

(15<sup>th</sup> cohort) Program Guidance for AY 2019-2020

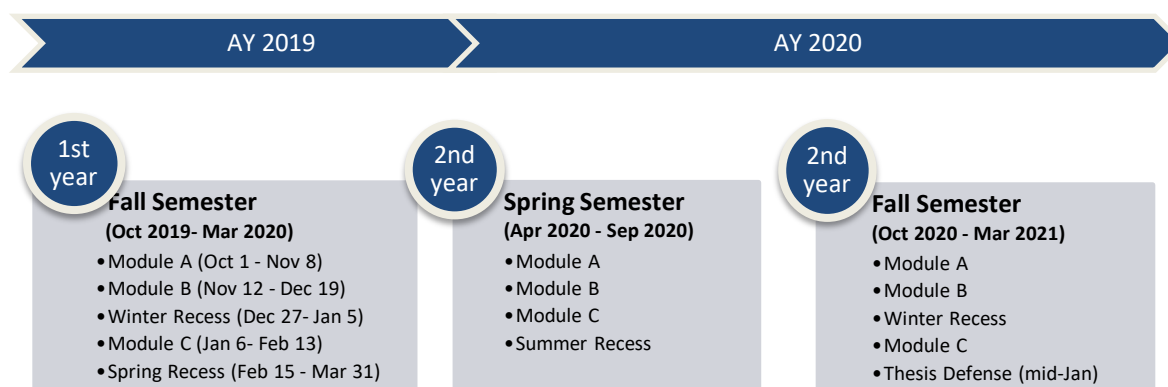
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This guidance applies to students of Program in Economic and Public Policy during academic year 2019 and 2020.

## 0. Academic Calendar

Each module comes in 5 weeks. Each semester consists of module A, module B, module C, and recess. Many courses are offered in module A and B. Intensive courses are offered in module C and recess.

First Year (AY2019): Fall Semester (October 2019 – March 2020)  
 Second Year (AY2020): Spring Semester (April 2020 – September 2020)  
 Fall Semester (October 2020 – March 2021)



Attn: There could be some courses, and one of them will be a mandatory course depending on the result of placement test, which would be held during spring recess.

## 1. Course requirements

In Tsukuba, 1 credit corresponds to 10 lectures (75 min. per lecture). Students are required to earn at least 30 credits by taking courses including mandatory courses to fulfill a partial requirement for earning a Master of Arts in Economics.

The following tables show the list of courses in each category. The starred (★) courses are all mandatory.

### [Foundation subjects]

#### Mandatory courses (Required: 10 credits)

	Code	Class	Professor	Year	Semester	Period	Credits
★	BC51181	Introductory Statistics*	Yu	1	Fall AB	Tue 1, 2	2.0
★	BC51081	Intro-intermediate Macroeconomics*	Naito	1	Fall AB	Wed 1, 2	2.0
★ ◎	BC11881	Japanese Economy*	Kurokawa	1	Fall AB	Mon 5, 6	2.0
★	01DZ139	Social Development	Minowa	1	Fall AB	Thu 3, 4	2.0
★	01DZ136	Microeconomics	Nakano	2	Spr AB	Wed 4, Thu 3	2.0

\*: Cross-listed with undergraduate courses

◎ JICA requests JICA scholars to take these two courses as the Mandatory course.

**Elective courses (Required: more than or equal to 2 credits)**

	Code	Class	Professor	Year	Semester	Period	Credits
	01DZ108	Politics of Development	Quimpo	2	Spr AB	Wed 5,6	2.0
	01DZ138	Research Methods and Academic Writing I	Quimpo	1	Fall AB	Fri 5, 6	2.0
	01DZ134	Data Management	TBA	1	Fall C	Intensive	1.0
	01DZ149	Advanced Data Management	TBA	1	Fall C	Intensive	1.0
◎	01DZ140	Economic Development of Japan	Takahashi	2	Spring C	Intensive	1.0
	01DZ141	Academic Writing and Research Ethics	Kawasaki	1	Fall A	Thu 2,5	1.0
	BE22871	Contemporary Issues in Developing Countries*	Nakano	1	Fall C	By appointment	2.0
	01DZ150	Intro-intermediate Microeconomics**	TBA	1	Fall C	Intensive	2.0

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\*\* : A student is permitted not to take this course if the student thinks that she or he has sufficient knowledge on this subject and can pass the placement exam. In this case, the student needs to report to Deputy Director and needs to take the placement test and pass this placement text examination on this subject.

