

Guidance for 2015-2017 Master Students in Economics

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This guidance applies to master students in the Course in Economic Policy of Program in Economic and Public Policy (PEPP) during academic year 2015 and 2016.

1. Course requirements

Students are required to earn at least 30 credits by taking courses including 18 credits from mandatory courses to fulfill a partial requirement for earning a Master of Arts in Economics.

The followings may be used to fulfill the 30-credit requirement for the Master's degree:

- Up to 4 credits earned from graduate courses offered in other departments or graduate schools
- Up to 2 credits earned from Internship

In Tsukuba, 1 credit corresponds to 10 periods (75 min. per period).

The following tables show the list of the classes in each category. The highlighted courses are all mandatory.

[Basic Course]**Required: 6 credits**

Code	Class	Professor	Year	Semester	Period	Credits
01DZ030	Research Workshop for Economics I	Advisor	1	Fall a-b	Mon 3	1.0
01DZ031	Research Workshop for Economics II	Advisor	2	Spring a-b	Mon 3	1.0
01DZ032	Research Workshop for Economics III	Advisor	2	Fall a-b	TBA	1.0
01DZ035	Research Project for Economics I	Advisor	2	Spring	TBA	1.5
01DZ036	Research Project for Economics II	Advisor	2	Fall	TBA	1.5

[Elective Basic Course]**Required: more than 8 credits**

Code	Class	Professor	Year	Semester	Period	Credits
BC51081	Introductory Macroeconomics*	Naito	1	Fall a-b	Tue 3,4	2.0
BC12031	Introductory Statistics*	TBA	1	Fall b-c	Tue 1,2	2.0
BC11881	Japanese Economy*	Kurokawa	2	Spring a-b	Mon 5,6	2.0
01DZ100	Special Seminar in Area Studies V-A (Social Science Method)	Quimpo	1-2	Fall a-b	Tue 3,4	2.0
01DZ101	Principle of Development	Sapkota	1-2	Fall a-b	Wed 3,4	2.0
01DZ102	Politics of Development	Quimpo	1-2	Spring		2.0
01DZ103	International Public Policy	Sharma	1-2		Intensive	2.0

	and Governance					
01DZ131	Intermediate Microeconomics	Moges	1	Fall a-b	Tue 5,6	2.0
01DZ134	Data Management	TBA	1-2	Fall c	Intensive	1.0
01DZ160	International Development Experiences in a Comparative Perspective	Seifudein	1-2	Fall	Intensive	2.0
01DZ161	Internship I	Faculties	1-2	All year		1.0
01DZ162	Internship II	Faculties	1-2	All year		2.0
01DZ163	Field Work Project I	Faculties	1-2	All year		1.0
01DZ164	Field Work Project II	Faculties	1-2	All year		1.0

*: Cross-listed with undergraduate courses

[Economic Course: Basic Course]

Required: 4 credits

Code	Class	Professor	Year	Semester	Period	Credits
01DZ600	Microeconomics	Nakano	2	Spring		2.0
01DZ601	Econometrics	TBA	2	Spring		2.0

[Economic Course: Elective Course]

Required: more than 8 credits

Code	Class	Professor	Year	Semester	Period	Credits
01DZ650	Macroeconomics	TBA	2	Spring		2.0
	Applied Microeconomics	Fukuzumi	2	Fall		2.0
01DZ651	Public Economics *1	Naito	2	Spring		2.0
01DZ652	Development Economics	TBA	2	Spring a-b		2.0
01DZ653	Social Development *1	Minowa	1-2	Fall a-b	Thu 3,4	2.0
01DZ654	International Trade *1	Kurokawa	2	Spring	Thu 5,6	2.0
01DZ655	International Economic Analysis	Nagayasu	1-2	Summer	Intensive	2.0
01DZ656	International Finance and Policy*1	Moges	1-2	Fall a-b	Thu 5,6	2.0
01DZ510	Introduction to Health Service Research	Tamiya	1-2	Spring a-b		1.0
01DZ511	Challenges of Global Aging	Tamiya	1-2	Summer	Intensive	1.0
01DZ512	Health Economics *1	Kondo	1-2	Fall c	Intensive	1.0
01DZ539	Economics of Development III *1	Kashiwagi	1-2	Fall a-b	Fri 3	1.0
01DZ540	Economies of East and Southeast Asia I	Sapkota	1-2	Spring a-b	Wed 3,4	2.0
01DZ509	Microfinance and Public Policy	Sharma			Intensive	2.0
01DZ518	Introduction to Environmental Policy	Kaida	1-2	Fall a-b		1.0
01DZ519	Environmental Policy Appraisal	Higano	1-2	Fall a-b		2.0
01DZ520	Policy and Planning for Forest Conservation	Masuda	1-2	Fall a-b		2.0

*1 Must earn more than 8 credits from these courses

2. Language courses

Special Japanese language courses are offered for the students in PEPP (WB/ADB Scholarship Fellows) in the fall semester of the first year. You are allocated to the class depending on your Japanese language background. Attendance is mandatory.

Students whose command of academic English is weak as a master student should take English courses offered at the Foreign Language Center.

3. Lunch seminar

As part of Research Workshop I and II, we hold a lunch seminar in fall a-b (first year) and spring a-b (second year) on Monday in the 3rd period. Lunch seminar is a key forum for students to present, exchange, and discuss their research ideas. All students at various stages present their research work and discuss others' works. Attendance is mandatory. Specific schedule and instructions will be given at the beginning of each semester. Your goal in the first year's lunch seminar is to develop a good research proposal for your master thesis, based on which your advisors are determined (see below).

4. Master thesis

As part of the requirements for earning an M.A. in Economics, students are required to submit and successfully defend a master thesis. A complete draft must be submitted mid-November in the second year, followed by a preliminary oral defense in the same month. A final copy must be submitted in December, followed by a final oral defense in mid-January. Specific schedule and instructions will be announced in the second year.

5. Advisors

In the first year, each student is *randomly* assigned an advisor for an administrative purpose. Your first-year advisor does not supervise your research. To find advisors for your thesis research is your responsibility. Your goal in the first year is to find 'good' advisors while doing course works, contributing to lunch seminars, and interacting with professors.

In March, the last month of the first semester, you are required to submit the names of your main advisor and two sub-advisors of your choice along with your research proposal (specific schedule and instructions will be announced in due course). You must choose a main advisor from the PEPP Economics faculty and sub-advisors are also commonly chosen from them. If you prefer to choose other sub-advisors, you should ask Mai about the rules and necessary procedures as soon as possible (you need to receive their prior approval).

We determine each student's advisors based on students' research interests and projects and their academic performance in the first year (the balance of advising duties among faculty members is another factor considered). Students may be assigned advisors other than their choice. In the case where your academic

performance is not satisfactory to continue in the second year of your master program, no advisors will be assigned to you; that means you cannot submit a master thesis in your second year.

6. Grades

GPA: System of Grade Point Average

Each grade signifies the following score points:

Grade	Point
A+	90~100
A	80~89
B	70~79
C	60~69
D	59 and under * Means "failed" and no credit is provided. * Not shown on the official transcript

7. Administration

If you have any questions regarding the program, contact Ms. Mai Watanabe, a program officer of PEPP. Most announcements are made via emails.

End Note