

Department	International College of Liberal Arts		
Semester	Fall 2023	Year Offered (Odd/Even/Every Year)	Every Year
Course Number	PSCI/JPNA355		
Course Title	Japanese Politics and Diplomacy		
Prerequisites	PSCI230 International Relations OR PSGI220 Comparative Politics		
Course Instructor	原口 幸司	Year Available (Grade Level)	2
Subject Area	Political Science	Number of Credits	3
Class Style	Lecture	Class Methods	Face to face

(NOTE 1) Class Methods are subject to change

(NOTE 2) 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	<p>Cap (registrant capacity): 20 students</p> <p>The first 70% of this course is a (i) comprehensive examination of the significant institutions of Japanese government and politics with special emphasis on the national level and the important contemporary public policies. Japanese government and politics will also be discussed within the (ii) frameworks of Japanese history and culture. The final 30% is dedicated to an (iii) examination of Japanese international relations with the nations of East Asia and (iv) other significant trade and security partners such as the United States and the EU.</p>
Class plan based on course evaluation from previous academic year	Upon the feedbacks from the students, the rules and organization of the political simulation game will be revised and updated.
Course related to the instructor's practical experience (Summary of experience)	Not applicable

Learning Goals	At the end of this course, the students will understand (i) the development and operation of Japan's political institutions and policies in the Post-War era, (ii) the inter-dynamics of Japan's political party system, elections and the parliament, (iii) the contemporary security issues that impact Japan in its relations with China, Russia and South Korea, (iv) the significance of the Japan-United States Security Treaty as well as the economic ties between them, (v) be able to develop and express, in both oral and written form, their own opinion on, analysis of, and possible solutions for major issues of contemporary Japanese politics and government based on credible sources of information, (vi) and develop intercultural understanding and global thinking skills by identifying both common and unique features of Japanese politics and government in comparison with other countries.
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iCLA Diploma Policy	DP1/DP2/DP3/DP4
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(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, Discussion, Simulation, and Presentation
Use of ICT in Class	The course will use a learning management system, UNIPA. To ensure access to course materials and full functions of UNIPA students should use a laptop, or tablet computer, not a smartphone. The use of electronic devices may be restricted in case the instructor finds that the students are not engaging in class.
Use of ICT outside Class	The course will use a learning management system, UNIPA. To ensure access to course materials and full functions of UNIPA students should use a desktop, laptop, or tablet computer, not a smartphone.
Expected study hours outside class	Preparation: 3 hours per week Paper writing: 35 hours Preparation for simulation: 15 hours Individual research consultation with the instructor: 1 hour
Feedback Methods	Grading and feedbacks to assignments will be primarily done on UNIPA. Upon requests, the instructor will be available for additional comments and discussion through e-mail exchanges or during regular office hours. Please make an appointment for consultation outside office hours.

Grading Criteria		
Grading Methods	Grading Weights	Grading Content
Class discussions or quizzes	30%	Discussions will be based on short written answers to questions about reading assignments.
Simulation	30%	The students will play the roles of candidates by turns in election games.
Research presentation and paper	40%	The students will make oral presentations and write papers on the topic of their choices.

Required Textbook(s)	Gaunder, A. (2017) Japanese Politics and Government. (New York: Routledge, 2017). The book costs approximately 5000 yen at Amazon.
Other Reading Materials/URL	(Recommended and reference books) Gaunder ed., (2015) The Routledge Handbook of Japanese Politics. (New York: Routledge). # indicated as "RHJP" in Class Schedule below Hayes, L. (2018) Introduction to Japanese Politics, 5th ed. (New York: Routledge). Pekkanen, R and Pekkanen, S. (2022), Oxford Handbook of Japanese Politics. (New York: Oxford University Press). # indicated as "OHJP" in Class Schedule below Stockwin, J. A. A. (2003). Dictionary of the modern politics of Japan. Routledge Stockwin, J. A. A., & Ampiah, K. (2017). Rethinking Japan: the politics of contested nationalism. Lexington Books. * Both required and recommended books will be reserved in the Course Reserve Section (貸出禁止図書) in the YGU Library. Because of the dynamic nature of the course subject, additional or alternative academic and magazine articles and book chapters will be assigned to fit the times of the course and be available on UNIPA
Plagiarism Policy	The course follows the Plagiarism Guidelines of iCLA. "Plagiarism is the unauthorized duplication or reproduction of another author's reports, academic papers, or other published works, when represented as one's own original work without reference to the source. At iCLA, plagiarism is regarded as a dishonest practice, the results of which are unworthy of evaluation. Whether intentional or unintentional, acts of plagiarism lead to strict punishments equivalent to those given to students who are found guilty of dishonest practices during examinations or any other forms of evaluated work." For more details, please consult the section of Plagiarism Guidelines in the Student Handbook. To prevent and detect plagiarism, students will be required to submit major assignments through OUR ORIGINAL. The use of artificial intelligence tools that violates the Plagiarism Guidelines is prohibited.
Other Additional Notes	Attendance in the first class is mandatory. The contact information and office hours of the instructor will be released on UNIPA. Other important information regarding the course will be offered through UNIPA. It is strongly advised to check UNIPA regularly.