**[Advanced subjects]****Mandatory courses (Required: 8 credits)**

	Code	Class	Professor	Year	Semester	Period	Credits
★	01DZ602	Econometrics I	Yu	1	Fall C	Tue 5, 6	1.0
★	01DZ603	Econometrics II	Yu	2	Spring A	Tue 6, Thu 2	1.0
★	01DZ610	Research Workshop for Economics I	Advisor	1	Fall AB	Mon 3	1.0
★	01DZ611	Research Workshop for Economics II	Advisor	2	Spring AB	Mon 3	1.0
★	01DZ612	Research Workshop for Economics III	Advisor	2	Fall AB	Mon 3	1.0
★	01DZ613	Research Project for Economics I	Advisor	2	Spring	By appointment	1.5
★	01DZ614	Research Project for Economics II	Advisor	2	Fall	By appointment	1.5

**Elective courses (Required: 7 credits/4 of 5 starred (★) courses below must be chosen.)**

	Code	Class	Professor	Year	Semester	Period	Credits
	01DZ650	Macroeconomics	TBA	1	Fall C	Intensive	2.0
	01DZ674	Public Policy and Management	Quimpo	1	Fall ABC	Wed 5, 6	3.0
★	01DZ652	Development Economics	Malek	2	Spr AB	Fri 1,2	2.0
★	01DZ651	Public Economics	Naito	2	Spring AB	Tue 3, 4	2.0
★	01DZ654	International Trade	Kurokawa	2	Spring	Thu 5, 6	2.0
★	01DZ656	International Finance and Policy	Moges	2	Spring AB	Wed 1, 2	2.0
★	01DZ667	Agricultural and Rural Development	Kashiwagi	2	Spring	TBA	1.0

01DZ663	Economics of Latin America II	Minowa	1-2	Fall AB	Tue 2, 3	2.0
01DZ512	Health Economics	Kondo	1-2	Fall C	Intensive	1.0
01DZ518	Introduction to Environmental Policy	Kaida	1-2	Fall AB	Mon 3	1.0
01DZ568	Research Methods and Academic Writing II	Quimpo	1-2	Spring AB	Thu 5.6	2.0
01DZ657	Applied Time Series Analysis	TBA	2	Spring	Intensive	2.0
01DZ668	Applied Microeconomics	Fukuzumi	2	Spring AB	Intensive	2.0
01DZ509	Microfinance and Public Policy	TBA	1-2	Fall	Intensive	2.0
01DZ701	Internship I***	Faculties	1-2	All year	By appointment	1.0
01DZ702	Internship II***	Faculties	1-2	All year	By appointment	1.0
01DZ700	Field Work Project I	Faculties	1-2	All year	Intensive	1.0

\*\*\*: Credits for Internship I and II cannot be included to fulfill the 30 credits requirement for earning a Master of Arts in Economics.

★: 4 of 5 starred (★) courses must be chosen

## 2. Course Registration

Course registration must be completed on TWINS during the designated registration period usually in the first two weeks of each semester. For Fall AB courses, the deadline is **Friday, October 11**. After this date, you are not allowed to cancel any course registration.

## 3. Language courses

Special Japanese language courses are offered for PEPP scholars in the fall semester of the first year and the spring semester of the second year. In principle, attendance is mandatory.

## 4. Lunch seminar

As part of Research Workshop I, II, and III, we hold a lunch seminar on Monday in the 3rd period (11:40~) in module AB each semester. Lunch seminar is a key forum for students to present, exchange, and discuss their research progress. All students at various stages present their research work and discuss others' works. Attendance is mandatory. Specific instructions and schedule 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 6. Advisors).

## 5. 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 later in the same month. A final copy must be submitted in early-January, followed by a final oral defense in late-January or early-February. Specific instructions and schedule will be announced in the second year.

## 6. 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 January, you are required to submit the names of your main advisor and two sub-advisors of your choice along with your research proposal. You must choose a main advisor from the PEPP faculty. Sub-advisors are also commonly chosen from them. If you prefer to choose other sub-advisors, you should ask program officer about the rules and necessary procedures. (You need to receive professors’ prior approval).

We determine each student’s advisors based on students’ research interests/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.

## 7. grades

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

## 8. Administration

If you have any questions regarding the program, contact Nami Akimoto or Yukari Taguchi, a program officer of PEPP. Most announcements are made via emails.

End Note