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Courses 授業科目一覧

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Humanities and Social Sciences									
H165001	Ethics I-E2	Campbell, Michael	2	1	1st	Wed/4	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	12
H166001	Ethics II-E2	Campbell, Michael	2	1	1st	Wed/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	15
H155001	Logic I-E2 :Deductive Reasoning & Analysis	SAHKER, Ethan Kyle	2	1	1st	Fri/4	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	18
H156001	Logic II-E2 :Inductive & Scientific Reasoning	SAHKER, Ethan Kyle	2	1	2nd	Wed/4	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	20
H149001	The History of Eastern Thought I-E2	CATT, Adam Alvah	2	1	1st	Wed/2	All	Liberal Arts	22
H150002	Science of Religion I-E2	CATT, Adam Alvah	2	1	2nd	Wed/2	All	Liberal Arts	24
H151001	History of Modern Science-E2	D'SOUZA, Rohan Ignatious	2	1	1st	Tue/3	All	All	26
H154001	Philosophy of Modern Science-E2	D'SOUZA, Rohan Ignatious	2	1	2nd	Tue/3	All	All	28
H161001	Japanese Philosophy I-E2	CERDA, Philip Kain	2	1	1st	Thu/2	All	All	30
H162001	Japanese Philosophy II-E2	CERDA, Philip Kain	2	1	2nd	Thu/2	All	All	32
H163001	Philosophy of Nature I-E2	CERDA, Philip Kain	2	1	1st	Thu/4	All	All	34
H164001	Philosophy of Nature II-E2	CERDA, Philip Kain	2	1	2nd	Thu/4	All	All	36
H159001	Theories of Religion in the Social Sciences-E2	DANESHGAR, Majid	2	1	1st	Wed/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Liberal Arts	38
Humanities and Social Sciences									
H281001	Japanese History I-E2	VAN STEENPAAL, Niels	2	1	1st	Wed/1	All	All	42
H281002	Japanese History I-E2	Not fixed	2	1	1st	Not fixed	All	All	44
H282001	Japanese History II-E2	VAN STEENPAAL, Niels	2	1	2nd	Wed/1	All	All	45
H282002	Japanese History II-E2	Not fixed	2	1	2nd	Not fixed	All	All	47
H290001	Oriental History I-E2	FORTE, Erika	2	1	1st	Tue/2	All	All	48
H291001	Oriental History II-E2	FORTE, Erika	2	1	2nd	Tue/2	All	All	50
H275001	Western History I-E2	BHATTE, Pallavi Kamlakar	2	1	1st	Fri/1 Fri/2	All	All	52
H274001	Western History II-E2	BHATTE, Pallavi Kamlakar	2	1	2nd	Fri/1 Fri/2	All	All	55
H277001	Introduction to World Religions-E2	DANESHGAR, Majid	2	1	1st	Wed/1	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Liberal Arts	58
H280001	Introduction to Asian Societies-E2	DANESHGAR, Majid	2	1	2nd	Wed/1	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Liberal Arts	61
H279001	Religion in Contemporary Society-E2	DANESHGAR, Majid	2	1	2nd	Wed/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Liberal Arts	64
H297001	Social History of Japanese Technology I-E2	Not fixed	2	1	1st	Not fixed	All	All	67
H298001	Social History of Japanese Technology II-E2	Not fixed	2	1	2nd	Not fixed	All	All	68
H283001	Japanese Intellectual History I-E2	VAN STEENPAAL, Niels	2	1	1st	Tue/2	All	All	69
H284001	Japanese Intellectual History II-E2	VAN STEENPAAL, Niels	2	1	2nd	Tue/2	All	All	71
H292001	Japanese Popular Culture I-E2	MURPHY, Mahon	2	1	1st	Wed/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	73
H293001	Japanese Popular Culture II-E2	MURPHY, Mahon	2	1	2nd	Wed/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	75
Humanities and Social Sciences									
Arts, Literature and Linguistics									
H394001	History of Oriental Art I-E2	FORTE, Erika	2	1	1st	Wed/4	All	All	77
H395001	History of Oriental Art II-E2	FORTE, Erika	2	1	2nd	Wed/4	All	All	79
H381001	Introduction to Linguistic Science-E2	CATT, Adam Alvah	2	1	1st	Wed/1	All	Liberal Arts	81
H382001	Introduction to Japanese Linguistics I-E2	CATT, Adam Alvah	2	1	2nd	Wed/1	All	Liberal Arts	83
H383001	Intercultural Communication I-E2	TANGSEEFA, Decha	2	1	1st	Wed/4	All	All	85
H384001	Intercultural Communication II-E2	TANGSEEFA, Decha	2	1	2nd	Wed/4	All	All	89
Humanities and Social Sciences									
Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology									
H727001	Pedagogy I-E2	BROTHERHOOD Thomas	2	1	1st	Tue/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	93
H728001	Pedagogy II-E2	BROTHERHOOD Thomas	2	1	2nd	Tue/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	95
H744001	Psychology I-E2	DE ALMEIDA, Igor	2	1	1st	Wed/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	97
H745001	Psychology II-E2	DE ALMEIDA, Igor	2	1	2nd	Wed/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	99
H739001	Psychoanalysis-E2	TAJAN, Nicolas Pierre	2	1	1st	Tue/3	All	All	101
H721001	Sociology I-E2	Stephane Heim	2	1	1st	Mon/2	All	All	103
H743001	Social Psychology-E2	DE ALMEIDA, Igor	2	1	2nd	Wed/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	105
H740001	Psychoanalysis II-E2	TAJAN, Nicolas Pierre	2	1	2nd	Tue/3	All	All	107

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H715001	Advanced Lecture for Pedagogy I-E2	BROTHERHOOD Thomas	2	1	1st	Wed/1	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	109
H716001	Advanced Lecture for Pedagogy II-E2	BROTHERHOOD Thomas	2	1	2nd	Wed/1	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	111
H709001	Introduction to Educational Psychology I-E2	Emmanuel MANALO	2	1	1st	Mon/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	113
H710001	Introduction to Educational Psychology II-E2	Emmanuel MANALO	2	1	2nd	Mon/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	115
H708001	Introduction to Educational Studies I-E2	Emmanuel MANALO	2	1	1st	Mon/1	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	117
H711001	Introduction to Educational Studies II-E2	Emmanuel MANALO	2	1	2nd	Mon/1	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	119
H724001	Introduction to Globalization Studies-E2	Stephane Heim	2	1	2nd	Mon/3	All	All	121
H725001	Introduction to Social Research-E2	Stephane Heim	2	1	1st	Wed/3	All	All	123
H748001	Introduction to Sociology of Work-E2	Stephane Heim	2	1	2nd	Wed/3	All	All	125
H712001	Introduction to Sociological Observation-E2 :Understanding Environmental Challenges	TRENCHER, Gregory	2	1	1st	Thu/1	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	127
H717001	Introduction to Risk Communication-E2	SAMADDAR, Subhajyoti	2	1	2nd	Wed/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	129
H718001	Introduction to Society and Community Studies-E2	SAMADDAR, Subhajyoti	2	1	2nd	Wed/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	131
H734001	Introduction to Ritual Studies-E2	LAHOURNAT, Florence	2	1	1st	Thu/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	133
H733001	Disaster and Culture-E2	LAHOURNAT, Florence	2	1	2nd	Thu/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	135
H722001	Introduction to Comparative Psychology-E2	Duncan Wilson	2	1	1st	Wed/4	All	All	137
H723001	Introduction to Primate Behavior and Cognition-E2	Duncan Wilson	2	1	2nd	Wed/4	All	All	139
Humanities and Social Sciences		Regions and Cultures							
H598001	Cultural Anthropology I-E2	LOPEZ, Mario Ivan	2	1	1st	Tue/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	141
H598002	Cultural Anthropology I-E2	LOPEZ, Mario Ivan	2	1	2nd	Tue/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	143
H598003	Cultural Anthropology I-E2	De Antoni, Andrea	2	1	1st	Thu/2	All	All	145
H598004	Cultural Anthropology I-E2	De Antoni, Andrea	2	1	2nd	Wed/2	All	All	147
H802002	Human Geography-E2 : Climate Change	BAARS, Roger	2	1	1st	Thu/2	All	All	149
H802003	Human Geography-E2 : Climate Change	BAARS, Roger	2	1	2nd	Thu/2	All	All	151
H815001	Topics in Cultural Anthropology I-E2	De Antoni, Andrea	2	1	1st	Thu/3	All	All	153
H815002	Topics in Cultural Anthropology I-E2	De Antoni, Andrea	2	1	2nd	Thu/2	All	All	155
H817001	Topics in Human Geography VIII-E2 (Governing urban sustainability challenges)	TRENCHER, Gregory	2	1	2nd	Thu/1	Mainly 2nd	All	157
H813001	Contemporary Japanese Architecture-E2	DANIELL, Thomas Charles	2	1	1st	Tue/3	Mainly 1st	All	159
H812001	Theory of Landscape Design-E2 :House and Gardens of Kyoto	DANIELL, Thomas Charles	2	1	2nd	Tue/3	Mainly 1st	All	161
H589001	Environmental Anthropology-E2	D'SOUZA, Rohan Ignatious	2	1	1st	Fri/3	All	All	163
H591001	Introduction to Globalization I-E2	LOPEZ, Mario Ivan	2	1	1st	Tue/4	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	165
H592001	Introduction to Globalization II-E2	LOPEZ, Mario Ivan	2	1	2nd	Tue/4	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	167
H814001	Introduction to Urban Geography-E2	BAARS, Roger	2	1	1st	Thu/1	All	All	169
H814002	Introduction to Urban Geography-E2	BAARS, Roger	2	1	2nd	Thu/1	All	All	171
H806001	Introduction to Urban Planning-E2	SAMADDAR, Subhajyoti	2	1	1st	Wed/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	173
H801001	Environmental Histories of South Asia-E2	D'SOUZA, Rohan Ignatious	2	1	2nd	Fri/3	All	All	175
H808001	Food and Globalization I-E2	Hart Nadav FEUER	2	1	1st	Wed/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	177
Humanities and Social Sciences		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics							
H938001	Political Science I-E2	TANGSEEFA, Decha	2	1	1st	Wed/3	All	All	179
H939001	Political Science II-E2	TANGSEEFA, Decha	2	1	2nd	Wed/3	All	All	183
H934001	Introduction to Economics-E2	TAO, Junfan	2	1	1st	Tue/2	Mainly 1st	All	188
H935001	Principles of Economics-E2	TAO, Junfan	2	1	2nd	Tue/2	Mainly 1st	All	190
H936001	Economy and Society I-E2	TAO, Junfan	2	1	1st	Tue/5	Mainly 2nd	Liberal Arts	193
H937001	Economy and Society II-E2	TAO, Junfan	2	1	2nd	Tue/5	Mainly 2nd	Liberal Arts	196
H917001	Contemporary Economics I-E2	Alireza Naghavi	2	1	1st	Wed/3 Wed/4	All	All	198
H918001	Contemporary Economics II-E2	Alireza Naghavi	2	1	2nd	Wed/3 Wed/4	All	All	200
H919001	Introduction to Management-E2	CHUNG-MOYA, Emily	2	1	1st	Tue/1	All	All	202
H919002	Introduction to Management-E2	CHUNG-MOYA, Emily	2	1	1st	Tue/2	All	All	204
H920001	Contemporary Management-E2	CHUNG-MOYA, Emily	2	1	2nd	Tue/1	All	All	206
H920002	Contemporary Management-E2	CHUNG-MOYA, Emily	2	1	2nd	Tue/2	All	All	208

