

Japanese Politics

Syllabus Number

8C203

course of local
governments and public
administration

Elective Requisites 2
credit

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1. Course Description

-The minimum voting age has been lowered to 18. However, political indifference and low voting rates among young people in Japan continues to be a serious issue. The declining population and the ageing society is posing many challenges. We believe that the power to transform our lives resides in the politics that we often think is distant. We cannot live independently of politics. This course aims to discuss the way in which politics can answer everybody's needs in society.

- In the 6th and 11th class, we will carry out a dialogue entitled "Contemporary Japanese Politics".

- This course is related to Diploma Policies 2 and 3.

2. Course Objectives

-Students understand the meaning of democracy and show interest in politics in general. (Interest and motivation)

- Students acquire basic knowledge on political science. (Knowledge and understanding)

- Students have the ability to express appropriate views of politics. (Expression)

3. Grading Policy

- Reflection paper 30%

- Participation in dialogue 40%

- Essay based on feedback 30%

*In the last lecture there will be feedback on the student's learning

4. Textbook and Reference

Textbook

上神貴佳・三浦まり 『日本政治の第一歩』 有斐閣 2018 ISBN:978-4641150546

5. Requirements(Assignments)

- Students are advised to check the news (newspaper, etc.) daily and have an interest in contemporary Japanese politics. Whenever possible, try to subscribe to the newspaper.

6. Note

7. Schedule

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| [1] | Guidance |
| [2] | The origin of democracy |
| [3] | The evolution of democracy |
| [4] | Social welfare and politics |
| [5] | Structures of democracy |
| [6] | Dialogue on contemporary Japanese politics |
| [7] | Election |
| [8] | Parliament and party politics |
| [9] | Policy process, bureaucracy and interest groups |
| [10] | Public opinion and mass media |
| [11] | Dialogue on contemporary Japanese politics II |
| [12] | Local governance |
| [13] | Globalization and politics |
| [14] | The current situation around democracy |
| [15] | Reflection |