

[科目名] Understanding Business Meeting				[単位数] 2 単位		[科目区分] アカデミック・コモン・ ベーシックス	
[担当者] 堀江洋文		[オフィス・アワー] 時間: 場所:			[授業の方法] 講義		
[科目の概要] <p>This is a Business English class, that primarily uses online news articles. It is designed for students who are interested in improving their English reading, writing and listening skills. The textbook covers a wide variety of subjects, but in this class we will focus on those related to the world of economy, business and finance. Students will also be informed about the global economic and financial systems and the nature of English journalism which reports on them.</p> <p>This is an online remote learning via Zoom, which is synchronous and bidirectional, but the instructor plans to hold occasional in-person classes at APU, the timing of which will be decided after the consultation with the students.</p>							
[「授業科目群」・他の科目との関連付け]・[なぜ、学ぶ必要があるか・学んだことが、何に結びつくか] <p>Students can enhance their ability to communicate in various intercultural business settings by using news articles as a conversation resource.</p>							
[科目の到達目標] <p>The learning objectives of this course are to enhance students' general business communication skills as outlined above.</p> <p>Grading criteria are as follows:  A: 80-100%, B: 70-79%, C: 60-69%, D: 50-59%, F: below 50%</p>							
[ディプロマ・ポリシー (DP)との関係]							
学部				学科			
DP1	DP2	DP3	DP4	DP1	DP2	DP3	
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[学生の「授業評価」に基づくコメント・改善・工夫] <p>The instructor is ready to answer any questions from the students. Please feel free to ask any questions which you think were left unanswered during the class regarding English expressions or global business and economy.</p>							
[教科書] <p><i>English for Mass Communication 2026 Edition</i>, Asahi Press  邦題 『時事英語の総合演習 —2026 年度版—』 堀江洋文、小西和久他著、朝日出版社  ISBN: 9784255157504</p>							

〔指定図書〕 None	
〔参考書〕 To be announced when necessary	
〔前提科目〕 None	
〔学修の課題、評価の方法〕(テスト、レポート等) Evaluation will be based on the student's attendance and class contribution (30%) as well as the result of a final exam at the end of the semester (70%). Attendance will be taken verbally at the beginning of each class.	
〔教員としてこの授業に取り組む姿勢と学生への要望〕 You are expected to have daily access to the latest news, which will keep you informed about what's happening in the world of business and finance.	
〔実務経歴〕 Not applicable	
授業スケジュール	
第1回	テーマ(何を学ぶか): Course orientation and introduction 内 容: English Business Correspondence 教科書・指定図書 handouts (how to write business letters)
第2回	テーマ(何を学ぶか): Effective tariff rates and economic uncertainty 内 容: Tariff uncertainty likely to weigh on global growth 教科書・指定図書 Chapter 2
第3回	テーマ(何を学ぶか): Rare-earth minerals and magnets 内 容: Effective telephoning 教科書・指定図書 Chapter 2
第4回	テーマ(何を学ぶか): Vocabulary Buildup 内 容: Vocabulary related to economy and finance 教科書・指定図書 Chapter 2
第5回	テーマ(何を学ぶか): Pension plans 内 容: Defined-benefit plan vs. defined-contribution plan 教科書・指定図書 handouts
第6回	テーマ(何を学ぶか): Central Banks 内 容: BOJ, FRB (FOMC), ECB, Bundesbank, etc. Effective telephoning 教科書・指定図書 handouts

第7回	<p>テーマ(何を学ぶか): Japan's balance of international payments</p> <p>内 容: The balance of international payments and the current account including Japan's growing "digital deficit"</p> <p>教科書・指定図書 handouts</p>
第8回	<p>テーマ(何を学ぶか): Energy and natural resources</p> <p>内 容: Japan extends life of nuclear reactors beyond 60 years</p> <p>Effective telephoning</p> <p>教科書・指定図書 Chapter 11</p>
第9回	<p>テーマ(何を学ぶか): Japan's rice production policy</p> <p>内 容: The traditional system run by Japan Agricultural Cooperatives</p> <p>教科書・指定図書 Chapter 11</p>
第10回	<p>テーマ(何を学ぶか): Vocabulary buildup. The world of business journalism</p> <p>内 容: Vocabulary related to energy and natural resources. Effective telephoning</p> <p>教科書・指定図書 Chapter 11</p>
第11回	<p>テーマ(何を学ぶか): Science and technology.</p> <p>内 容: There are bigger risks to worry about than AI taking our jobs</p> <p>教科書・指定図書 Chapter 13</p>
第12回	<p>テーマ(何を学ぶか): Science and technology. Vocabulary buildup</p> <p>内 容: Health economics</p> <p>教科書・指定図書 Chapter 13</p>
第13回	<p>テーマ(何を学ぶか): The world of business journalism</p> <p>内 容: The style and format of economic and business articles</p> <p>Effective telephoning</p> <p>教科書・指定図書 The world of English journalism</p>
第14回	<p>テーマ(何を学ぶか): Payment methods</p> <p>内 容: check (cheque), credit card, debit card, mobile wallets, bank transfer, stablecoins, etc.</p> <p>教科書・指定図書 handouts</p>
第15回	<p>テーマ(何を学ぶか): The world of business journalism</p> <p>内 容: Stylebook of economic newspapers. Effective telephoning</p> <p>教科書・指定図書 The world of English Journalism. handouts</p>
試験	Written exam (60 min.)