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H946001	Introduction to Game Theory-E2	LI CHEN	2	1	1st	Mon/3 Mon/4	Mainly 1st	All	210
H947001	Applied Game Theory-E2	LI CHEN	2	1	2nd	Mon/3 Mon/4	Mainly 1st	All	212
H927001	Law and Culture in Japan-E2	Not fixed	2	1	2nd	Not fixed	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	214
H928001	Japan's Political Economy-E2	HIJINO Ken	2	1	2nd	Tue/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	216
H948001	Democracy in Crisis-E2 :Government of, by, and for whom?	HIJINO Ken	2	1	2nd	Mon/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	218
H929001	Japanese Politics-E2	HIJINO Ken	2	1	2nd	Tue/2	2nd or above	All	220
H952001	Local Government in Comparative Perspective-E2	HIJINO Ken	2	1	2nd	Wed/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	222
H943001	International History 1900 to the Present-E2	MURPHY, Mahon	2	1	1st	Wed/4	2nd or above	All	224
H944001	An International History of East Asia 1839-1945-E2	MURPHY, Mahon	2	1	2nd	Wed/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	226
H960001	Introduction to Political Science-E2	Not fixed	2	1	2nd	Not fixed	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	228
H958001	State and Civil Society I-E2	Not fixed	2	1	2nd	Not fixed	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	231
H959001	State and Civil Society II-E2	Not fixed	2	1	2nd	Not fixed	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	233
Natural Sciences		Mathematics							
N157001	Calculus with Exercises A	YIKAN LIU	3	2	1st	Tue/2 Wed/2	Mainly 1st	Science	236
N158001	Calculus with Exercises B	YIKAN LIU	3	2	2nd	Tue/2 Wed/2	Mainly 1st	Science	238
N159001	Linear Algebra with Exercises A	COLLINS, Benoit Vincent Pierre	3	2	1st	Mon/3 Tue/2	Mainly 1st	Science	240
N160001	Linear Algebra with Exercises B	COLLINS, Benoit Vincent Pierre	3	2	2nd	Mon/3 Tue/2	Mainly 1st	Science	242
N168001	Mathematical Description of Natural Phenomena	CHANG, Kai-Chun	2	1	1st	Tue/3	Mainly 1st	Science	244
N174002	Quest for Mathematics I-E2	Arseniy Aleksandrovich, Kuzmin	2	1	1st	Tue/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	246
N174003	Quest for Mathematics I-E2	Not fixed	2	1	2nd	Not fixed	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Liberal Arts	248
N175002	Quest for Mathematics II-E2	UEDA FUKUHIRO	2	1	2nd	Thu/4	All	All	250
N169001	Advanced Calculus I-Vector Calculus	QURESHI, Ali Gul	2	1	1st	Wed/5	2nd or above	Science	252
N170001	Advanced Calculus II-Differential Equations	QURESHI, Ali Gul	2	1	2nd	Wed/5	2nd or above	Science	254
N106001	Advanced Linear Algebra	CHANG, Kai-Chun	2	1	1st	Fri/2	Mainly 2nd	Science	256
N176001	Elementary Probability-E2	Not fixed	2	1	2nd	Not fixed	Mainly 2nd	Science	258
N162001	Function Theory of a Complex Variable-E2	Not fixed	2	1	2nd	Not fixed	Mainly 2nd	Science	260
N161001	Honors Mathematics A-E2	YIKAN LIU	2	1	2nd	Tue/3	Mainly 1st	Science	262
N165001	Honors Mathematics B-E2	COLLINS, Benoit Vincent Pierre	2	1	1st	Tue/3	Mainly 2nd	Science	264
Natural Sciences		Data Science							
N804001	Introductory Statistics-E2	VEALE, Richard Edmund	2	1	1st	Fri/3	All	All	266
N804002	Introductory Statistics-E2	VANDENBON, Alexis	2	1	2nd	Mon/2	All	All	268
N815001	Mathematical Statistics-E2	Croydon, David Alexander	2	1	1st	Thu/1	Mainly 2nd	Science	270
N815002	Mathematical Statistics-E2	Croydon, David Alexander	2	1	2nd	Thu/1	Mainly 2nd	Science	272
N809001	Basic Data Analysis-E2	VANDENBON, Alexis	2	1	1st	Mon/4	All	All	274
N816001	Second Course in Statistics-E2	Croydon, David Alexander	2	1	2nd	Thu/2	Mainly 2nd	All	276
N813002	Data Analysis Practice I-E2	Martin Robert	2	1	1st	Wed/4	All	All	278
N814001	Data Analysis Practice II-E2	PATAKY, Todd	2	1	2nd	Fri/3	All	All	280
Natural Sciences		Physics							
N208001	Fundamental Physics A	QURESHI, Ali Gul	2	1	1st	Thu/4	Mainly 1st	Science	283
N261002	Fundamental Physics A-E2	Lim, Sunghoon	2	1	1st	Tue/2	Mainly 1st	Science	285
N261001	Fundamental Physics A-E2	KIM Young Kwan	2	1	1st	Wed/4	Mainly 1st	Science	286
N209001	Fundamental Physics B	QURESHI, Ali Gul	2	1	2nd	Thu/4	Mainly 1st	Science	288
N264002	Fundamental Physics B-E2	BANERJEE, Amit	2	1	2nd	Tue/3	Mainly 1st	Science	290
N264003	Fundamental Physics B-E2	Jorge Luis Puebla Nunez	2	1	2nd	Thu/3	Mainly 1st	Science	292
N256001	Elementary Experimental Physics-E2	WENDELL,Roger	2	2	2nd	Fri/3 Fri/4	Mainly 1st	Science	293
N277001	Thermodynamics-E2	DECHANT, Andreas	2	1	2nd	Wed/3	Mainly 1st	Science	295
N255001	Elementary Course of Physics A-E2	PETERS,Robert	2	1	1st	Mon/3	All	Science	297
N211001	Advanced Dynamics	KIM, SUNMIN	2	1	2nd	Tue/3	Mainly 1st	Science	300
N276001	Advanced Dynamics-E2	BANERJEE, Amit	2	1	2nd	Tue/4	Mainly 1st	Science	302

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N207001	Physics of Wave and Oscillation	KIM, SUNMIN	2	1	1st	Thu/4	Mainly 2nd	Science	304
N275001	Physics of Wave and Oscillation-E2	BANERJEE, Amit	2	1	1st	Fri/4	Mainly 2nd	Science	306
N251001	Advanced Course of Electromagnetism-E2	Lim, Sunghoon	2	1	1st	Tue/1	Mainly 2nd	Science	308
N260003	Physics for All-E2	DECHANT, Andreas	2	1	1st	Wed/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Liberal Arts	310
N260004	Physics for All-E2	KIM Young Kwan	2	1	2nd	Wed/4	Mainly 1st	All	312
N260005	Physics for All-E2	Tam Willy Nguyen	2	1	2nd	Thu/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Liberal Arts	314
N253001	A Guide to Modern Physics A-E2	WENDELL,Roger	2	1	1st	Tue/3	All	All	317
N278001	Introduction to Solid State Physics-E2	Jorge Luis Puebla Nunez	2	1	1st	Thu/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	319
N272001	Fundamentals of Materials I-E2	GAO, Si	2	1	1st	Thu/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	321
N273001	Fundamentals of Materials II-E2	GAO, Si	2	1	2nd	Mon/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	323
N257001	Introduction to Statistical Physics-E2	PETERS,Robert	2	1	2nd	Wed/4	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	325
N254001	Analytic Dynamics-E2	PETERS,Robert	2	1	1st	Tue/3	Mainly 2nd	Science	328
N270001	Introduction to Quantum Physics-E2	Arseniy Aleksandrovich, Kuzmin	2	1	2nd	Tue/4	Mainly 2nd	Science	331
N274001	Soft Matter Physics-E2 :From Condensed Matter to Life	BRANDANI, Giovanni · Bruno	2	1	2nd	Wed/5	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	333
N269001	Introduction to Plasma Science-E2	Arseniy Aleksandrovich, Kuzmin	2	1	2nd	Tue/3	Mainly 1st	All	335
N248001	Introduction to Cosmology-E2	Antonio De Felice	2	1	1st	Wed/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	337
N249001	Theory of Special Relativity-E2	Antonio De Felice	2	1	2nd	Wed/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	339
Natural Sciences		Chemistry							
N371001	Essentials of Basic Physical Chemistry-E2	ARIVAZHAGAN RAJENDRAN	2	1	1st	Wed/3	All	Science	341
N365003	Basic Physical Chemistry (thermodynamics)-E2	ARIVAZHAGAN RAJENDRAN	2	1	1st	Thu/3	All	Science	343
N365002	Basic Physical Chemistry (thermodynamics)-E2	Nguyen Thanh Phuc	2	1	2nd	Wed/1	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	345
N366003	Basic Physical Chemistry (quantum theory)-E2	Nguyen Thanh Phuc	2	1	1st	Wed/1	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	347
N366004	Basic Physical Chemistry (quantum theory)-E2	ARIVAZHAGAN RAJENDRAN	2	1	2nd	Wed/3	All	Science	349
N368002	Basic Organic Chemistry I-E2	Juha Lintuluoto	2	1	1st	Thu/2	Mainly 1st	Science	351
N368003	Basic Organic Chemistry I-E2	SINGH, Vaibhav Pal	2	1	1st	Tue/4	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	353
N369002	Basic Organic Chemistry II-E2	Juha Lintuluoto	2	1	2nd	Thu/2	Mainly 1st	Science	355
N369001	Basic Organic Chemistry II-E2	SINGH, Vaibhav Pal	2	1	2nd	Tue/4	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	357
N374001	Fundamental Chemical Experiments-E2	Juha Lintuluoto	2	2	1st	Wed/3 Wed/4 Fri/3 Fri/4 Wed/3	Mainly 1st	Science	359
N374002	Fundamental Chemical Experiments-E2	Juha Lintuluoto	2	2	2nd	Wed/4 Fri/3 Fri/4	Mainly 1st	Science	361
N384001	Outline of Chemistry I(Its History and Fundamentals)-E2	GAO, Si	2	1	2nd	Thu/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	364
N391001	Outline of Chemistry II(Its History & Fundamentals)-E2	Yi Wei	2	1	1st	Wed/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	366
N385001	Chemistry for non-science majors I-E2	PINCELLA, Francesca	2	1	1st	Thu/4	All	Liberal Arts	368
N386001	Chemistry for non-science majors II-E2	PINCELLA, Francesca	2	1	2nd	Thu/4	All	Liberal Arts	370
N362001	Everyday Life Chemistry-E2	SINGH, Vaibhav Pal	2	1	2nd	Thu/4	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	372
N387001	Chemistry on Natural and Human Environments-E2	PINCELLA, Francesca	2	1	2nd	Fri/4	All	Liberal Arts	374
N367001	Chemistry of Sustainable Energy-E2	ARIVAZHAGAN RAJENDRAN	2	1	2nd	Thu/3	All	Science	376
N377001	Revisiting Basic Organic Chemistry I-E2	LANDENBERGER, Kira Beth	2	1	2nd	Thu/4	Mainly 2nd	Science	378
N378001	Revisiting Basic Organic Chemistry II-E2	LANDENBERGER, Kira Beth	2	1	1st	Thu/4	Mainly 2nd	Science	380
N390001	Thermodynamics in Everyday Life-E2	THUERMER, Stephan	2	1	1st	Mon/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	382
N394001	Analytical Chemistry and Forensic Science-E2	MURDEY, Richard James	2	1	2nd	Mon/5	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	384
N393001	Introduction to the Chemistry of Materials-E2	MURDEY, Richard James	2	1	2nd	Mon/4	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	386
N395001	Basic Physical Chemistry (statistical mechanics)-E2	Cathy McNamee	2	1	1st	Wed/2	Mainly 2nd	Science	388
N363001	Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry A-E2	Tong Zhu	2	1	1st	Tue/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	390
N364001	Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry B-E2	Tong Zhu	2	1	2nd	Tue/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	392
N361001	Organic Chemistry of Life-E2	SINGH, Vaibhav Pal	2	1	1st	Fri/4	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	394
N372001	Introduction to surface chemistry-E2	THUERMER, Stephan	2	1	2nd	Mon/3	Mainly 2nd	Science	396
Natural Sciences		Biology							

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N937001	Introduction to Biology and Life Science-E2	BRANDANI, Giovanni · Bruno	2	1	1st	Thu/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	398
N937002	Introduction to Biology and Life Science-E2	BRANDANI, Giovanni · Bruno	2	1	2nd	Thu/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	400
N938001	Fundamentals of Organismal and Population Biology-E2	BARNETT, Craig Antony	2	1	1st	Mon/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	402
N923001	Fundamentals of Cell and Molecular Biology-E2	TAKENAKA, Mizuki	2	1	1st	Fri/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	404
N924001	Introduction to Plant Science-E2	TAKENAKA, Mizuki	2	1	2nd	Fri/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	406
N941001	Basic Biology and Metabolism-E2	MACPHERSON TOM	2	1	2nd	Not fixed	All	All	408
N492001	Principles of Genetics-E2	THUMKEO, Dean	2	1	1st	Tue/4	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	410
N490001	Introduction to Biochemistry-E2	THUMKEO, Dean	2	1	2nd	Tue/2 Tue/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	412
N490002	Introduction to Biochemistry-E2	Marco,Marques Candeias	2	1	2nd	Tue/2 Tue/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	414
N491001	Introduction to Molecular Biotechnology-E2	Walinda, Erik	2	1	1st	Fri/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	416
N913001	Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience A-E2	VEALE, Richard Edmund	2	1	1st	Fri/5	All	All	420
N914001	Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience B-E2	VEALE, Richard Edmund	2	1	2nd	Fri/5	All	All	422
N494001	Introductory Plant Ecology-E2	HSIANG Tzu-Fan	2	1	1st	Wed/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	424
N495001	Principles of Horticulture-E2	HSIANG Tzu-Fan	2	1	2nd	Wed/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	426
N901001	Introduction to Genetics and Evolution-E2	Adam Tsuda GUY	2	1	2nd	Mon/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	428
N911001	Basic Biology-E2	Adam Tsuda GUY	2	1	1st	Mon/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	430
N912001	Basic Genetic Engineering-E2	Adam Tsuda GUY	2	1	2nd	Wed/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	432
N904001	Chromosome Biology-E2	CARLTON, Peter	2	1	1st	Tue/5	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	434
N907001	Practical Computing for Biologists-E2	CARLTON, Peter	2	1	2nd	Tue/5	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	437
N925001	Biological Sciences through Scientific Articles I-E2	TAKENAKA, Mizuki	2	1	1st	Tue/5	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	440
N926001	Biological Sciences through Scientific Articles II-E2	TAKENAKA, Mizuki	2	1	2nd	Tue/5	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	442
N927001	Introduction to Computational Molecular Biology-E2	Martin Robert	2	1	2nd	Thu/4	All	Science	444
N928001	Introduction to Biological Data Analysis-E2	Martin Robert	2	1	1st	Thu/4	All	Science	446
N929001	Introduction to Plant Physiology-E2	Daniel Epron	2	1	2nd	Mon/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	448
N939001	Introduction to Ecology and Evolution-E2	BARNETT, Craig Antony	2	1	2nd	Mon/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	450
N940001	Introduction to Biosciences-E2	MACPHERSON TOM	2	1	2nd	Not fixed	All	All	452
N942001	Introduction to Immunology-E2 :The body's defense system	KIM, Minsoo	2	1	2nd	Thu/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	454
N943001	Microorganisms in our Lives-E2	KIM, Minsoo	2	1	1st	Thu/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	456
N934001	Plant Biotechnology-E2	YASIR SERAG ALNOR MOHAMMED SERAG ALNOR	2	1	2nd	Wed/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	458
N935001	Proteins-workforce of life-E2	YASIR SERAG ALNOR MOHAMMED SERAG ALNOR	2	1	1st	Wed/4	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	460
N936001	Food Science-E2	YASIR SERAG ALNOR MOHAMMED SERAG ALNOR	2	1	2nd	Wed/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	462
Natural Sciences		Earth Science							
N533001	Introduction to Earth Science A	ZHU Fan	2	1	1st	Fri/2	Mainly 1st	Science	464
N560001	Introduction to Earth Science B-E2	ZWINGMANN, Horst Friedrich August	2	1	2nd	Wed/1	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	466
N563001	How the Earth Works I-E2 :Environmental Change	ENESCU, Bogdan Dumitru	2	1	1st	Wed/4	All	All	468
N564001	How the Earth Works II-E2 :Earth's History	ENESCU, Bogdan Dumitru	2	1	2nd	Thu/4	All	All	470
N565001	Introduction to General Astronomy-E2	LEE, Shiu Hang	2	1	1st	Wed/4	All	All	472
N566001	Science on Water, Soil and Ecosystems-E2	SHARMA, Vikas	2	1	2nd	Fri/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	474
N562001	Field Earth Science-E2	ZWINGMANN, Horst Friedrich August	2	1	2nd	Wed/2	2nd or above	Science	477
N537001	Introduction to Engineering Geology	ZHU Fan	2	1	2nd	Tue/5	Mainly 2nd	Science	479
N558001	Introduction to mineral resources-E2	AU Ka Man	2	1	2nd	Wed/4	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	481
N559001	Introduction to Hydrology-E2	Sameh Kantoush	2	1	1st	Thu/4	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	483
Informatics									
T008001	Practice of Basic Informatics	ZHU Fan	2	1	1st	Tue/4	Mainly 1st	Science	485
T056004	Practice of Basic Informatics-E2	CHU, Chenhui	2	1	1st	Tue/2	All	All	488
T056005	Practice of Basic Informatics-E2	Tam Willy Nguyen	2	1	1st	Fri/2	Mainly 1st	All	490
T056001	Practice of Basic Informatics-E2	HADFI Rafik	2	1	2nd	Fri/5	All	All	493
T015001	Basic Informatics	CHANG, Kai-Chun	2	1	2nd	Tue/4	Mainly 1st	Science	495
T051001	Basic Informatics-E2	HADFI Rafik	2	1	1st	Wed/2	All	All	497

