

Course Description

What are the real phenomena of public administration? How can they be discussed from the standpoint of the study of Public Administration? These are a few of the main themes students will be exploring in this series of lectures. As the study goes further, we will be covering the examples of “the Triple Reform (of fiscal relationship)” and “the Civil Service Reform” of the current Decentralization Reforms as well as crisis management in cases of disaster etc.

Study of Public Administration (2003)

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About the Class

1. Change of schedule, study materials, reading assignments and other important information can be found on the following website.
URL: <http://www.j.u-tokyo.ac.jp/~morita/>
2. There will be 22-24 meetings for this course.
In case of schedule changes, additional lectures will be given in January, 2007.
3. At the beginning of each class, we will discuss the current news and how the study of Public Administration can be applied to such issues. Students are encouraged to show interest in current affairs, i.e. news found in newspapers and on TV.
4. Exams will be held during the regular exam weeks, testing the students' ability in problem solving concerning real issues rather than simply asking for knowledge-based answers.
5. Questions are welcomed after class or at my office. Appointments can be made by email. Questions submitted by e-mail are also welcomed, and I will try to answer them at the beginning of the class.

Lecture Plans

- ★ An overview of lectures and keywords for study

- 0. Guidance
 - What is the Study of Public Administration? Course Description

- 1. Origin of the Administrative State and the Development of Public Administration
 - Administrative State / Study of Public Administration? / Theories of Administrative Reform

- 2. Government Structure and Intergovernmental Relations
 - Government Systems Structure / Parliamentary Cabinet System and Presidential System / The Central and Local Government / Decentralization

- 3. Organization and Management
 - Bureaucratic System / Organization and Management / Japanese Cabinet System / Central Government and the Decision-making Process / Civil Service System

- 4. Policy Process and Systems Design
 - Policy Process / Systems Design / Adaptation to Environmental Change / Policy Planning and Evaluation / Laws and Policies

- 5. Administrative Participation and Administrative Responsibility
 - NPO / Referendum System / Administrative Responsibility and Information