

**Economics 2336
Regional Development
Fall 2022**

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Lecture: Tuesday and Thursday 16:05-17:25, Chemistry 223

Online Office Hour: Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00-11:25

Course delivery: In-person

Prerequisites: Econ 1101, 1102

Course Description:

Why are some countries or regions poor? Why the relative positions of different countries and regions have been shifted over the last several decades? This course focuses on the economic development process and issues in China and Japan to answer these questions.

Website:

You can access to course materials through Brightspace. Please check the course website frequently for new announcements.

Evaluation: Students will be evaluated on the basis of three course requirements:

1. Group Research Paper (35%)

You will be assigned to a group to complete a group research paper. Each group consists of three or four students. You are expected to find a research question and provide your analysis on the economic development of China or Japan. (I will also provide you with several potential research topics.) Detailed requirements of the research paper will be provided in late September.

Group assignments will be made on Sept. 29 (Thur). **All students who take this course must attend the class on Sept. 29.** The research project is due in stage throughout the term. Each group must submit your (1) proposal before/on Oct. 18, (2) draft on Nov. 15 and (3) final paper on Dec. 1. Each group is also required to make a 25 minutes presentation of your research paper in class (e.g., using powerpoint). Group presentation will be taken place in the last class(es) of the term.

2. Midterm Exam (25%): Oct. 11.

3. Final Exam (40%): Scheduled by Registrar (Dec. 9-20)

Note:

All students in the classroom are required to wear a mask or other face covering. All cell phones must be turned off when class starts and remain off until class is over. Using cell phones (texting, reading e-mail, etc.) will not be tolerated.

Grading Scheme:

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
90-100	85-89	80-84	77-79	73-76	70-72	65-69	60-64	55-59	50-54	<50

Policies on Missed Materials:

If a student miss the midterm exam for a valid medical reason, all the weight of the midterm will be shifted to the final exam. Please email me in advance and submit the Student Declaration of Absence Form online.

Course Coverage:

Economics of China:

1. The Pre-reform Era: 1949-1978
2. Economic Reform
3. The One Child Policy
4. Education
5. Environment
6. Government and Political Economy

Economics of Japan:

1. The Japanese Economy after WWII: Growth and Stagnation

Other General Notes:

Please note the Department of Economics Statement on Academic Integrity posted on the course website. As part of an academic community it is your responsibility to be aware of appropriate conduct. Any academic offense will be reported and acted upon immediately by Dalhousie administration. **This course will use Ouriginal (formerly Urkund) to check plagiarism.**

Writing Center Information:

Writing expectations at university are higher than you will have experienced at high school (or if you are entering a master's or PhD program, the expectations are higher than at lower levels). The Writing Center is a Student Service academic unit that supports your writing development. Make an appointment to discuss your writing. Learning more about the writing process and discipline-specific practices and conventions will allow you to adapt more easily to your field of study.