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University of Wisconsin - Madison
College of Engineering [EGR]
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Direct Link to this Syllabus :

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1. **E P D 450, Japanese for Politics and Government**
2. **Credits : 3 Contact Hours : 0.0**
3. **Textbook and Materials :**

The Pitfalls of 'Leadership by Politicians': Legislators Who Do Not Draft Bills; A Media That Does Not Report

Katsuhiko Shimizu

Heibonsha Shinsho Publishing Company; 2011

a. Other Supplemental Materials :

1a. The Modern Reader's Japanese-English Character Dictionary

A. N. Nelson

Tuttle

or

1b. The New Nelson Japanese-English Character Dictionary

J. H. Haig

Tuttle

2. Shogakukan Progressive Japanese-English Dictionary

I. Kondo and F. Takano

Shogakukan

• **Specific Course Information :**

- a. **Brief description of the content of the course (Course Catalog Description) :** Language and patterns of expression used in political discourse and policymaking in Japan.
- b. **Pre-requisites or Co-requisites :** EPD/E Asian 375 or E Asian 304 or consent of instructor
- c. **This is a Required course.**

• **Specific Goals for the Course :**

a. Course Outcomes :

1. Recognize and understand a large number of Japanese terms related to politics and government
2. Read and understand current books and articles in Japanese pertaining to the Japanese government and the Japanese political system

• **ABET Student Learning Outcomes :**

- (g) Ability to communicate effectively.
- (h) The broad education necessary to understand the impact of engineering solutions in a global and societal context.
- (i) Recognition of the need for and an ability to engage in life-long learning.
- (j) Knowledge of contemporary issues.

• **Brief List of Topics to be Covered :**

Chapter 1: The Administration of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) is Drifting

‘Leadership by politicians’ and ‘taking power from bureaucrats’

Notification sent out by the Secretary General on the third day of the new administration

The policymaking system of the DPJ administration

The anatomy of a policy for ‘a strong government and a weak party’

Spreading frustration among DPJ legislators

When ‘politicians struggle against bureaucrats,’ nothing is accomplished

Complaints from cabinet ministers

The decline of the National Policy Unit

The limitations of prioritizing government programs

A prime minister overcome with sorrow

A sudden loss of momentum following the inauguration of Prime Minister Kan

‘Careful deliberations in the Diet’ in name only

Confusion following the Great East Japan Earthquake

The plan to extend the tenure of Prime Minister Kan and the collapse of the Diet

Note: The text is written entirely in Japanese. A new text is chosen each year. This course is offered completely online; there are no face-to-face class sessions.