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T018002	Information and Society-E2	HADFI Rafik	2	1	2nd	Mon/2	All	All	501
T019001	Information Network-E2	THIES, Holger	2	1	2nd	Wed/5	All	All	503
T063002	Programming Practice (Python) -E2	THIES, Holger	2	1	1st	Tue/5	All	All	505
T063004	Programming Practice (Python) -E2	SEO Stela Hanbyeol	2	1	1st	Wed/5 Thu/5	All	All	508
T063003	Programming Practice (Python) -E2	THIES, Holger	2	1	2nd	Thu/5	All	All	511
T063001	Programming Practice (Python) -E2	SEO Stela Hanbyeol	2	1	2nd	Tue/5 Wed/5	All	All	514
T058001	Programming Practice (R)-E2 :For managing and analysing data	Daniel Epron	2	1	2nd	Mon/5	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	517
T050001	Processing and analyzing data I-E2 :Shell-based data processing fundamentals	VEALE, Richard Edmund	2	1	2nd	Fri/3	All	All	519
T047001	Information Literacy for Academic Study-E2	Not fixed	2	1	2nd	Not fixed	All	All	522
T057002	Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence-E2	CHU, Chenhui	2	1	1st	Mon/2	All	All	524
T057001	Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence-E2	Not fixed	2	1	2nd	Not fixed	All	All	526
T052003	Introduction to Algorithms-E2	Jesper Jansson	2	1	1st	Mon/2	All	All	528
T052002	Introduction to Algorithms-E2	Jesper Jansson	2	1	2nd	Mon/2	All	All	530
T065001	Introduction to Formal Languages-E2	Jesper Jansson	2	1	1st	Mon/1	All	All	532
T065002	Introduction to Formal Languages-E2	Jesper Jansson	2	1	2nd	Mon/1	All	All	534
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U156001	Health Psychology I-E2	DE ALMEIDA, Igor	2	1	1st	Wed/2	All	All	536
U148001	Structures and Mechanisms of Human Movement-E2	PATAKY, Todd	2	1	1st	Fri/3	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	538
U106001	Introduction to Lifestyle Related Diseases-E2	RAUDZUS, Fabian	2	1	2nd	Tue/5	All	All	540
U165001	Physiology in Health and Sports-E2	RAUDZUS, Fabian	2	1	1st	Tue/5	All	All	543
U149001	Introduction to Basic Concepts of Health Psychology-E2 :Health Behavior and Behavior Change	ANAGNOSTOU, Despoina	2	1	1st	Tue/3	All	All	546
U155001	Psychopathology I-E2	TAJAN, Nicolas Pierre	2	1	2nd	Tue/5	All	All	548
U135001	Introduction to Medical Psychology-E2	SAHKER, Ethan Kyle	2	1	2nd	Fri/4	All	All	550
U154001	Cultural Aspects of Health Care-E2	ANAGNOSTOU, Despoina	2	1	2nd	Thu/3	All	All	552
Career Development		International Communication							
W224001	Theory and Practice in Scientific Writing and Discussion (Pharmaceutical Sciences, English)A-E3	MACPHERSON TOM	2	1	1st	Mon/4	2nd or above	Science	554
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W236001	Scientific English II-E3 (Presentation & Discussion)	ZHU Fan	2	1	1st	Fri/3	2nd or above	Science	559
W237001	Advanced Scientific English-E3 (Debate)	SCHMOECKER, Jan-Dirk	2	1	2nd	Wed/2	2nd or above	Science	561
W228001	Business English-E3	WILLIAM BABER	2	1	1st	Tue/2	2nd or above	All	563
W228002	Business English-E3	WILLIAM BABER	2	1	2nd	Wed/5	2nd or above	All	565
W229001	Business Thinking-E3	WILLIAM BABER	2	1	1st	Wed/2	2nd or above	All	567
W230001	Negotiation-E3	WILLIAM BABER	2	1	2nd	Wed/4	2nd or above	All	569
W231001	Digesting Scientific English-E3	Duncan Wilson	2	1	1st	Fri/4	2nd or above	All	571
W232001	Scientific Writing and Presenting in English-E3	Duncan Wilson	2	1	2nd	Fri/4	2nd or above	All	573
Interdisciplinary Sciences		Interdisciplinary Sciences							
Y102001	Interdisciplinary Sciences-E2 :Global Changes	Sameh Kantoush	2	1	2nd	Thu/5	Mainly 1st	All	575
Y102002	Interdisciplinary Sciences-E2 :Foods and Microbes	KOYANAGI YOSHIO	2	1	2nd	Mon/5	All	All	578
Interdisciplinary Sciences		Environmental Sciences							
Y212001	Introduction to Food Sustainability-E2	HSIANG Tzu-Fan	2	1	2nd	Thu/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	581
Y213001	Introduction to Sustainable Development-E2	AU Ka Man	2	1	1st	Thu/4	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	583
Y213002	Introduction to Sustainable Development-E2	TRENCHER, Gregory	2	1	2nd	Thu/4	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	585
Y208001	Chemistry, Society and Environment-E2	AU Ka Man	2	1	1st	Wed/4	Mainly 1st & 2nd	Science	587
Y214001	Natural Disaster Science-E2	Sameh Kantoush	2	1	2nd	Thu/4	All	All	589
Y209001	Human-environmental Interactions-E2	TRENCHER, Gregory	2	1	1st	Thu/5	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	591
Y221001	Sustainable Forest Environment-E2	SHARMA, Vikas	2	1	1st	Fri/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	593
Y225001	Introduction to Biogeochemistry-E2	Daniel Epron	2	1	1st	Mon/2	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	595
Y226001	Environmental Monitoring for Humanosphere-E2 :Introduction to Humanosphere	Luce, Hubert	2	1	2nd	Fri/4	Mainly 1st & 2nd	All	597

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Z002029	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)	Not fixed	2	1	2nd	Not fixed	1st	All	605
Z002026	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Methods in Ecology and Natural History	BARNETT, Craig Antony	2	1	1st	Mon/5	Mainly 1st	All	607
Z002036	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Bird Study - Ornithology	BARNETT, Craig Antony	2	1	2nd	Mon/5	Mainly 1st	All	609
Z002013	ILAS Seminar-E2 :How to Study Atoms and Molecules with the Help of Light	THUERMER, Stephan	2	1	2nd	Tue/5	Mainly 1st	All	611
Z002031	ILAS Seminar-E2 :What are Liquids? Answers from Physics, Chemistry and Engineering	THUERMER, Stephan	2	1	1st	Tue/5	Mainly 1st	All	614
Z002039	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Topics in Frontier Physics	WENDELL,Roger	2	1	1st	Mon/5	Mainly 1st	All	617
Z002003	ILAS Seminar-E2 :The wonderful world of quantum physics	PETERS,Robert	2	1	1st	Mon/5	Mainly 1st	All	619
Z002004	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Frontiers of Earthquake Science	ENESCU, Bogdan Dumitru	2	1	1st	Wed/5	Mainly 1st	All	622
Z002037	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Earthquakes & Volcanoes - Prediction and Hazards	ENESCU, Bogdan Dumitru	2	1	2nd	Thu/5	Mainly 1st	All	624
Z002050	ILAS Seminar-E2 :The Invisible Universe	LEE, Shiu Hang	2	1	1st	Thu/5	Mainly 1st	All	626
Z002085	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Computer simulations in Biology	BRANDANI, Giovanni · Bruno	2	1	1st	Wed/5	Mainly 1st	All	628
Z002092	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Physics of Life	DECHANT, Andreas	2	1	2nd	Wed/5	Mainly 1st	All	630
Z002093	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Chaos theory	DECHANT, Andreas	2	1	1st	Wed/5	Mainly 1st	All	632
Z002107	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Climate Change in the Earth system- Past,Present,Future	ZWINGMANN, Horst Friedrich August	2	1	2nd	Tue/5	Mainly 1st	All	634
Z002014	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Human Genetics and Genetic Disease	Marco,Marques Candeias	2	1	1st	Wed/5	Mainly 1st	All	637
Z002022	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Stem and iPS Cells	Marco,Marques Candeias	2	1	1st	Wed/4	Mainly 1st	All	639
Z002033	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Biochemistry Principles	Walinda, Erik	2	1	2nd	Thu/5	Mainly 1st	All	641
Z002038	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Biochemistry Principles	Walinda, Erik	2	1	2nd	Fri/5	Mainly 1st	All	644
Z002017	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Biomedical Presentation and Debate	Walinda, Erik	2	1	1st	Thu/5	Mainly 1st	All	647
Z002069	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Let's create 3D computer animations	PATAKY, Todd	2	1	1st	Fri/5	Mainly 1st	All	650
Z002070	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Let's simulate human movement	PATAKY, Todd	2	1	2nd	Fri/5	Mainly 1st	All	653
Z002071	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Current issues in palliative care- the International Context	ANAGNOSTOU, Despoina	2	1	1st	Tue/5	Mainly 1st	All	656
Z002072	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Qualitative research methods in health care	ANAGNOSTOU, Despoina	2	1	2nd	Thu/5	Mainly 1st	All	658
Z002086	ILAS Seminar-E2 :It's a Bug's Life - bacteria and viruses	KIM, Minsoo	2	1	1st	Fri/5	Mainly 1st	All	661
Z002088	ILAS Seminar-E2 :How to make scientific Breakthrough- Learning from Nobel discoveries	KIM, Minsoo	2	1	2nd	Fri/5	Mainly 1st	All	663
Z002090	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Psychology of Addiction	SAHKER, Ethan Kyle	2	1	1st	Wed/5	Mainly 1st	All	665
Z002095	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Physiological Neuroscience	RAUDZUS, Fabian	2	1	1st	Wed/5	Mainly 1st	All	667
Z002096	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Disorders of the Nervous System	RAUDZUS, Fabian	2	1	2nd	Wed/5	Mainly 1st	All	669
Z002101	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Decoding the Fundamentals of Cancer Biology	THUMKEO, Dean	2	1	1st	Tue/5	Mainly 1st	All	671
Z002100	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Experiential short training course in basic life sciences using marine organism	Martin Robert	2	—	1st/int	int	Mainly 1st	All	673
Z002052	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Wonders of semiconductor	Jorge Luis Puebla Nunez	2	1	1st	Thu/5	Mainly 1st	All	677
Z002073	ILAS Seminar-E2 :History and Theory of Modern Architecture	DANIELL, Thomas Charles	2	1	1st	Tue/5	Mainly 1st	All	679
Z002074	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Radical Art and Politics in Japan 1960-70	DANIELL, Thomas Charles	2	1	2nd	Tue/5	Mainly 1st	All	681
Z002076	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Quadrotor Unmanned Flight Control: Principles and Applications	Tam Willy Nguyen	2	1	1st	Tue/5	Mainly 1st	All	683
Z002079	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Nanostructured Materials	GAO, Si	2	1	1st	Tue/5	Mainly 1st	All	685
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Z002091	ILAS Seminar-E2 :A stroll around materials chemistry - Superconducting materials	Yi Wei	2	1	1st	Thu/5	Mainly 1st	All	689
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Z002058	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Food Systems in Asia	Hart Nadav FEUER	2	1	1st	Tue/5	Mainly 1st	All	695
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Z002075	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Global Environmental Issues	Daniel Epron	2	1	1st	Mon/5	Mainly 1st	All	699
Z002104	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Sustainable Food Production in the Era of Climate Change and the Role of Interdisciplinary Research	YASIR SERAG ALNOR MOHAMMED SERAG ALNOR	2	1	1st	Wed/5	Mainly 1st	All	701
Z002002	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Logic, Proofs and Programs	THIES, Holger	2	1	1st	Mon/5	Mainly 1st	All	703
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Z002034	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to the biology of nematodes	CARLTON, Peter	2	1	2nd	Thu/5	Mainly 1st	All	715
Z002082	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Chemistry in Art	PINCELLA, Francesca	2	1	1st	Fri/5	Mainly 1st	All	718
Z002084	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Organic Electronics	MURDEY, Richard James	2	1	1st	Tue/5	Mainly 1st	All	720
Z002048	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Engineering in Biology and Medicine	KIM Young Kwan	2	1	1st	Wed/5	Mainly 1st	All	722
Z002049	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Discussions in Biomechanics and Biophysics	KIM Young Kwan	2	1	2nd	Wed/5	Mainly 1st	All	724
Z002068	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Programming for data analysis	VANDENBON, Alexis	2	1	1st	Mon/5	Mainly 1st	All	726
Z002094	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Climate change impacts on the humanosphere	Luce, Hubert	2	1	2nd	Fri/5	Mainly 1st	All	728
Z002099	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Fundamentals of Earth's atmosphere dynamics and climate	Luce, Hubert	2	1	1st	Fri/5	Mainly 1st	All	731
Z002010	ILAS Seminar-E2 :A Beginners' guide to Carrying out Field Surveys and Qualitative Research	SAMADDAR, Subhajyoti	2	1	1st	Wed/5	Mainly 1st	All	734
Z002061	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to cross-cultural communication	LAHOURNAT, Florence	2	1	1st	Thu/5	Mainly 1st	All	737
Z002008	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Frontiers in Theoretical Physics I	Antonio De Felice	2	1	1st	Wed/5	Mainly 1st	All	740
Z002016	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Frontiers in Theoretical Physics II	Antonio De Felice	2	1	2nd	Wed/5	Mainly 1st	All	742
Z002041	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Encounters with modern arithmetic	UEDA FUKUHIRO	2	1	1st	Thu/5	Mainly 1st	All	744
Z002087	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Encounters with modern arithmetic	UEDA FUKUHIRO	2	1	2nd	Thu/5	Mainly 1st	All	746
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In this space, course groups for students enrolled in or before 2012 are described. The required number of credits for liberal arts and sciences courses from each group is fixed by each faculty for enrolled students enrolled in or before 2012.

