

The Japanese Economy

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Chapter 1

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- A Very Brief Introduction to the Japanese History

<http://twistedstifter.com/videos/history-of-japan-by-bill-wurtz/#.VrLP4HiKj0Q.facebook>

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1. Course Objective and Method

The objective of this course is to understand the cause of successes and failures of the Japanese economy, and to learn innovative public policies and corporate management for creating a better and prosperous society. To achieve this objective, we study the past history and the present problems Japan faces, and project the future course Japan could take. We study Japan in comparison to other countries as well as in the context of the world economy. The main method of learning comprises historical data analysis, case studies, and classroom discussions.

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2. Course Goals

- To learn the history of the Japanese economy
- To learn the problems Japan faces today
- To Learn the characteristics of Japanese corporation and management
- To learn innovative public policies and corporate management for creating a better and prosperous society from the Japanese experience of successes and failures
- To learn important lessons for making a successful transformation from a catching-up economy to a leading-the-way innovative society

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4. Teaching Materials

The class will make use of the PowerPoint materials that I have created from a variety of original Japanese sources. Although most of the useful references are available only in Japanese, here is a short list of English books on the Japanese economy:

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English Books on the Japanese Economy

David Flath, *The Japanese Economy*, 3rd ed., Oxford University Press, 2014.

Takatoshi Ito, *The Japanese Economy*, MIT Press, 1991.

Takafusa Nakamura, *The Postwar Japanese Economy: Its Development and Structure, 1937-1994*, University of Tokyo Press, 1995.

Mituru Taniguchi, *The Japanese Economy: Then, Now and Beyond*, Gale Asia, 2014.

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5. Grading

- Grades will be determined based on attendance, assignment, and contributions to the class through discussion
- Assignment: Submit a research paper (4-8 pages) on the general or a specific topic of each chapter (from Chapter 2)
- Approximately, Attendance (30%), Assignment (70%), and Class Contributions (+alpha)

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6. Remarks

No advanced knowledge of economic theory is required beyond the basic knowledge of introductory economics. Additional and updated information will be made available at my homepage:

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A Very Brief Introduction to the Japanese History

▣ The Most Entertaining Video on Japan's History

(A History of Japan from the Ancient to Modern Times in 9 Minutes)

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