

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JAPAN
Graduate School of International Relations

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Term: Winter

Course	Course code DCC 5360	Course title Public Administration	
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Class Schedule Day / Time	Thursday / 14:40-16:10, 16:20-17:50		

Course Description:

This course examines the workings of governments in democratic countries, with particular attention to Japan from the 1960s to present day. While the geographic area of focus is Japan, I would like students to be familiar with social scientific reasoning and critically evaluate the government and politics in Japan and elsewhere from comparative perspectives. To this end, we will go over basic skills of social scientific research and study fundamental institutional features of democratic countries in the first four weeks of the term. We will then focus on Japan and investigate the workings of its government as well as examine variety of topics such as policymaking processes, tensions between bureaucracy and politicians, and intergovernmental relations.

Learning Objectives:

I expect the students to: (1) learn the workings of governments in democratic countries, (2) understand basic institutional features of the Japanese government, (3) become familiar with social scientific reasoning, and (4) become good consumers and producers of social scientific research.

Career Relevance:

Skills and knowledge emphasized in this course – such as the workings of governments and social scientific reasoning – should be important for the students' professional development, as they help the students critically and independently think about the practical challenges they face in their day-to-day tasks, examine specific problems from comparative perspectives, and better articulate and present their ideas to a broader audience.

Course Context or Rationalization:

There are a number of dimensions in the study of governments and public administration. This course primarily deals with institutions and politics. It supplements and is supplemented by other core courses in the PMPP program, such as Public Management, Public Policy Process, and Public Policy Modeling. Together with these core courses, students will be able to learn skills, ideas, and knowledge that are essential for better understanding governments and public administration.

Delivery Methods:

<p>The course will be based primarily on lectures. However, students are expected to come to class, having finished the week's required reading materials, and prepared to answer questions and engage in the discussions. Students are also encouraged to keep up with and critically evaluate current events related to governments and politics in Japan and elsewhere.</p>	
<p>Assessment:</p> <p>Attendance and Participation: 10%</p> <p>Three Quizzes: 10%</p> <p>Group Presentation: 10%</p> <p>Assignment 1: 10%</p> <p>Assignment 2: 10%</p> <p>Midterm Exam: 20%</p> <p>Final Exam: 30%</p>	
<p>Prerequisite: none</p>	
<p>Textbook(s)</p>	<p>Required:</p> <p>Lijphart, Arend. 2012. <i>Patterns of Democracy: Government Forms and Performance in Thirty-Six Countries</i>. Second Edition. New Haven: Yale University Press.</p> <p>Reference books/Journal Articles:</p> <p>To be announced later.</p>
<p>Class Outline</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. Social Scientific Reasoning (1) 3. Social Scientific Reasoning (2) 4. Basic Ideas and Concepts Related to the Study of Government and Politics (1) 5. Basic Ideas and Concepts Related to the Study of Government and Politics (2) 6. Electoral Rules 7. Democratic Regime Types (1) 8. Democratic Regime Types (2) 9. Midterm Exam 10. Basic Features of the Government in Japan 11. Political Competition and the LDP: Understanding the Incentives of Elected Officials 12. Film: Campaign 13. Group Presentation (1) 14. Group Presentation (2) 15. Policymaking Processes in Japan 16. Bureaucracy 17. Bureaucracy and Elected Officials 18. Intergovernmental Relations in Japan 19. Changes in Japanese Politics and Government from the 1990s and Onward 20. Conclusion
<p>Others (if any)</p>	<p>Final Exam will be held during the exam period.</p>