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First Semester (前期) : From April to September

Second Semester (後期) : From October to March

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1st period: 8:45 - 10:15 4th period: 15:00 - 16:30

2nd period: 10:30 - 12:00 5th period: 16:45 - 18:15

3rd period: 13:15 - 14:45

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ここに掲載されているシラバスは、各科目の概要を伝えるものです。科目を選択する際の参考にしてください。実際の授業は、教員と参加する学生によって作られています。そのため、授業の進捗状況や受講生の習熟度などによって、「授業計画と内容」、「成績評価の方法・観点」が変わる場合があります。それらの変更については、教員が授業の中で受講生に直接伝えることを原則としています。

Syllabi in this booklet describe the overview of each course. Please refer to it when you select courses. Instructors and students who attend the class make the actual course. Therefore, "Course schedule and contents" and "Evaluation methods and policy" might be changed based on the progress of the course or proficiency level of the students. In that case, the changes should be informed from the instructor to students directly in class.

Lecture code: H165001

Course number		U-LAS00 10030 LE34									
Course title (and course title in English)	Ethics I-E2 Ethics I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Senior Lecturer,Campbell, Michael						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Philosophy(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Wed.4		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
The Philosophy of Plato											
In this course we will examine Plato's philosophy, taking a synoptic look at his work and engaging with his conceptions of ethics, political philosophy, metaphysics and epistemology. Along the way we will examine the historical context in which Plato was working, considering how his work relates to his predecessors (in particular, Socrates) and successors (in particular, Aristotle). We will examine the dialogue form and Plato's distinctive combination of myth and argument to illustrate his beliefs. We will combine lectures that introduce the broad themes with close reading of selected passages from Plato's dialogues. Through a combination of lectures, groupwork, and written assignments, students will learn how to analyse, evaluate, and debate philosophical subjects.											
[Course objectives]											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students will gain a deeper understanding of Ancient Greek philosophical thought, particularly the work of Plato, which will be introduced by the instructor. - To familiarise students with some of the aims, methods and problems of Western philosophy, especially concerning ethics, political philosophy, metaphysics and epistemology. - Students will develop their ability to write philosophical essays in English using critical reasoning, argument construction and criticism, and to express their ideas in English with their classmates. 											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
I: Crito The social contract, moral obligation, and civil disobedience.											
II: Apology Virtue, knowledge, and the examined life.											
III: Euthyphro The nature of piety, Socratic questioning, and the relationship between gods and morality.											
IV: Phaedo 69-84 The Forms, the nature of the soul, and philosophy as preparation for death.											
V: Meno											
----- Continue to Ethics I-E2(2) ↓↓↓											

Ethics I-E2(2)

Can virtue be taught? Knowledge as recollection and its connection to the Forms.

VI: Republic 327-354

What is justice? Is justice good in itself? The tripartite soul and the analogy between individual and political justice.

VII: Republic 507-520

The Forms, the allegory of the cave, and the philosopher's role.

VIII: Symposium 201-212

The ascent to higher truths through love and the role of eros in philosophical development.

IX: Phaedrus 246-257

The tripartite soul, the Forms, and the nature of true rhetoric.

X: Philebus 11-17, 20-31

The nature of pleasure, its hierarchy, and its relationship to reason and the good.

XI: Theaetetus 151-199

The search for a definition of knowledge and the challenge of relativism.

XII: Parmenides 127-135

Logical problems with the Forms, unity, and plurality. The Third Man Argument.

XIII: Republic 595-614

Mimesis, the nature of imitation, and art's deceptive power.

XIV: Sophist 236-264

The distinction between the sophist and the philosopher, the problem of falsehood, and the nature of reality.

[Course requirements]

A good level of English comprehension (listening, reading and writing) is necessary for this course. No previous knowledge of philosophy is presumed, though familiarity with the background concepts of the discipline will be an advantage. No knowledge of Ancient Greek is required. All texts will be provided in advance, where possible in both English and Japanese translation.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Final grade will be determined through 5 quizzes spaced throughout the semester. Each quiz will be given a score between 1-20.

[Textbooks]

Relevant texts for the seminar will be made available on PandA in advance

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Texts to be read for class will be uploaded to PandA in advance. Each week students should expect to read a small amount of philosophy in English.

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Ethics I-E2(3)**[Other information (office hours, etc.)]**

Communication via email and PandA. Instructors office hours to be found on KULASIS or by enquiry.

Lecture code: H166001

Course number	U-LAS00 10031 LE34				
Course title (and course title in English)	Ethics II-E2 Ethics II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Senior Lecturer,Campbell, Michael
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Philosophy(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters
Days and periods	Wed.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Introduction to Ethics

What is it to be a good person? What is it to act well or badly? How do our beliefs concerning these matters relate to other beliefs that we hold? How can we answer practical questions concerning what to do, and can there be better or worse thinking when it comes to such matters? In this course we will consider these and related questions, by looking at a series of debates in anglophone philosophy after the second world war around the nature of ethics and its claim to rational authority. These debates played a key role in shaping the landscape of modern Western culture. As well as considering the philosophical dimensions of these issues, we will also consider in passing how cultural critics and poets reacted to the sense of crisis and loss of moral authority that was felt at the time.

At the end of the course students will have an introduction to contemporary philosophizing about value, and will have developed a better understanding of the complex nature of practices of evaluation. Students will also leave with an understanding of the key figures in post war British philosophy and the points of contrast between them.

No prior of knowledge of philosophy is assumed. Lectures will be given in a traditional style, primarily using handouts rather than powerpoint. Each class will be approximately 60-70 minutes of lecture time followed by Q and A or group discussion. Lectures will be recorded so that students can revise on their own after the class. Active participation in the lectures through questions or discussion is welcomed but is not required.

[Course objectives]

- Students will gain an understanding of British post-war philosophy and its historical and conceptual context.
- Students will become familiar with the aims, methods and problems of Western philosophy, especially concerning the nature of ethics and its relevance to our daily lives.
- Students will develop their ability to reason critically and to express their own opinions in English with their classmates.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1-2.Introduction

Historical and contextual overview.

- The crisis of authority in the West in the 20th Century.
- Rationality and Ethics

Continue to Ethics II-E2(2) ↓ ↓ ↓

Ethics II-E2(2)

3.Ground

- The different forms of normativity
- Justification and vindication
- Permission structures

4.Reason

- Different forms of reasons
- The limits of reasons-discourse
- Imperfect rationalisation

5.Ideal

- The role of ideals in shaping normativity
- Values as ideal forms of life
- Perfectionism

6.Value

- Different forms of value
- Symbolic generalisation
- The relation between value and evaluation

7.Necessity

- Roles for moral thinking in the individual's decision-space
- Necessity, tragedy and the unthinkable

8.Character

- The character of an action and its relation to the will
- Individual character and the evaluation of a life

9.Justice

- Justice as personal and political
- Forms of injustice
- Being just

10.Vision

- Perceptual metaphors with respect to value
- Seeing-as / believing-in
- Agential dimensions of perception: looking and noticing

11.Truth

- Directions of fit
- Truth as exposure
- The affective dimensions of truth

12.Meaning

- Remorse and Regret
- Faith and Hope

Continue to Ethics II-E2(3) ↓ ↓ ↓

Ethics II-E2(3)

- Meaninglessness

13-14. Recap

- Connections between the themes discussed
- Examination of the nature of philosophical ethics

15. Feedback class

[Course requirements]

A good level of English comprehension (listening, reading and writing) is necessary for this course. No previous knowledge of philosophy is presumed, though familiarity with the background concepts of the discipline will be an advantage. All texts will be provided in advance in English.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Assessment will be based on five quizzes (each worth 20% of the final grade), spread throughout the semester.

[Textbooks]

Copies of the relevant texts will be made available on PandA in advance.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to read a short handout or text (1-2pp) in preparation for the lecture and will be tested on the contents of the reading / lecture via quizzes.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Communication via email and PandA. Office hours to be advertised via KULASIS or by email on enquiry.

Lecture code: H155001

Course number		U-LAS00 10006 LE34				
Course title (and course title in English)	Logic I-E2 :Deductive Reasoning & Analysis Logic I-E2 :Deductive Reasoning & Analysis			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Senior Lecturer,SAHKER, ETHAN KYLE	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Philosophy(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Fri.4	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Students of all disciplines will learn the basic concepts of logic. [Warning] This class is not based on mathematical logic. Rather, this is a philosophy-based course. Logic is the study of evaluating thought processes and determining the quality of reasoning and argumentation. Students will learn how to develop and evaluate persuasive arguments through deductive reasoning. Deductive reasoning identifies a general truth and determines the validity of the observational conclusions. First, an introduction to the philosophy and concepts of logic will be presented. Then, students will learn principles used to produce and evaluate sound informal logic (content of arguments). Next, students will learn principles used to produce and evaluate sound formal logic (structure of arguments). The content of the course applies to all disciplines and will improve students' ability in persuasion.

Students will actively practice:

- (1) producing and identifying valid and sound deductive arguments
- (2) evaluating the content of arguments
- (3) evaluating the structure of arguments

[Course objectives]

- (1) To develop an ability to evaluate the intent/meaning of statements and systematically evaluate validity.
- (2) To gain skills in the extraction and development of valid logical conclusions.
- (3) Students will practice writing phrases in English based on logical arguments, with emphasis on simplicity and clarity. After completion of the course, students should acquire improved communication skills in English and their native language.

[Course schedule and contents)]

- (1) Course overview and introduction to logic
 - (2-3) Basic Concepts
 - (4-5) Language, Meaning, and Definition
 - (6-7) Informal Fallacies
 - (8-9) Categorical Propositions & Syllogisms
 - (10-11) Propositional Logic & Deduction
 - (12-13) Compound Propositions & Truth Functions
 - (14) Review
- << Final Exam >>

Feedback

Continue to Logic I-E2 :Deductive Reasoning & Analysis(2) ↓ ↓

Logic I-E2 :Deductive Reasoning & Analysis(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

40% - Final Exam

20% - Quizzes

20% - Short Personal Reflection Paper

20% - Class Participation

[Textbooks]

Not used

Not required. Optional reference books are provided below

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Lee SF. (2017). 『Logic: A complete introduction.』 ISBN:B01J24WGYW

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

About 1-2 hours of study and preparation are required per week outside of class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students are expected to complete assignments before class and come prepared to discuss the topics. One short personal reflection paper will also be required.

Lecture code: H156001

Course number	U-LAS00 10008 LE34						
Course title (and course title in English)	Logic II-E2 :Inductive & Scientific Reasoning Logic II-E2 :Inductive & Scientific Reasoning			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Senior Lecturer,SAHKER, ETHAN KYLE		
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Philosophy(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits 2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters 2025 • Second semester		
Days and periods	Wed.4		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
<p>Students will develop applied inductive reasoning skills in Logic II. Inductive reasoning takes observations and infers a general truth from those observations. Inductive logic is the foundation of the scientific method. As an extension of the methods and principles used to identify and use reasoning, students will learn causal and probabilistic theories and methods for the evaluation of reasoning.</p> <p>Concepts and skills learned in Logic II will cover methodologies used within the humanities and the sciences. Students will apply course content by developing a hypothetical research proposal based on any topic they are interested in doing. Research proposal examples include: effective gambling strategies, delicious food, anime/manga techniques, video games, soccer player skills, etc. Students can choose any topic as long as it is something they enjoy.</p>							
<p>Students will actively practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) developing methods of identifying cogent reasoning and causality (2) logic applied to statistical and scientific reasoning applications (3) evaluation of high quality inductive reasoning in scientific methods 							
[Course objectives]							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To acquire the ability to assess a scientific argument and inductive reasoning methods. (2) To learn to evaluate scientific writing based on the presented reasoning and statistical conclusions presented. (3) To develop an enhanced ability to understand scientific reasoning. 							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Course overview and introduction to logic (2-3) Analogy, legal and moral reasoning (4-5) Methods for identifying causality (6-7) Probability (8-9) Statistical reasoning (10-11) Hypothetical and scientific reasoning (12-14) Evaluating science <p>Feedback</p>							
----- Continue to Logic II-E2 :Inductive & Scientific Reasoning(2) -----							

Logic II-E2 :Inductive & Scientific Reasoning(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

50% - Research Proposal Project

25% - Quizzes

25% - Class Participation

[Textbooks]

Not used

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to complete assignments before class and come prepared to discuss the topics.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students may contact the instructor if they have questions and they may schedule an in-person appointment by email.

Lecture code: H149001

Course number	U-LAS00 10012 LE34				
Course title (and course title in English)	The History of Eastern Thought I-E2 The History of Eastern Thought I-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Professor,CATT, Adam Alvah	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Philosophy(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Wed.2	Target year	All students	Eligible students	For liberal arts students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course is designed as an introduction to early eastern philosophical and religious thought. We will begin with a reading of early Indian Vedic literature and then turn our focus to Zoroastrianism and early and later forms of Buddhism.

[Course objectives]

By the end of this course, students will have gained a basic understanding of eastern philosophical and religious thought.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The course is divided into the following four sections, each with a different theme.

