

1. 授業の概要(ねらい)

What is the meaning of a fair tax system? What role does the social security system play in society? What leads to the growth of public debt? In this course, we examine characteristics of Japanese society as well as of foreign countries through a study of public finance.

The course is structured as follows: in the first classes of each topic, students are provided with the topic's fundamentals. Following the introductory lectures, detailed topics will be examined, and students are expected to participate in classes through presentations and discussions.

The lecture format is subject to change.

2. 授業の到達目標

1. Learn the fundamentals of public finance and define basic terminology in their own words.

2. Be able to examine, analyze and articulate the characteristics of public finance systems both in Japan and abroad.

3. Be able to explain the relationship between economic globalization and changes in public finance systems.

4. Understand recent topics and issues concerning public finance, and discuss this in their own words.

3. 成績評価の方法および基準

Students will be graded as follows:

Presentations : 80% of final grade

Discussions (final exam): 20% of final grade

4. 教科書・参考文献

教科書

There is no textbook required for this course. Reading references will be assigned during the introduction and during lectures relating to each topic.

5. 準備学修の内容

Preparation for presentations.

6. その他履修上の注意事項

The lectures will be given in English. The ability to understand and communicate in English is a prerequisite for this course.

7. 授業内容

【第1回】 Introduction: Course organization, presentation methods

【第2回】 Lecture : Taxation - the structure of taxation and fairness

【第3回】 Presentations I

【第4回】 Presentations II

【第5回】 Discussion on tax systems in our country

【第6回】 Lecture : Globalization and public finance

【第7回】 Presentations III

【第8回】 Presentations IV

【第9回】 Discussion on globalization and public finance

【第10回】 Lecture : Welfare state and public finance

【第11回】 Presentations V

【第12回】 Presentations VI

【第13回】 Discussion on welfare states and public finance

【第14回】 Student's short presentations and discussion (final exam)

【第15回】 Japanese fiscal policy (Online)

*The topics are subject to change.