

Department	International College of Liberal Arts		
Semester	Fall 2025	Year Offered (Odd/Even/Every Year)	Every Year
Course Number	ECON/JPNA230		
Course Title	Japanese Economy & Business		
Prerequisites	None		
Course Instructor	LIU Ming	Year Available (Grade Level)	1
Subject Area	Global Business & Economics	Number of Credits	3
Class Style	Lecture	Language of instruction	English

(NOTE 1) Depending on the class size and the capacity of the facility, we may not be able to accommodate all students who wish to register for the course

Course Description	The course will introduce the Japanese economy, business, and industrial structure. The Japanese Model of economic development will be introduced, including the industrial structure, public finance, monetary policy, and financial systems. It starts from the Edo era of Japan. After the introduction on the economic development in Meiji period, the high-speed development of the Japanese economy after World War II will be covered. Then some business practices in the Japanese Model will be introduced and discussed. Finally we will discuss the current social and economic situations in Japan. Additionally, students will develop teamwork skills through classroom group discussions. Students will also develop personal and social responsibility through real examples in the course.
Class plan based on course evaluation from previous academic year	Class plan for this academic year based on the students' course evaluation and feedback in the previous academic year.
Course related to the instructor's practical experience (Summary of experience)	This course is taught by an instructor with practical experience in Japanese universities and professional associations who can give some concrete examples of the operations of Japanese institutions.
Learning Goals	On successful completion of this course, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Understand the history of the Japanese economy.</li> <li>· Understand the role of public finance and monetary policy in Japan's economic development.</li> <li>· Understand the industrial structure and financial systems in Japan.</li> <li>· Understand Japan's model of economic development and the impact of Japanese culture in developing the Japan model.</li> <li>· Understand issues in today's Japan's economy and business.</li> </ul>

iCLA Diploma Policy	DP1/DP2/DP3/DP4
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## iCLA Diploma Policy

(DP1) To Value Knowledge – Having high oral and written communication skills to be able to both comprehend and transfer knowledge

(DP2) To Be Able to Adapt to a Changing World – Having critical, creative, problem-solving, intercultural skills, global and independent mindset to adopt to a changing world

(DP3) To Believe in Collaboration – Having a disposition to work effectively and inclusively in teams

(DP4) To Act from a Sense of Personal and Social Responsibility – Having good ethical and moral values to make positive impacts in the world

Active Learning Methods	Problem-Based Learning/Flipped Classroom/Discussion, Debate/Presentation			
More details/supplemental information on Active Learning Methods	Japan's economic model has been shaped by her unique culture. Students are encouraged to observe the happenings around them in their daily lives. The observations will be discussed in the class to find out the cultures behind them. Events in Japan's economic development and business practices will be discussed as well. Some readings will be assigned before the class and students will review questions from the readings. Students will do presentations on Japanese figures in history and features in Japanese economy and business.			
Use of ICT	Use multimedia such as videos to show current global issues.			
Contents of class preparation and review	Slides, assigned readings.	Hours expected to be spent preparing for class (hours per week)	3 hours	Hours expected to be spent on class review (hours per week)
Feedback Methods	(1) Comments are given to students' presentations and assignments. (2) Students are encouraged to meet the instructor during the announced office hours. Contact outside of class sessions is appreciated using emails to the instructor's email address liu.ming@c2c.ac.jp.			

Grading Criteria		
Grading Methods	Grading Weights	Grading Content
Presentations	60%	
Participation	20%	
Homework assignments	20%	

Required Textbook(s)	The History of Japanese Economic Development, Kenichi Ohno, 2018. This book is OPEN ACCESS ( <a href="https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/oa-mono/10.4324/9781315444048/history-japanese-economic-development-kenichi-ohno">https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/oa-mono/10.4324/9781315444048/history-japanese-economic-development-kenichi-ohno</a> ).
Other Reading Materials/URL	Constant readings on journal articles from internet will help the discussions in the classroom.
Plagiarism Policy	Plagiarism is the dishonest presentation of the work of others as if it were one's own. Duplicate submission is also treated as plagiarism. Depending on the nature of plagiarism, you may fail the assignment or the course. The repeated act of plagiarism will be reported to the University which may apply additional penalties.

Other Additional Notes (Outline crucial policies and info not mentioned above)	Class schedules may be slightly modified during the semester based on the progress of the course. This class will be conducted primarily as an interactive lecture. Students are expected to participate in class discussions, and be curious, thoughtful, and constructive. We will follow the textbook reasonably closely, and students should review the suggested study materials before joining the class. There will be two lectures per week of 75 minutes each. Students should not expect to pass the course if they fail to attend the lectures regularly. Students are invited and encouraged to discuss all aspects of the course with the instructor and among each other.
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(NOTE 2) Class schedule is subject to change

Class Schedule	
Class Number	Content
Class 1	Module 1 – History of the Japanese Economy Role of Japanese culture
Class 2	Module 1 – History of the Japanese Economy Role of Japanese culture
Class 3	Module 1 – History of the Japanese Economy Role of Japanese culture
Class 4	Module 1 – History of the Japanese Economy Role of Japanese culture
Class 5	Module 2 – Meiji Restoration
Class 6	Module 2 – Meiji Restoration
Class 7	Module 2 – Meiji Restoration
Class 8	Module 2 – Meiji Restoration

Class 9	Module 3 – Japan's economy in 1920's and World War II
Class 10	Module 3 – Japan's economy in 1920's and World War II
Class 11	Module 3 – Japan's economy in 1920's and World War II
Class 12	Module 3 – Japan's economy in 1920's and World War II
Class 13	Presentations on Japanese Historical Figures
Class 14	Presentations on Japanese Historical Figures
Class 15	Presentations on Japanese Historical Figures
Class 16	Module 4 – U.S. occupation of Japan after World War II
Class 17	Module 4 – U.S. occupation of Japan after World War II
Class 18	Module 5 – High growth period of Japanese economy after World War II

Class 19	Module 5 – High growth period of Japanese economy after World War II
Class 20	Module 5 – High growth period of Japanese economy after World War II
Class 21	Module 6 – Bubble period (1980s) and after bubble (1990 – 2000s)
Class 22	Module 7 – Recent development of Japanese economy and business
Class 23	Module 7 – Recent development of Japanese economy and business
Class 24	Module 7 – Recent development of Japanese economy and business
Class 25	Module 7 – Recent development of Japanese economy and business
Class 26	Module 7 – Recent development of Japanese economy and business
Class 27	Module 7 – Recent development of Japanese economy and business
Class 28	Presentations on Japanese Economy and Business

Class 29	Presentations on Japanese Economy and Business
Class 30	Presentations on Japanese Economy and Business