1. Introduction (about 2 weeks)

Indo-Iranian and Indo-European origins; shared cultural, linguistic, and religious material; comparative mythology

2. The Vedas and Upanishads (about 5 weeks)

Vedic and the Vedic world: language, texts, and ritual; the Rigveda and the Upanishads

3. Zoroastrianism (about 4 weeks)

Zoroaster and his world; Zoroastrian religion and literature; shared Indo-Iranian religious and cultural themes

4. Buddhism (about 3 weeks)

The Buddha; Buddhist texts and schools; Japanese Buddhism

Feedback (1 week)

[Course requirements]

None

Continue to The History of Eastern Thought I-E2(2) ↓↓↓

The History of Eastern Thought I-E2(2)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grades are based on attendance/class participation (30%), and assignments/exams (70%). Important: If you miss four or more classes, you will not be given credit for the course.

[Textbooks]

Relevant materials will be provided in class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Readings will be assigned on a weekly basis, and you will be expected to prepare sufficiently for each class. In addition, there are brief writing assignments for each section.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours to be specified (check KULASIS). For questions about the course or to set up a meeting, email me at catt.adam.7c@kyoto-u.ac.jp. Please include “Eastern Thought I” in the mail header and your full name and student number in the email. Important: Make sure that you search for answers to questions yourself before contacting me by email.

Lecture code: H150002

Course number	U-LAS00 10015 LE34						
Course title (and course title in English)	Science of Religion I-E2 Science of Religion I-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Professor,CATT, Adam Alvah			
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Philosophy(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	All students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
This course provides an introduction to understanding religion as a natural phenomenon, focusing on addressing the question of where religious beliefs come from and why we find them so compelling.							
[Course objectives]							
By the end of this course, students will have gained a basic understanding of the scientific study of religion.							
[Course schedule and contents])							
This course is designed to address the following two questions:							
1. Why do we have religious beliefs? 2. What are some approaches for understanding religion as a natural phenomenon?							
We will primarily read and discuss chapters from the following:							
Boyer, Pascal (2001) Religion Explained: The Evolutionary Origins of Religious Thought. Basic Books.							
Other readings and videos to supplement the above will be introduced during the class.							
Class 1: Introduction Class 2: Defining religion (read Jonathan Z. Smith: Religion, Religions, Religious) Class 3: Religion as a natural phenomenon (read Paul Bloom: Religion is Natural) Classes 4-5: Why do we have religious beliefs? (read Pascal Boyer: Chapter 1, What is the Origin?) Classes 6-12: Readings from Boyer etc. Class 13: Video: Robert Sapolsky “The Biological Underpinnings of Religiosity” (1h22m) Class 14: Discussion Class 15: Feedback							
[Course requirements]							
None							
----- Continue to Science of Religion I-E2(2) ↓ ↓ ↓							

Science of Religion I-E2(2)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grades are based on attendance/class participation (30%), and assignments/exams (70%). Important: If you miss four or more classes, you will not be given credit for the course.

[Textbooks]

Relevant materials will be provided in class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Readings will be assigned on a weekly basis, and you will be expected to prepare sufficiently to discuss the materials in each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours to be specified (check KULASIS). For questions about the course or to set up a meeting, email me at catt.adam.7c@kyoto-u.ac.jp. Please include “Religion” in the mail header and your full name and student number in the email. Important: Make sure that you search for answers to questions yourself before contacting me by email.

Lecture code: H151001

Course number	U-LAS00 10021 LE34				
Course title (and course title in English)	History of Modern Science-E2 History of Modern Science-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies Professor,D'SOUZA, Rohan Ignatious
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Philosophy(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters
Days and periods	Tue.3		Target year	All students	Eligible students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Broadly, in part one [semester: April-September], the course will introduce students to some of the main ‘historiographical debates’ that have shaped our understanding of modern science. In the standard narrative, the period between the discoveries of Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) and the mathematical formulations of Isaac Newton (1642-1726/27) has generally been considered to have inaugurated the scientific revolution. This course, however, will aim to view the same period as actually marked by an equally important shift that defined modern science: heralding the end of Aristotelianism and the re-emergence of Platonism.

[Course objectives]

By introducing students to some of the historiographical debates on the origins and defining features of what constitutes modern science, this course aims to achieve three main goals: a) a basic introductory understanding of some of the main ideas of the leading thinkers on modern science; b) a biographical sketch of the natural philosophers of the period leading up to the ‘Scientific Revolution’ and c) how history as a disciplinary field debates modern science as a distinct historical moment.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Each class will comprise a 90 minute session; involving a lecture of 60 minutes and followed by a 30 minute interactive discussion in which student participation will also be elicited through either group or individual presentations.

Four themes will be covered in this class and each theme will be covered in three to four weeks.(Total : 14 classes and one feedback)

- a) Plato's (429?-347 B.C.E.) and Aristotle's (384-322 B.C.E.)
- b) From Geocentrism to Heliocentrism
- c) Mechanical Philosophy to the Newtonian World View
- d) The Scientific Revolution

[Course requirements]

None

----- Continue to History of Modern Science-E2(2) ↓ ↓ ↓

History of Modern Science-E2(2)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

There will be a regular cycle of written submissions and feedback through class discussions. The idea is to develop a credible capacity for reading and writing amongst those who take up the course.

Evaluations will be based on two tutorial assignments, which will carry a 50% grade for each.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

- Steven Shapin 『The Scientific Revolution』 (University of Chicago Press 1996) ISBN:978-0226750217
Margaret J. Osler 『Reconfiguring the World: Nature, God and Human Understanding from the Middle Ages to Early Modern Europe』 (The John Hopkins Press: Baltimore 2010) ISBN:978-0801896569
Alfred North Whitehead 『Science and the Modern World』 (The Free Press: New York 1967 [1925])
ISBN: 978-0684836393
Deepak Kumar 『Science and the Raj : a study of British India』 (Oxford University Press; New Delhi 2006 (2nd edition) [1995]) ISBN: 978-0195680034
Hiromi Mizuno 『Science for the Empire: Scientific Nationalism in Modern Japan』 (Stanford University Press: Stanford 2008) ISBN:978-0804776561

(Related URL)

(Relevant sections and chapters from the above books will be assigned as readings for the course. Other reading materials such as articles or short write-ups may be included based on class discussions and interest.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to have read at least five pages of pre-assigned reading, at the very minimum, before attending each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students can meet me during office hours with prior appointment.

Lecture code: H154001

Course number	U-LAS00 10022 LE34				
Course title (and course title in English)	Philosophy of Modern Science-E2 Philosophy of Modern Science-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies Professor,D'SOUZA, Rohan Ignatious
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Philosophy(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters
Days and periods	Tue.3		Target year	All students	Eligible students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course will introduce students to a growing sub-field termed as the philosophy of science. The central question that will be discussed concerns the lively debates over how science and scientific activity have been sought to be defined. Given the introductory nature of the course, the effort will be to first guide students towards understanding some of the basic philosophical discussions on induction and deduction and realism and anti-realism. Following which, we will survey the conceptual terrain from logical positivism, falsification, paradigm science and methodological anarchism.

[Course objectives]

The effort in this course is to help students understand how a focus on definitions can often be philosophically intractable and defy easy conceptualisation. The philosophy of modern science, moreover, will enable students to reflect on how the definitional boundaries between objectivity and subjectivity are fraught. Science, hence, is also open to sociological questioning and becomes an important domain for enquiry in the social sciences.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Each class will comprise a 90 minute session; involving a lecture of 60 minutes and followed by a 30 minute interactive discussion in which student participation will also be elicited through either group or individual presentations.

Four themes will be covered in this class and each theme will be covered in three to four weeks. (Total:14 classes and one feedback)

- a)Induction and deduction; realism and anti-realism; objectivity and subjectivity
- b)Logical Positivism and Karl Popper's 'Problem of Demarcation'
- c)Thomas Kuhn's notion of 'normal Science' and the 'paradigm shift'
- d)Paul Feyerabend and the notion of being 'Against Method'

[Course requirements]

None

----- Continue to Philosophy of Modern Science-E2(2) ↓↓↓

Philosophy of Modern Science-E2(2)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

There will be a regular cycle of written submissions and feedback through class discussions and The idea is to develop a credible capacity for reading and writing amongst those who take up the course. Evaluations will be based on two tutorial assignment, with 50% grade for each.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Donald Gillies 『Philosophy of Science in the 20th Century』 (Blackwell) ISBN:978-0631183587

Anthony O’Hear 『Karl Popper』 (Routledge) ISBN:978-0415084802

Thomas Kuhn 『The Essential Tension』 (University of Chicago Press) ISBN:978-0226458069

Alexander Bird 『Thomas Kuhn』 (Princeton University Press)

Paul Horwich (ed.) 『World Changes』 (MIT Press) ISBN:978-0262581387

Paul Feyerabend 『Killing Time: The Autobiography of Paul Feyerabend』 (University of Chicago Press) ISBN:978-0226245324

Paul Feyerabend 『Against Method』 (Verso; 4th edition) ISBN:978-1844674428

G. Andersson 『Criticism and the History of Science: Kuhn's, Lakatos's and Feyerabend's Criticisms of Critical Rationalism』 (Leiden: Brill)

C. Hooker and P. Churchland (ed.) 『Images of Science』 (University of Chicago Press) ISBN:978-0226106540

Jarrett Leplin (ed.) 『Scientific Realism』 (University of California Press) ISBN:978-0520051553

(Related URL)

(Relevant sections and chapters from the above books will be assigned as readings for the course. Other reading materials such as articles or short write-ups may be included based on class discussions and interest.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to have read at least five pages of pre-assigned reading, at the very minimum, before attending each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students can meet me during office hours with prior appointment.

Lecture code: H161001

Course number		U-LAS00 10026 LE34									
Course title (and course title in English)	Japanese Philosophy I-E2 Japanese Philosophy I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Program-Specific Assistant Professor,CERDA, Philip Kain						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Philosophy(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Thu.2		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course will treat the relationship between philosophy and modernity as it was considered by representative thinkers of the Meiji Enlightenment and among the generation of thinkers that immediately responded to them.											
Members of the Meiji Enlightenment argued that careful, methodical thinking had a necessary role in legitimately “modern” societies. Subsequent generations began to consider the nature of “thinking” more expansively. For all of these philosophers, the legitimacy of Japan’s place in the “modern” world seemed tied up with questions about the role of “philosophy” in Japan and the modern world.											
[Course objectives]											
Students who successfully complete this course will reach the following attainment goals:											
1) competently discuss early approaches developed in Japan to understanding philosophy's role in the modern world;											
2) analyze and evaluate philosophical texts.											
[Course schedule and contents])											
The following is the planned course schedule. Please note that this schedule may be subject to change.											
Session 1 - Course introduction											
Session 2 - Intro to reading philosophical texts											
Session 3 - Nishi Amane: Thinking about freedom											
Session 4 - Fukuzawa Yukichi: Learning and self-worth											
Session 5 - DISCUSSION SESSION: Issues in the Meiji Enlightenment											
Session 6 - Yosano Akiko: Cultural life											
Session 7 - Inoue Enryo, I: Metaphysical discourse											
Session 8 - Inoue Enryo, II: Standpoints and circularity											
Session 9 - DISCUSSION SESSION: Issues in modern life											
Session 10 - Nishida Kitaro, I: Is metaphysics possible?											
Session 11 - Nishida Kitaro, II: Pure experience											
Session 12 - Nishida Kitaro, III: Religion and modernity											
Session 13 - DISCUSSION SESSION: Issues in Nishida											
Session 14 - Review: Philosophy and modernity											
<Final Exam>											
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Japanese Philosophy I-E2(2)

Session 15 - Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

GRADE EVALUATION METHOD

Criterion #1: Discussion prep and participation ($10\% \times 3 = 30\%$)

Criterion #2: Comment sheets (20%)

Criterion #3: Final exam (50%)

=100% Total Possible

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is strongly encouraged. If students miss a class, it is their responsibility to review material for the final exam.

Students must attend discussion sessions to receive credit for Criterion #1, and regular attendance of lectures is necessary for full credit for Criterion #2.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Readings will be uploaded on PandA. In terms of page length, the readings are relatively short. I recommend that most of the time spent on the texts is dedicated to actively thinking through them. During Session 2, we will discuss strategies.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: H162001

Course number	U-LAS00 10027 LE34						
Course title (and course title in English)	Japanese Philosophy II-E2 Japanese Philosophy II-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Program-Specific Assistant Professor,CERDA, Philip Kain			
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Philosophy(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Thu.2		Target year	All students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
Internationally, the “Kyoto School” has become almost synonymous with “Japanese philosophy.” Nevertheless, the constitution of the “school” and its central ideas remains hotly debated. This course aims to clarify the philosophical significance of the Kyoto School by examining a period of intense controversy during the 1930s.							
[Course objectives]							
Students who successfully complete this course will reach the following attainment goals: 1) competently discuss basic issues raised by representative members of the Kyoto School; 2) analyze and evaluate philosophical texts.							
[Course schedule and contents])							
The following is the planned course schedule. Please note that this schedule may be subject to change.							
Session 1 - Course introduction Session 2 - Nishida Kitaro and the Dialectical World, I Session 3 - Nishida Kitaro and the Dialectical World, II Session 4 - Nishida Kitaro and the Dialectical World, III Session 5 - DISCUSSION SESSION: Issues in Nishida Session 6 - Tanabe Hajime, I: Dialectic Session 7 - Tanabe Hajime, II: Absolute mediation Session 8 - Tanabe Hajime, III: Duty Session 9 - DISCUSSION SESSION: Issues in Tanabe Session 10 - Nishitani Keiji, I: The critique of Nishida Session 11 - Nishitani Keiji, II: The critique of Tanabe Session 12 - Nishitani Keiji, III: The necessity of life Session 13 - DISCUSSION SESSION: Issues in Nishitani Session 14 - Review: The “Kyoto School” <Final Exam> Session 15 - Feedback							
----- Continue to Japanese Philosophy II-E2(2) ↓ ↓ ↓							

Japanese Philosophy II-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

Japanese Philosophy I is not a requirement for taking this course; however, students are expected to have some familiarity with reading and writing about philosophical texts.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

GRADE EVALUATION METHOD

Criterion #1: Discussion prep and participation ($10\% \times 3 = 30\%$)

Criterion #2: Comment sheets (20%)

Criterion #3: Final exam (50%)

=100% Total Possible

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is strongly encouraged. If students miss a class, it is their responsibility to review material for the final exam.