(NOTE 3) Class schedule is subject to change

Class Schedule	
Class Number	Content
Class 1	Course orientation *All students considering taking the course are required to attend the first session.
Class 2	Introduction: Why do you study Japanese politics and diplomacy? Gauder, Chapter 1 Stockwin (2003) "Theories of Japanese Politics" from Dictionary of the modern politics of Japan. Routledge Curzon.
Class 3	Historical Backgrounds: From Meiji Restoration to World War II Gauder, Chapter 2
Class 4	Historical Backgrounds: The Cold War and after Gauder, Chapter 3
Class 5	The Constitution of Japan: Should Japan revise its constitution? National Diet Library "Birth of the Constitution of Japan"
Class 6	The Constitution of Japan: Should Japan revise its constitution? Stockwin & Ampiah (2017) Revising and Reinterpreting the 1947 Constitution
Class 7	Political culture and society of Japan: How unique is Japanese political culture in comparison with other democracies? Hayes, Chapter 8 Maeda, Y (2022) The Effects of Changing Political Contexts on Public Opinion in Japan, 1945–2020 (OHJP)
Class 8	Political culture and society of Japan Ogawa, A. (2022) Civil Society in Japan (OHJP) Fahey, R et.al. (2022) Populism in Japan (OHJP)

Class 9	Political Participation: Gauder, Chapter 6 Hayes, Chapter 7
Class 10	Political Participation: How to promote political participation among women and the youth? Martin, S. (2015). "The Influence of voters" (RHJP)
Class 11	Political Participation Tanaka, A. and Martin, S. (2003) The new independent voter and the evolving Japanese party system Asian Perspective Hoffman, M. (2014). Concern for Japan's democratic process. Japan Times
Class 12	Political Parties and Interest Groups: Why has the LDP dominated Japanese politics since 1955? Gauder, Chapter 5 & 10, Reed, S. (2015) "The Liberal Democratic Party" (RHJP)
Class 13	Political Parties and Interest Groups: Why has the LDP dominated Japanese politics since 1955? Stockwin & Ampiah (2017) The Opposition in Power, September 2009 to December 2012 MacLachlan, P. and Shimizu, K. (2022) The Farm Lobby and Agricultural Policy in Japan (OHJP)
Class 14	Political Simulation
Class 15	Political Simulation
Class 16	Legislative branch: The Diet The House of Representatives, Japan "The National Diet of Japan" Masuyama, M. (2022) The Japanese Diet: Parliamentary Groups and Lawmaking (OHJP)

Class 17	Executive Branch: Prime Minister and Bureaucracy Gauder Chapters 9 & 11 Shinoda, T. (2015). Prime Ministerial Leadership (RHJP)
Class 18	Executive Branch: Bureaucracy Stockwin (2008) "Who runs Japan: Politicians, Bureaucrats or Big Business?" from Governing Japan Vogel, S. (2022). The Rise and Fall of the Japanese Bureaucracy (OHJP)
Class 19	Judicial Branch: Supreme Court Ramseyer, J (2022) The Japanese Judiciary (OHJP)
Class 20	Economic Policy: Economic Miracle, Lost Decades, and Abenomics Gauder, Chapter 7 & 8 Noble G. (2022) METI's Miraculous Comeback and the Uncertain Future of Japanese Industrial Policy (OHJP)
Class 21	Economic Policy: Economic Miracle, Lost Decades, and Abenomics Stockwin & Ampiah (2017) Abenomics Chiavacci D. (2022) Social Inequality in Japan (OHJP)
Class 22	Social Policy: Aging society, health care, and gender issues Gauder, Chapter 10 Estévez-Abe, M. (2022) Social Welfare Policy in Japan (OHJP)
Class 23	Social Policy: Aging society, health care, and gender issues Shoppa, L. (2015) "Policies for an aging/ low fertility society" (RHJP) Kingdon: "Demographic dilemma, women, and immigration"
Class 24	Environmental Policy Larm, P. (2015) Japan's Environmental Politics and Change: Local, National and Global (RHJP) Kim R. (2022) Japan and the Environment (OHJP)

Class 25	Research presentations
Class 26	Defense Policy: Will Japan remilitarize? Gauder, Chapter 12, Orros: "Japan's Security Renaissance"
Class 27	Foreign Policy 1: Japanese U.S. relations Gauder, Chapter 12, Pyle, K. (2018). "Japan In the Twilight of the American Century" from Japan in the American Century Krauss, E. (2022) Japan-US Relations: The Most Important Bilateral Relationship in the World (OHJP)
Class 28	Foreign Policy 2: Japan and its neighbors Wan, M (2022). Japan-China Relations: Politics of Great Powers and Great Power Politics (OHJP) Yuan, J. (2018) Stuck over the barren rocks: The Diaoyu/ Senkaku Islands dispute and Sino-Japanese Relations from Tan, A. ed. Security and Conflict in East Asia
Class 29	Foreign Policy 2: Japan and its neighbors Sakaki, A. (2022) The Japan-South Korea Rift: "Inside" and "Outside" Pressures on Relations (OHJP) Stockwin & Ampiah (2017) Japan and Its Neighbors
Class 30	Conclusion