
FINANCE, POLICY AND THE GLOBAL ECONOMY 2 credits
(Fall)

金融・政策と世界経済 2単位(秋学期)

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Course Description:

This class is open to PCP students, Master's level graduate students and qualified exchange students only.

Students who enrol in this class will form groups to conduct research and write a paper jointly. Each week, groups of students take turns presenting the progress of their research to receive comments and advice from fellow students, Teaching Assistants and professors. Each group must present at least three times before the term ends.

All students should actively participate in each others' presentations, by asking questions and making comments. Each week, students in the audience write short reports including comments on each others' presentations, which they must submit before leaving class. These will be handed to the presenting students a week later. Alternatively, the presenting students can come to the PCP office to get them.

Students can freely choose their topic, as long as it is related to economics. They thus train themselves to apply the knowledge and English skills acquired in the classroom to the analysis of real-world economic issues.

As a conclusion to the term, there will be a convocation in which students present their final papers in English. This takes place in mid-January and coincides with the deadline for submission of the complete paper.

Students have a choice on the number of words they contribute to the group paper. One choice is to write a paper comprising at least 3,000 words per student in that group. The other choice is to write a full-sized academic paper of 30 - 40 pages, A4 double-spaced, including tables, figures and references. In the latter case, students must contribute at least 1,000 words to the group paper.

Students who wish to do so can plan a fieldwork trip, and write their papers on the findings. The professors will help students arrange for this trip by way of introductions and suggestions. Those who plan to take the fieldwork trip in summer should seek advice early in the Spring Term, even though this class is scheduled for the Autumn Term.

Occasionally, speakers are invited from outside the faculty of economics at Keio university, to lecture in English. Their lectures will be on recent developments in the speakers' respective field of specialisation. They will be employees of institutions public and private, as well as in between. Such lectures are given from 14:45-16:00 and students write their summary of the lectures/presentations between 16:00-16:15.

Course Plan:

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Students' presentations (unless replaced by a lecture by a guest speaker)
- 3 Students' presentations (unless replaced by a lecture by a guest speaker)
- 4 Students' presentations (unless replaced by a lecture by a guest speaker)
- 5 Students' presentations (unless replaced by a lecture by a guest speaker)
- 6 Students' presentations (unless replaced by a lecture by a guest speaker)
- 7 Students' presentations (unless replaced by a lecture by a guest speaker)
- 8 Students' presentations (unless replaced by a lecture by a guest speaker)
- 9 Students' presentations (unless replaced by a lecture by a guest speaker)

- 10 Students' presentations (unless replaced by a lecture by a guest speaker)
- 11 Students' presentations (unless replaced by a lecture by a guest speaker)
- 12 Students' presentations (unless replaced by a lecture by a guest speaker)
- 13 Students' presentations (unless replaced by a lecture by a guest speaker)
- 14 Students' presentations (unless replaced by a lecture by a guest speaker)
- Other Students' presentations (unless replaced by a lecture by a guest speaker)

Method of Evaluation:

Evaluation for this class is by attendance, participation, as well as the final presentation and paper. A record of attendance will be kept using the comment sheets which students submit each week.

Students who miss more than three classes (absent for the 4th time) will automatically receive a grade of B or lower, regardless of the quality of their final presentation and paper. Even if a student is absent 3 times, if he/she participates actively in class, contributes at least 3,000 words to a good paper that is scientific in both form and substance, and makes impressive presentations, he/she still has a chance of obtaining an S.