Students must attend discussion sessions to receive credit for Criterion #1, and regular attendance of lectures is necessary for full credit for Criterion #2.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Assigned readings will be uploaded on PandA. Students are expected to come to lectures prepared, having read the assigned texts. Most of the works that we will treat are dense, but the lectures aim to demystify the contents and encourage active reflection.

Regular reading and reflection play a central role in ensuring successful discussion sessions and setting a firm foundation for the final exam.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: H163001

Course number	U-LAS00 10028 LE34						
Course title (and course title in English)	Philosophy of Nature I-E2 Philosophy of Nature I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Program-Specific Assistant Professor,CERDA, Philip Kain		
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Philosophy(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Thu.4		Target year	All students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
What is the relationship between “thinking” and “nature”? This course will treat representative approaches in Western philosophy in three periods: ancient, early modern, and the end of the eighteenth century.							
German philosopher Dieter Wandschneider has observed that, “it is one of the oddities of intellectual history that our present age - an epoch determined by natural science and technology - has developed an elaborate philosophy of science but no full-fledged philosophy of nature.” In this course, we will try to understand what it has meant to think about nature philosophically and consider some reasons for why our present age might be lacking this aspiration.							
[Course objectives]							
Students who successfully complete this course will reach the following attainment goals:							
1) competently discuss representative approaches to thinking about nature in the history of Western philosophy;							
2) analyze and evaluate philosophical texts.							
[Course schedule and contents])							
The following is the planned course schedule. Please note that this schedule may be subject to change.							
Session 1 - Course introduction							
Session 2 - Intro to reading philosophical texts							
Session 3 - Plato: The desire to transcend							
Session 4 - Aristotle: The desire to know							
Session 5 - DISCUSSION SESSION: Issues in Plato and Aristotle							
Session 6 - Early modern Europe and the bonds of nature							
Session 7 - Descartes: Extended things							
Session 8 - Spinoza: Naturing nature							
Session 9 - DISCUSSION SESSION: Issues in early modern Europe							
Session 10 - Kant, I: Experience							
Session 11 - Kant, II: An object in general							
Session 12 - Kant, III: Inner purposiveness							
Session 13 - DISCUSSION SESSION: Issues in Kant							
Session 14 - Review: Thinking and nature							
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Philosophy of Nature I-E2(2)

<Final Exam>

Session 15 - Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

GRADE EVALUATION METHOD

Criterion #1: Discussion prep and participation ($10\% \times 3 = 30\%$)

Criterion #2: Comment sheets (20%)

Criterion #3: Final exam (50%)

=100% Total Possible

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is strongly encouraged. If students miss a class, it is their responsibility to review material for the final exam.

Students must attend discussion sessions to receive credit for Criterion #1, and regular attendance of lectures is necessary for full credit for Criterion #2.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Readings will be uploaded on PandA. In terms of page length, the readings are relatively short. I recommend that most of the time spent on the texts is dedicated to actively thinking through them. During Session 2, we will discuss strategies.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: H164001

Course number		U-LAS00 10029 LE34				
Course title (and course title in English)	Philosophy of Nature II-E2 Philosophy of Nature II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Program-Specific Assistant Professor,CERDA, Philip Kain	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Philosophy(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Thu.4		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

What is the relationship between “thinking” and “nature”? This course will treat representative approaches that respond to this question in the wake of Kant’s revolution in philosophy.

In the aftermath of Kant’s attempt to determine the rules of thinking about nature, there was an explosion of interest in taking nature very seriously as an object of philosophical thought. Post-Kantian thinkers saw themselves as trying to complete Kant’s project by radicalizing his approach. In later generations, in Europe as well as Japan, their ideas would become crucial for rethinking what it means to think about nature.

[Course objectives]

Students who successfully complete this course will reach the following attainment goals:

- 1) competently discuss approaches to thinking about nature in the aftermath of Kant;
- 2) analyze and evaluate philosophical texts.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The following is the planned course schedule. Please note that this schedule may be subject to change.

- Session 1 - Course introduction
- Session 2 - The Kantian aftermath
- Session 3 - Fichte: The not-I
- Session 4 - Schelling: Living nature
- Session 5 - DISCUSSION SESSION: Issues in Fichte and Schelling
- Session 6 - Hegel, I: The critique of Fichte and Schelling
- Session 7 - Hegel, II: The concept of life and absolute method
- Session 8 - Hegel, III: The philosophy of nature
- Session 9 - DISCUSSION SESSION: Issues in Hegel
- Session 10 - Weber: Disenchantment
- Session 11 - Watsuji Tetsuro: Making a home
- Session 12 - Heidegger: Homesickness
- Session 13 - DISCUSSION SESSION: Issues in disenchantment
- Session 14 - Review: Thinking and nature
- <Final Exam>
- Session 15 - Feedback

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Philosophy of Nature II-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

Philosophy of Nature I is not a requirement for taking this course; however, students are expected to have some familiarity with reading and writing about philosophical texts.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

GRADE EVALUATION METHOD

Criterion #1: Discussion prep and participation ($10\% \times 3 = 30\%$)

Criterion #2: Comment sheets (20%)

Criterion #3: Final exam (50%)

= 100% Total Possible

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is strongly encouraged. If students miss a class, it is their responsibility to review material for the final exam.

Students must attend discussion sessions to receive credit for Criterion #1, and regular attendance of lectures is necessary for full credit for Criterion #2.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Assigned readings will be uploaded on PandA. Students are expected to come to lectures prepared, having read the assigned texts. Most of the works that we will treat are dense, but the lectures aim to demystify the contents and encourage active reflection.

Regular reading and reflection play a central role in ensuring successful discussion sessions and setting a firm foundation for the final exam.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: H159001

Course number		U-LAS00 10025 LE34						
Course title (and course title in English)	Theories of Religion in the Social Sciences-E2 Theories of Religion in the Social Sciences-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Center for Southeast Asian Studies Associate Professor,DANESHGAR,Majid			
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Philosophy(Foundations)				
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For liberal arts students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
<p>The meaning and nature of religion and its function is the main subject of this course. We will look at the interaction between religion, as a text and culture, and social and anthropological theories. In practice, students will discover something of an emphasis on functionality of religion based on its history, text and reception. This reflects two simple facts: (a) first, the lecturer's key competencies lie in method and theory; and (b) certain important theories in social sciences. The last session will take the form of a conversation with a well-versed scholar of religion in which you are encouraged to ask questions.</p>								
<p>Course Structure For a better understanding, this course is divided into two parts: A) General debates examining recent developments in religious studies since the last century. This part surveys to what extent social, philological, political and philosophical debates in the 20th century have affected our understanding of scriptures and their application in society; B) Thematic topics with a particular focus on the works of thinkers who have had an influence on public understanding of religion and social sciences. In all sessions, students are encouraged to ask questions and to participate in discussions.</p>								
[Course objectives]								
<p>Enthusiastic students who successfully complete this course will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Demonstrate an informed understanding of relationships between religion and modern social sciences o Discuss critically modern theories about religion 								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
<p>A. General Debates</p> <p>Week 1 Method and Theories in the Study of Religion</p> <p>Required Reading McCutcheon, Russell T. <i>The Discipline of Religion: Structure, Meaning, Rhetoric</i> (London: Routledge, 2003), 191-212.</p> <p>Recommended Reading Geertz, Armin W. "Brain, body and culture: A biocultural theory of religion," <i>Method & Theory in the Study of Religion</i> 22, no. 4 (2010): 304-321.</p> <p>Further Reading Ebaugh, Helen Rose. "Return of the sacred: Reintegrating religion in the social sciences." <i>Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion</i> 41, no. 3 (2002): 385-395.</p> <p>Week 2 Religion and Sociology of Knowledge</p> <p>Required Reading Smart, Ninian. <i>The Science of Religion and The Sociology of Knowledge: Some</i></p>								

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Methodological Questions (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2015), 110-134.

Recommended Reading Kuklick, Henrika. "The Sociology of Knowledge: Retrospect and Prospect."

Annual Review of Sociology (1983): 287-310.

Further Reading Abaza, Mona. "Some reflections on the question of Islam and social sciences in the contemporary Muslim world," Social Compass 40, no. 2 (1993): 301-321.

Week 3 Religion and Historical Epistemology

Required Reading Soroush, Abdolkarim. "The Evolution and Devolution of Religious Knowledge" , Journal of Islamic Research 9, nos. 1-2-3-4 (1996), 62-69.

Recommended Reading Nasr, Seyyed Hossein. Islamic Life and Thought, new edition (London: Routledge, 2013), 39-54.

Further Reading Sayeed, Asma. Women and the Transmission of Religious Knowledge in Islam(Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013), 144-185.

Week 4 Religion and Empirical Sciences

Required Reading Griffin, David Ray. Religion and Scientific Naturalism: Overcoming the Conflicts (New York: SUNY Press, 2000), 3-18.

Recommended Reading Brooke, John Hedley. "Natural Theology," In The History of Science and Religion in the Western Tradition, ed. Gary B. Ferngren (New York: Routledge, 2003), 92-99.

Further Reading Daneshgar, Majid. Tantawi Jawhari and the Quran: Tafsir and Social Concerns in the Twentieth Century (London and New York: Routledge 2018), 29-49.

Week 5 Religion, Moral Philosophy and Philosophy of Life

Required Reading

Nasr, Seyyed Hossein. "The Interior Life in Islam." Religious Traditions: A New Journal in the Study of Religion/Journal of Studies in the Bhagavadgita 1, no. 2 (1978), 48-54.

Recommended Reading Costa, Patricia, and Robin Goodwin. "The role of religion in human values: A case study," Journal of Beliefs & Values 27, no. 3 (2006): 341-346.

Further Reading Lubbock, John. The Pleasures of Life (London: Macmillan Company, 1906), 1-40.

B. Thematic Topics

Week 6 Theories of Durkheim

Required Reading Pickering, William Stuart Frederick. Durkheim's Sociology of Religion: Themes and Theories (Cambridge: James Clarke & Company, 2009), 3-40.

Recommended Reading Durkheim, Emile. Durkheim on Religion: A Selection of Readings with Bibliographies and Introductory Remarks (Cambridge: James Clarke & Company, 2011), 100-101;102-165.

Further Reading Spencer, Herbert, "Religion: A Retrospect and Prospect" , The Nineteenth Century: A Monthly Review 15, no. 83 (March 1877-December 1900), 1-12

Week 7 Weber, Capitalism and Religion

Required Reading Gellner, David. "Max Weber, capitalism and the religion of India." Sociology 16, no. 4 (1982): 526-543.

Recommended Reading Weber, Marx. "Marx Weber on Church, Sect, and Mysticism" , Trans. Jerome K. Gittleman, eds. Benjamin Nelson. Sociological Analysis 34, no. 2 (1973): 140-149.

Further Reading Turner, Bryan S. Weber and Islam (London: Routledge, 1998), 22-56.

Week 8 Marxism and Religion

Required Reading Comstock, Richard. "The Marxist Critique of Religion: A Persisting Ambiguity," Journal of the American Academy of Religion 44, no. 2 (1976): 327-342.

Recommended Reading Marx, Karl. Marx on Religion, ed. John Raines (Philadelphia: Temple University Press 2002), 184-186.

Further Reading Gellner, Ernest. "Islam and Marxism: Some Comparisons." International Affairs 67, no. 1 (1991): 1-6.

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Week 9 Derrida, Deconstructionism and Religion

Required Reading Kersten, Carool. "From Braudel to Derrida: Mohammed Arkoun's Rethinking of Islam and religion." *Middle East Journal of Culture and Communication* 4, no. 1 (2011): 23-43.

Recommended Reading Derrida, Jacques. *Acts of Religion*, ed. Gil Anidjar (London: Routledge 2002), 40-101.

Further Reading Chérif, Mustapha. *Islam and the West: A Conversation with Jacques Derrida*, trans. Teresa Lavender Fagan (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2008), 37-46.

Week 10 Foucault and the History of Religious-Social Verdicts

Required Reading Foucault, Michel. "The Subject and Power." *Critical Inquiry* 8, no. 4 (1982): 777-795.

Recommended Reading Foucault, Michel. *History of Madness*. Khalfa J, editor, translator & Murphy J, translator. (London: Routledge, 2006), 34-55.

Further Reading Afary, Janet, and Kevin B. Anderson. *Foucault and the Iranian Revolution* (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2010), 106-137.

Week 11 Asad and Anthropology of Religion

Required Reading Asad, Talal. "The Idea of an Anthropology of Islam," *Qui parle* 17, no. 2 (2009): 1-30.

Recommended Reading Anjum, Ovamir. "Islam as a Discursive Tradition: Talal Asad and His Interlocutors," *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 27, no. 3 (2007): 656-672.

Further Reading Asad, Talal. "Anthropology and the Colonial Encounter." In *The Politics of Anthropology: From Colonialism and Sexism towards a View from Below*, edited by Gerrit Huizer and Bruce Mannheim (The Hague and Paris: Mouton Publishers, 1979) 85-96.

Week 12 Said, Orientalism and Religion

Required Reading Anidjar, Gil. "Secularism." *Critical inquiry* 33, no. 1 (2006): 52-77.

Recommended Reading Said, Edward W. *Orientalism* (New York: Routledge 1978), 149-165.

Further Reading Varisco, Daniel Martin. *Reading Orientalism: Said and the Unsaid* (Seattle and London: University of Washington Press, 2017), 40-63.

Week 13 Al-Attas-Nasr and Islamization of Knowledge

Required Reading Furlow, Christopher A. "The Islamization of Knowledge: Philosophy, legitimation, and politics," *Social Epistemology* 10, no. 3-4 (1996): 259-271.

Recommended Reading Al-Attas, Muhammad Naquib. *The Concept of Education in Islam* (Kuala Lumpur: Muslim Youth Movement of Malaysia, 1980), 1-17.

Further Reading Nasr, Seyyed Hossein. "Islam and the Problem of Modern Science." *Islam & Science* 8, no. 1 (2010): 63-75.

Week 14

Exam

Week 15 Feedback and the ideas of "Bucaille and Modern Science in the Quran"

Required Reading Daneshgar, Majid. *Tantawi Jawhari and the Quran: Tafsir and Social Concerns in the Twentieth Century* (London and New York: Routledge 2018), 87-102.

