaucratic Domination**

Stockwin, *Governing Japan* (Blackwell, 2008), Ch. 7.

**Assignment 2:** Discuss the relationship between bureaucrats and politicians in the country you chose in the first assignment (2 pages). Who governs in your country? Explain why you think so.

**Week 9-1: Business-Bureaucracy Relations**

Richardson, *Japanese Democracy* (Yale University Press, 1997), Ch. 8.

**Week 9-2: The Developmental State and Bureaucracy**

Richardson, *Japanese Democracy* (Yale University Press, 1997), Ch. 9.

**Week 10-1: Changes and Reforms after 1990s**

Ramseyer and Rosenbluth, *Japan’s Political Marketplace* (Harvard University Press, 1993), Ch. 3.
* Pempel, *Regime Shift* (Cornell University Press, 1998), Ch. 5.

**Week 10-2: Review Session**

We will review the course materials to prepare for the final examination.

**Final Examination**