

Econ 394/BBA321
The Japanese Economy
Course Web Outline 2008

This course outline merely satisfies the minimum requirements of the Division of Economics and Financial Studies. It does not supply you with all the information needed to successfully complete the course. Students should refer to the handout provided in the first lecture or available from the lecture-in-charge. If you have a copy of that, there is no reason to bother reading this minimalist web outline. Please do not ask the Lecturer-in-Charge questions before first reading the complete course handout.

Lectures and seminars

Lectures:

Mondays: W5C 232 – 4-6 pm

Seminar times and rooms will be posted on the course bulletin board by Thursday 6 March. Only attend assigned seminars. Changes can be made only via the Lecturer-in-Charge. Detailed information concerning the lectures and seminars are contained in the comprehensive course outline available from the lecturer-in-charge.

Please note: On page 36 of the comprehensive guide there are some errors in the seminar schedule. The correct information is as follows:

Seminar Articles

Week Three (10 March)	Fallows, James (1989) “Containing Japan”, <i>The Atlantic online</i> , May 1-14, http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/89may/fallows.htm , 11/08/03.
Week Six (31 March)	Madsen, Robert (2002) “Japan: Game Over”, <i>MIT Japan Program – Working Paper Series</i> 02.05, October 25: 1-20.
Week Seven (07 April)	No seminar this week. Mid-term exam in usual seminar room and time.
Week Nine (05 May)	Murphy, R. Taggart (2006) “East Asia’s Dollars”, <i>New Left Review</i> . 40 (July/August): 39-64.
Week Eleven (19 May)	Hill, Peter (2003) “Heisei Yakuza: Burst Bubble and Botaiho”, <i>Social Science Japan Journal</i> . 6(1): 1-18.

Week Thirteen (02 June)

Kawai, Tomoyasu (1995) "The Day Fishermen Disappear from Japan", *Japanese Economic Studies*, 23(2): 39-76.

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Lectures weeks 1-6

Course Resources

Please check the course bulletin board on the web pages. Students are responsible for all the information contained in the comprehensive course handout available from either the lecturer-in-charge or from Alex Blair. Students are also responsible for any notice posted to the course bulletin board.

Assessment

Midterm Exam	15 points
Term Paper	25 points
Comprehensive Final Exam	60 points

Satisfactory performance is required in all segments of this subject in order to pass. This includes, as a bare minimum, a pass mark on your final exam. If you fail the final exam, you fail the course, regardless of your previous results. Passing the exam is defined as a score of 50% or more. For those failing the final exam, your final grade will simply reflect your performance in the final exam. You must also achieve more than 12/40 for your within-semester requirements (midterm and term paper). Failure to achieve more than 12/40 will mean a failure for the course. Your final exam will not be counted in this case which leaves a student with no reason to sit the final exam. Your final grade will simply reflect your efforts on the within-semester assignments.

Detailed discussion about each assessment and the role it plays in the course are contained in the comprehensive course handout available from the lecturer-in-charge. The midterm exam will be held on Monday 7 April in the student's seminar room. Again, additional details about the midterm exam are available in the comprehensive course handout. Please note that there is an error on p.36 of that handout. A wrong date is given for the midterm. The correct date is Monday 7 April.

Consideration Cases and Supplementaries

Detailed discussion about applying for a supplementary exam and issues of consideration are contained in the comprehensive course handout available from the lecturer-in-charge.

Appealing a Grade

Discussion of this procedure is dealt with in the Handbook of Undergraduate Studies. A detailed discussion is also contained in the comprehensive course handout available from the lecturer-in-charge.

Written Assignments:

A detailed discussion of what is required for the written assignment is contained in the comprehensive course handout available from the lecturer-in-charge.

Plagiarism

Students should go to <http://www.student.mq.edu.au/plagiarism/>

An additional discussion describing plagiarism is contained in the comprehensive handout available from the lecturer-in-charge.

Textbook

There is a Workbook/Set of Readings in place of a published textbook. This Workbook/Set of Readings is available through the Coop Bookstore, as well as being on reserve in the library.

Seminar Readings

These are contained in the Course Workbook/Set of Readings and are listed in the comprehensive handout available from the lecturer-in-charge.

Lecture Schedule

This is listed in the comprehensive handout available from the lecturer-in-charge.