Recommended Reading Bigliardi, Stefano. "The Strange Case of Dr. Bucaille: Notes for a Reexamination." *The Muslim World* 102, no. 2 (2012): 248-263.

Further Reading Guessoum, Nidhal. "Science, religion, and the quest for knowledge and truth: An Islamic perspective," *Cultural Studies of Science Education* 5, no. 1 (2010): 55-69.

[Course requirements]

None

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Theories of Religion in the Social Sciences-E2(4)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

General Information about Assessment Overview

Your assessment consists of two components: (1) A 2000-word essay 1 (35 %) For the first assignment students should choose a topic based on our first 6 sessions. Students are not expected to adapt or replace the title of the essay. Any alteration to the title of the essay must be discussed with the lecturer. (2) The final exam, which is worth 65% of your grade. Information on the examination format will be handed out mid-semester. Because of the precise format of your essay assignments, I provide students with a document on about my expectations for their essay work.

Read through all provided information very carefully, at the beginning of the semester, taking time to absorb its contents, so that you may get to work in an efficient and pleasurable manner, rather than go down dead-end avenues of investigation or end up otherwise frustrated. Then come back, and come often! If you have any questions at all about your assignment, please do not hesitate to contact me. Above all: Be timely with your work. Begin early; it is the only insurance you have against hurry, stress, and in the end inferior work (to say nothing of possible late penalties). The more effort you put in the early stages, the easier you will find everything; the later you are, the more difficult things become.

[Textbooks]

Not used

Textbook and readings

There is specific readings for every sessions. They are divided into three types: Required readings must be prepared to follow the course outline and comprehend the framework of every session Recommended readings can be applied to develop the arguments and contents of essays. Further readings are suggested for enthusiastic students who are interested in knowing more about a specific subject. The Readings schedule covers all the materials needed for successful completion of the course; beyond these, some Further Reading is given for each learning unit.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

No prior knowledge of religion is required. Students should be able to participate in discussions with their classmates in English. This may be face-to-face small group discussion or online. Students may also be asked to make short presentations in English based on the class topics.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Appointments can be made via:

daneshgar@cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp

Lecture code: H281001

Course number		U-LAS01 10002 LE38									
Course title (and course title in English)	Japanese History I-E2 Japanese History I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Education Associate Professor,Niels van Steenpaal						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		History and Civilization(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2					
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Wed.1		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course will offer an introduction to premodern Japanese history (~1600) from a global perspective. That is, we will approach the Japanese archipelago not as an isolated territory that seamlessly transformed into the nation state as we now know it, but as a geographical hub that has been shaped by various “foreign” encounters through the centuries. We will look at how trade, war, diplomacy and ideas fostered international connections that have played crucial roles in deciding the trajectory of Japan’s development.											
[Course objectives]											
Upon the successful completion of this course, students will: (1) have a general understanding of the major periods and events of Japanese premodern history. (2) gain a sensibility for the way in which the history of nation states is intimately bound up with, and cannot be told separately from global events.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
The weekly topic schedule is as follows: 1. Introduction 2. Early Migration 3. Jomon 4. Yayoi I 5. Yayoi II 6. Early State Formation I 7. Early State Formation II 8. Imperial Period 9. Mongol Invasion I 10. Mongol Invasion II 11. East Asia War I 12. East Asia War II 13. Christianity I 14. Christianity II (final exam) (feedback)											
[Course requirements]											
As a survey introduction class, this course will require no reading preparations, but basic competence in											
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Japanese History I-E2(2)

English is required to fruitfully engage in class and the exam. Furthermore, although not a strict requirement, it is recommended that the student will either precede or follow up this course with the fall semester Japanese History II.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will be based on a final exam only.

100% Final Exam

[Textbooks]

Not used

Although this class does not feature any required readings, it does recommend you familiarize yourself with the general outline of the period under discussion each class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Reviewing class notes and possibly clarifying unclear items through independent study.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students should be aware of the fact that student interest in this course always exceeds its capacity and that enrollment permission will be decided based on a random lottery.

Students who have inquiries of any kind are welcome to contact me by email. In doing so, however, please heed the following:

1. clearly indicate your name and the class to which your question pertains.
2. write in either Japanese or English, whichever language you are most proficient in.
3. write in a formal format appropriate to the university setting.

Emails that do not conform to all of these items will be sent back without a response.

Lecture code: H281002

Course number		U-LAS01 10002 LE38						
Course title (and course title in English)	Japanese History I-E2 Japanese History I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Kyoto University Not fixed			
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	History and Civilization(Foundations)				
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors			
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
In class the participants will work on the course of modern Japanese history from the last years of the early modern period to the end of World War II in Asia. Special attention will be payed to questions of Meiji nation building and political representation, post-World War I industrialization and its social impact, and politics and culture in Japanese Empire in times of peace and total war.								
[Course objectives]								
Knowledge on key phenomena and research perspectives in prewar modern Japanese history.								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
1 Introduction 2 The end of the Tokugawa period (1850s~1868) 3~5 Nation building and representation in the Meiji period (1868~1912) 6~8 Industrialization, social movements and imperialism in Taisho; and prewar Showa Japan (1912~1937) 9 Colonialism 10~13 Politics and culture in times of total war (1937~1945) 14 Conclusion 15 Feedback								
[Course requirements]								
None								
[Evaluation methods and policy]								
Evaluation will be based on two quizzes, a midterm and a final written exam (50%+50%). Students absent from more than four classes cannot pass the course.								
[Textbooks]								
Reading materials will be handed out during class.								
[References, etc.]								
(Reference book)								
Reading materials will be handed out during class.								
[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]								
Knowledge of modern Japanese history in the Asian and global context is appreciated.								
[Other information (office hours, etc.)]								

Lecture code: H282001

Course number		U-LAS01 10004 LE38				
Course title (and course title in English)	Japanese History II-E2 Japanese History II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Education Associate Professor,Niels van Steenpaal	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		History and Civilization(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Wed.1		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course will offer an introduction to early modern and modern Japanese history (1600~1911) from a global perspective. That is, we will approach the Japanese archipelago not as an isolated territory that seamlessly transformed into the nation state as we now know it, but as a geographical hub that has been shaped by various “foreign” encounters through the centuries. We will look at how trade, war, diplomacy and ideas fostered international connections that have played crucial roles in deciding the trajectory of Japan’s development.

[Course objectives]

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will:

- (1) have a general understanding of the major periods and events of early modern and modern Japanese history.
- (2) gain a sensibility for the way in which the history of nation states is intimately bound up with, and cannot be told separately from global events.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The weekly topic schedule is as follows:

1. Introduction
2. Tokugawa Order
3. Maritime Prohibition
4. Holland
5. China
6. Ryukyu
7. Ezo
8. The Rise of the West
9. Opium Wars
10. Opening Japan
11. Meiji Restoration
12. Sino-Japanese War
13. Russo-Japanese War I
14. Russo-Japanese War II
- (final exam)
- (feedback)

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Japanese History II-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

As a survey introduction class, this course will require no reading preparations, but basic competence in English is required to fruitfully engage in class and the exam. Furthermore, although not a strict requirement, it is recommended that the student will either precede or follow up this course with the spring semester Japanese History I.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will be based on a final exam only.

100% Final Exam

[Textbooks]

Not used

Although this class does not feature any required readings, it does recommend you familiarize yourself with the general outline of the period under discussion each class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Reviewing class notes and possibly clarifying unclear items through independent study.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students should be aware of the fact that student interest in this course always exceeds its capacity and that enrollment permission will be decided based on a random lottery.

Students who have inquiries of any kind are welcome to contact me by email. In doing so, however, please heed the following:

- 1.clearly indicate your name and the class to which your question pertains.
- 2.write in either Japanese or English, whichever language you are most proficient in.
- 3.write in a formal format appropriate to the university setting.

Emails that do not conform to all of these items will be sent back without a response.

Lecture code: H282002

Course number		U-LAS01 10004 LE38				
Course title (and course title in English)	Japanese History II-E2 Japanese History II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Kyoto University Not fixed	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		History and Civilization(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors	

[Overview and purpose of the course]

In class the participants will work on Japanese history from the time of US occupation until the “lost decade” of the 1990s. Special attention will be put on economic high growth’s impact on society, the environment, gender, and youth. Emphasizing Japan’s global entanglement, the course will introduce agents of socio-historical change in the late Showa period and early years of Heisei.

[Course objectives]

Knowledge of key phenomena and recent research perspectives of modern Japanese history after 1945.

[Course schedule and contents)]

- 1 Introduction
- 2~4 Japanese society under US occupation (1945~1952)
- 5~7 The era of economic high growth (1952~1973)
- 8~10 Crisis and society in late industrial Japan (1973~1995)
- 11~13 Social movements after 1945
- 14 Conclusion
- 15 Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on two quizzes, a midterm and a final written exam (50%+50%). Students absent from more than four classes cannot pass the course.

[Textbooks]

Reading materials will be handed out during class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Reading materials will be handed out during class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Knowledge of modern Japanese history in the Asian and global context is appreciated.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: H290001

Course number		U-LAS01 10016 LE38									
Course title (and course title in English)	Oriental History I-E2 Oriental History I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Research in Humanities Professor, FORTE, Erika						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		History and Civilization(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2					
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Tue.2		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Course topic: "Themes in Ancient Chinese History. Part I: From the Early Dynasties to the End of the Tang Period 唐代 (c. 21st century BCE to 10th century CE)." This course is designed to explore ancient Chinese history by delving into specific themes pertinent to each historical era, ranging from the semi-mythical Xia 夏, the Shang 商, and the Zhou 周 dynasties (c. 21st-8th century BCE) to the decline of the Tang 唐 Empire (618-906). Through readings on specialized topics and class discussions, students will gain insights into the significant developments within the social, religious, and intellectual facets of ancient Chinese history.											
[Course objectives]											
Develop an understanding of Chinese culture within its historical context. Acquire the ability to recognize and analyze major issues and significant events, while concurrently establishing a coherent timeline of ancient Chinese history.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> General Introduction to the Course; Timeline, Methodology, and Sources of China's History. China's Bronze Age: The Xia 夏, Shang 商 and Zhou 周 Dynasties (21st c.-8th c. BCE). Thematic discussion: The Xia-Shang-Zhou Chronology Project. From the Late Zhou 周 Period to the Qin 秦 Unification (8th-3rd c. BCE). Thematic discussion: The Idea of the Emperor. +7. Museum Visit (Equivalent to Two Classes, held on a week-end day) The Han 漢 Dynasty (206 BCE-220 CE). Thematic discussion: The Shaping of Chinese Tradition. Period of Fragmentation (220-581 CE). Thematic discussion: North and South Cultural Approaches 3rd-6th c. The Grand Tang 唐 Empire 690-906 Thematic discussion: Buddhism and politics in Tang 唐 Times Summary <p>«Final Exams»</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback (Upon Request) 											
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Oriental History I-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and participation are required for units 2-13.

Evaluation is determined by the following components:

Preparation and participation in class activities, as well as active engagement in class discussions (30%);
Participation in the museum excursion and related activities, including the submission of a short report (20%);
Performance on the final exam (a multiple-choice test) (50%).

[Textbooks]

Relevant literature will be announced in class. Additional learning material will be made available on PandA.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Patricia Buckley Ebrey 『The Cambridge Illustrated History of China, 2nd edition』 (Cambridge University Press) ISBN:9780521124331

Valerie Hansen 『The Open Empire. A History of China to 1600』 (Norton)

These are just a few recommendations for establishing a general historical background. These books are accessible at the Kyoto University libraries. Additional materials will be supplied during the course, including useful website links and readings.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be provided with the relevant literature of the topic taught for reviewing the lessons.

Class activities necessitate prior preparation or subsequent follow-up, often including small research or readings for in-class discussion.

As part of the course, there is an excursion for a museum visit, typically scheduled on a weekend day possibly at the end of May (either a Sunday or a Saturday, depending on the museum). This excursion usually takes about 2 to 3 hours, and the exact date will be announced in class. Please note that this excursion is equivalent to two class sessions and entails the submission of a short report.

Final exam preparation is based on provided materials and class notes.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students are received for inquiries by appointment.

Students participating in the museum visit should have the "Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research" (学生教育研究災害傷害保険) coverage.

While entrance tickets for the museum visit are provided, students are responsible for their transportation expenses.

Lecture code: H291001

Course number		U-LAS01 10017 LE38				
Course title (and course title in English)	Oriental History II-E2 Oriental History II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Research in Humanities Professor, FORTE, Erika	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		History and Civilization(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Tue.2	Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Course Topic: Themes in Ancient Chinese History. Part II: From Song 宋 to Qing 清 periods
 This course is a survey of the history of premodern China following the collapse of the Tang 唐 empire, spanning from the 10th century to the early 20th century. By focusing on political, economic, religious, and philosophical developments during each of the dynastic regimes (Song 宋, Yuan 元, Ming 明, and Qing 清) that governed Chinese territory, the course aims to understand the significant societal changes that ultimately led to the formation of modern China.

This course serves as the second part of our survey series, "Themes in Ancient Chinese History," where we explore various dynastic periods through specialized topics. Students will gain insight into these themes through specific readings, followed by class discussions.

[Course objectives]

To gain an understanding of the Chinese culture and its historical context, and to be able to identify major issues, significant events, and have a clear timeline of pre-modern China's history.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. General Introduction to the Course
2. China's History: Sources, Methodology, Geography
3. Historiographical Issues and Trends about the 10th Century
4. Urban Life in Song Times 宋代 (960-1127)
5. What Have Archaeological Discoveries Revealed About the Khitan/Liao 契丹遼 (916-1125)?
6. Scenarios from the Tangut/Xi Xia 西夏代 (1038-1227) and Jurchen/Jin 金代 (1115-1234): Alien Regimes in North China
7. Fascination with the Mongol Yuan Empire 元代 (1279-1368): The Court of Genghis Khan as Recounted by Marco Polo
8. The World of the Ming 明代 (1368-1644) as Reflected in Popular Novels of the Time
9. Matteo Ricci at the Ming 明 Court
- 10.+11. Museum Visit (Equivalent to Two Classes, Held on a Weekend Day in November or December)
12. Qing Dynasty 清代 (1644-1796): Highlights from a Prosperous Empire
13. The Encounter with Western Powers (1796-1912)
14. Summary of the Course and Exam Preparation
15. Feedback (Upon Request)

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Oriental History II-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

While this course is designed as a continuation of the first-semester course (Themes in Ancient Chinese History, Part I: From the Early Dynasties to the End of the Tang Period, ca. 21st century BCE to 10th century CE), students can also join without having attended the first part.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and participation are required for units 2-13.

