

NAS370/PLS400: North American Regional Relations

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Class Times: Tue. (15:30-16:45) and Wed. (9:00-10:15)

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### Course Goals

Class participants will firstly learn the development of bilateral political and economic relations between US and Canada, and between US and Mexico respectively, and secondly learn the development of the North American trilateral cooperative relations among US, Canada, and Mexico in recent years focusing on the conclusion of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Thirdly, students will also learn the development of regional relations in Europe, Asia, and other parts of the world to compare with NAFTA. The lecture will also touch upon an East Asia community idea advocated by Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama. Through these studies the class students are expected to understand the significance of regional relations in the era of globalization or multilateral interdependence in the world , particularly in North America.

### Course Description

This is a North American Studies course in Global Studies Program in Advanced Education. Instructor, as a former diplomat, has a variety of experiences in the international affairs for more than fifty years. He has served at the Japanese Missions in US, UK, Canada, China, Australia, Bulgaria, Myanmar, and Hong Kong. He was a former Japanese Ambassador to Canada, Bulgaria and Myanmar. He also served for an international organization called Asian Productivity Organization as its Secretary General for 6 years. Accordingly, he will be able to give lectures to the students not only from the academic point of view but also from the pragmatic and realistic aspects on the subjects through his own personal experiences.

### Classroom Activities

Students will receive lectures, take part in reading and discussing, be given assignment of home works, and be tested finally.

### Prior Academic Preparation

It is recommended to read some of the following reference books beforehand and/or during the semester.

### Evaluation

Participation in class discussions	20%
Assignment of home works	20%
Final examination	60%

### Reference Books

- Canada and The United States: John Herd Thompson and Stephen J. Randall,  
The University of Georgia Press, 2002
- Mexico and The United States: W. Dirk Raat, The University of Georgia Press, 2004
- Shinpan Shiryo ga kataru Kanada : Nippon Kanada Gakkai Hen, Yuhikaku, 2008
- Kanada wo shirutameno 60shou : Tsuneo Ayabe & Masako Iida, Akashi Shoten, 2003
- Kanada: Yutaka Takenaka, Sairyuusha, 2000
- Kokusaijosei no Bunseki②, Takashi Tajima & others, Kashima Heiwa Kenkyujo, 2004
- Raten Amerika Gendaishi III, Hisanori Hutamura, & others, Yamakawa Shuppansha, 2006
- Beisyu ni okeru Rijnarizumu to FTA, Teruo Hosono, Kobe Dai Keizai Keiei Kenkyujo, 2001
- Kanada Amerika Kankeishi, Daizo Sakurada, Akashi Shoten, 2006
- Mekisiko Gendaishi: Yasuhisa Suzuki, Akashi Shoten, 2003