Evaluation is determined by the following components:

Preparation and participation in class activities, as well as active engagement in class discussions (30%);
Participation in the museum excursion and related activities, including the submission of a short report (20%);
Performance on the final exam (a multiple-choice test) (50%).

[Textbooks]

The relevant literature will be announced in class, and additional learning materials will be made available on PandA.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Patricia Buckley Ebrey 『The Cambridge Illustrated History of China, 2nd edition』 (Cambridge University Press) ISBN:9780521124331

Valerie Hansen 『The Open Empire. A History of China to 1800』 (Norton, 2000 and 2015) ISBN: 9780393938777

These are a few suggested resources to assist students in acquiring fundamental knowledge about the general historical background. The books are available at the Kyoto University libraries. Additional materials will be provided during the course, including useful website links and readings.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be provided with the relevant literature of the topic taught for reviewing the lessons.

Class activities may necessitate prior preparation or subsequent follow-up, often including small research assignments or readings for in-class discussion.

As part of the course, there is an excursion for a museum visit, typically scheduled on a weekend day in November or December (either a Sunday or a Saturday, depending on the museum). This excursion usually takes about 2 to 3 hours, and the exact date will be announced in class. Please note that this excursion is equivalent to two class sessions and entails the submission of a short report.

Final exam preparation is based on provided materials and class notes.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students are received for inquiries by appointment.

Students participating in the museum visit should have the "Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research" (学生教育研究災害傷害保険) coverage.

While entrance tickets for the museum visit are provided, students are responsible for their transportation expenses.

Lecture code: H275001

Course number	U-LAS01 10008 LE38				
Course title (and course title in English)	Western History I-E2 Western History I-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies Senior Lecturer,BHATTE, Pallavi Kamlakar	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	History and Civilization(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters
Days and periods	Fri.1/Fri.2		Target year	All students	Eligible students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This is an introductory undergraduate course that enables students to find answers to a common yet less understood question, what is "Empire"? The course will focus on how Western colonialism has shaped the past and present of Asian, African and Latin American people. We will explore the meaning and significance of "Freedom" for the colonized by learning about their confrontation and challenges to Western imperialism in the form of resistance, political subversion, military uprisings and revolution. A variety of sources including films, government documents, secret documents, photographs, memoirs, speeches, political cartoons will be introduced to enhance learning and develop analytical skills.

[Course objectives]

The goals of this course are to guide students to

- (a) compare alternative and compelling views and interpretations and assess their significance,
- (b) become familiar with key debates of the period,
- (c) assess primary sources in the light of historical research and
- (d) present arguments clearly and concisely both orally and on paper.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Week: Content

1: Introduction to the course and Overview

2 & 3: What is “Empire” ?

- Britain and the Modern World
- Empire outside of Europe
- Spain, Portugal and the “New World”
- Pirates and Rebels
- The Seven Years War

4: Review; Activity based on 2 & 3

5 & 6: Revolution:

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- American Revolution
- Declaration of Independence
- Haitian Revolution
- Declaration of the Rights of Man

7: Review; Activity based on 5 & 6

8 & 9: Political Subversion:

- The Mughal Empire and Western Powers
- English East India Company and the Raj

10: Review; Activity based on 8 & 9

11 & 12: Rebellion and Revolt:

- 1857 Indian Uprisings
- Latin American Revolutions

13: Review; Activity based on 11 & 12

14: Conclusion and Summary

«Final examination»

15: Feedback

*Note: The schedule may change slightly depending on class requirements.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

A system of continuous evaluation will be adopted.

Students are expected to be physically and mentally present for each class, engage in discussions and/or presentations and, submit written work in English as per instructions.

Note-taking is an essential element, slides will NOT be uploaded.

Final grade will be based on the following:

- ★ 30% Active participation and activity in class
- ★ 70% Assignments/Exams

IMPORTANT:

1. Class participation is MANDATORY, unless special exemption is granted (e.g. for illness, other conditions).
2. Absence from FOUR or more classes, will result in loss of credits for the course.
3. Tardiness (by 15 minutes or more) will be treated as absence.
4. Systematic tardiness and/or unexplained early departures will greatly reduce your attendance and participation grade.
5. Final Exam is a MUST to pass the course.

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[Textbooks]

Not used

Reference materials and readings will be provided in class as per requirements. Students will be expected to go through the handouts and bring them to class as per instruction.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

No prior knowledge of history is required. Students should be able to participate in discussions with their classmates in English. All necessary out of class preparation announced in class is mandatory.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Tuesdays 1:30-2:30 pm, and by appointment; email *in advance* to meet in person or set up remote meeting (via Zoom) during office hours.

Please visit KULASIS to find out about office hours.

Inclusivity & Classroom Behavior:

Please be respectful to everyone and everything in class.

I will remain mindful of the need to foster an inclusive academic environment and ask you to do the same. If you have any specific needs related to accessibility, please discuss them with me, confidentially, as soon as possible.

Academic Integrity:

Written work submitted throughout the course should adhere to the standards of academic honesty, as defined in the Kyoto University Student Handbook.

Lecture code: H274001

Course number		U-LAS01 10010 LE38				
Course title (and course title in English)	Western History II-E2 Western History II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies Senior Lecturer,BHATTE, Pallavi Kamlakar	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		History and Civilization(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Fri.1/Fri.2		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This is an introductory undergraduate course, providing students a basic narrative of major turning points that shaped modern Europe from the late 18th-century through the present, including the cause and the course of the two world wars.

The purpose of this course is to develop

- (a) an understanding of some of the principle themes in modern Western History, and
- (b) an ability to analyze historical evidence and historical interpretation, and
- (c) an ability to express historical understanding verbally.

[Course objectives]

One of the goals of this course is to help students to consider multiple accounts of historical events in order to understand international relations from a variety of perspectives. Besides nurturing their English reading, writing and communication skills, the ultimate goal of this course is to provide a platform for students to discuss history in English.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Week : Content

- 1: Introduction to the course and Overview
- 2/3: The French Revolution and Napoleon
- 4/5: The Industrial Revolution and Pax Britannica
- 6/7: World War I
- 8/9: Interwar period and the rise of Fascist Italy, Germany and Japan
- 10/11: World War II
- 12/13: The Cold War
- 14: Post Cold War and the Contemporary Era
- «Final examination»

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15: Feedback & Summary of the Course

*Note: The schedule may change slightly depending on class requirements.

[Course requirements]

There are no prerequisites. This course is open to all students regardless of major. Enthusiasm and willingness to participate and share ideas in class is necessary.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

A system of continuous evaluation will be adopted.

Students are expected to be physically and mentally present for each class, engage in discussions and/or presentations and, submit written work in English as per instructions.

Note-taking is an essential element, slides will NOT be uploaded.

Final grade will be based on the following:

- ★ 30% Active participation and activity in class
- ★ 70% Assignments/Exams

IMPORTANT:

1. Class participation is MANDATORY, unless special exemption is granted (e.g. for illness, other conditions).
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4. Systematic tardiness and/or unexplained early departures will greatly reduce your attendance and participation grade..
5. Final Exam is a MUST to pass the course.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

Reference materials and readings will be provided in class as per requirements.

Students will be expected to go through the handouts and bring them to class as per instruction.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

No prior knowledge of history is required. Students should be able to participate in discussions with their classmates in English. All necessary out of class preparation announced in class is mandatory.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Tuesdays 1:30-2:30 pm, and by appointment; email *in advance* to meet in person or set up remote meeting (via Zoom) during office hours.

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Inclusivity & Classroom Behavior:

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I will remain mindful of the need to foster an inclusive academic environment and ask you to do the same. If

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you have any specific needs related to accessibility, please discuss them with me, confidentially, as soon as possible.

Academic Integrity:

Written work submitted throughout the course should adhere to the standards of academic honesty, as defined in the Kyoto University Student Handbook.

Lecture code: H277001

Course number	U-LAS01 10013 LE38						
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to World Religions-E2 Introduction to World Religions-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Center for Southeast Asian Studies Associate Professor,DANESHGAR,Majid		
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	History and Civilization(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits 2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters 2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Wed.1		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students For liberal arts students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
Students will be provided with an overview of the origins, formations and receptions of world religions. Given the lecturer's educational background and teaching expertise, religions are discussed through two different perspectives: (a) historical origin of religions, their formation, texts and development over the course of history. Particular attention will be paid to primary sources (the Bible#8212Old and New Testaments, the Quran and Hadith); and (b) interreligious debates between Muslims and Hindus in India; Buddhists and Muslims in Southern Thailand; Christians and Muslims in Malaysia. Sessions 13 and 14 will be dedicated to an examination of new religious movements. During the last session, students will run a conversation with leading experts and observe old Biblical, Quranic, Hindu and Buddhist manuscripts. The approach assumed in this paper shall be academic and dispassionate.							
[Course objectives]							
Enthusiastic students who successfully complete this course will be able to:							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Demonstrate an informed understanding of key concepts and major themes within the world religions o Discuss critically the development and compilation of religious 							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
Week 1 Judaism: Origin							
Required Reading: Solomon, Norman. Judaism: A Very Short Introduction, 2nd Edn (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2014), 1-40.							
Week 2 Judaism: Texts							
Required Reading: Vidas, Moulie. Tradition and the Formation of the Talmud (Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2014), 115-149.							
Week 3 Christianity: Origin							
Required Reading: Young, Frances M. "Prelude: Jesus Christ, Foundation of Christianity", in Cambridge History of Christianity: Volume 1, Origins to Constantine, edited by Mitchell, Margaret M., Frances M. Young, and K. Scott Bowie (Eds) (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), 1-34.							
Week 4 Christianity: Texts							
Required Reading: Myers, Alicia D. An Introduction to the Gospels and Acts (Oxford:Oxford University Press, 2021), 1-16.							
Week 5 Islam: Origin							
Required Reading: Rippin, Andrew. Muslims: Their Religious Beliefs and Practices(London: Routledge, 2014), 7-44.							
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Week 6 Islam: Texts

Required Reading: Sinai, Nicolai. Qur'an: A Historical-Critical Introduction (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2017), 40-75.

Rippin, Andrew. Muslims: Their Religious Beliefs and Practices (London: Routledge, 2014), 44-58.

Week 7 Judaism in the Modern Age

Required Reading: Fackenheim, Emil L. What is Judaism?: An Interpretation for the Present Age. (New York: Syracuse University Press, 1999), 223-253.

Week 8 Christianity in the Modern Age

Required Reading: Boss, Sarah Jane. "The Role of Mary in the 20th and 21st Centuries", in Women in Christianity in the Modern Age, edited by Isherwood, Lisa and Megan Clay (London: Routledge, 2021), 53-82.

Week 9 Islam in the Modern Age

Required Reading: Rippin, Andrew. Muslims: Their Religious Beliefs and Practices (London: Routledge, 2014), 301-312

Week 10 Muslim-Hindus in India

Required Reading: Thursby, G. R. Hindu-Muslims Relations in British India (Leiden: Brill, 1975), 123-135

Week 11 Buddhist and Muslims in Southern Thailand

Required Reading: Yusuf, Imtiyaz. "The Southern Thailand Conflict and the Muslim World," Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs 27, no. 2 (2007): 319-339.

Week 12 Buddhist and Muslims in Southern Thailand

Required Reading: Yusuf, Imtiyaz. "The Southern Thailand Conflict and the Muslim World," Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs 27, no. 2 (2007): 319-339.

Week 13 Christians and Muslims in Malaysia

Required Reading: Riddell, Peter G. "Varieties of Christian-Muslim Encounter in Malaysia", in Christian Responses to Islam: Muslim-Christian Relations in the Modern World, edited by A. O' Mahony and Emma Loosely (Manchester: Manchester University Press 2008), 105-119.

Week 14 New Religious Movements 1

Required Reading: Wallis, Roy. "Three Types of New Religious Movements," In Cults in Context: Readings in the Study of New Religious Movements, edited by Lorne L. Dawson (London: Routledge, 2018), pp. 39-71.

Week 15 Exam.

Week 16 Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

General Information about Assessment Overview

Your assessment consists of two components: (1) A 2000-word essay 1 (35 %) For the first assignment students should choose a topic based on our first 6 sessions. Students are not expected to adapt or replace the title of the essay. Any alteration to the title of the essay must be discussed with the lecturer. (2) The final exam, which is worth 65% of your grade. Information on the examination format will be handed out mid-semester. Because of the precise format of your essay assignments, I provide students with a document on about my expectations for their essay work.

Read through all provided information very carefully, at the beginning of the semester, taking time to absorb its contents, so that you may get to work in an efficient and pleasurable manner, rather than go down dead-end avenues of investigation or end up otherwise frustrated. Then come back, and come often! If you have

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any questions at all about your assignment, please do not hesitate to contact me. Above all: Be timely with your work. Begin early; it is the only insurance you have against hurry, stress, and in the end inferior work (to say nothing of possible late penalties). The more effort you put in the early stages, the easier you will find everything; the later you are, the more difficult things become.

[Textbooks]

Textbook and readings

There are specific readings for every sessions; Required readings which must be prepared in advance to follow the course outline and comprehend the framework of every session. The Readings schedule covers all the materials needed for successful completion of the course; beyond these, some Further Reading is given for each learning unit.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

No prior knowledge of religion is required. Students should be able to participate in discussions with their classmates in English. This may be face-to-face small group discussion or online. Students may also be asked to make short presentations in English based on the class topics.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Knowledge a) A working familiarity with scriptures and their interpretive literature
- b) A familiarity with key concepts used by different religious communities
- c) A familiarity with history of religions in different parts of the world
- d) A familiarity with modern debates around interreligious discourse and dialogue.

Skills

- a) The ability to research disparate types of material and bring them together in a unified presentation
- b) The ability to develop creative and critical approaches by original religious texts
- c) The ability to present an extended analysis in essay form using appropriate literature on a chosen topic.

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Lecture code: H280001

Course number	U-LAS01 10014 LE38						
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Asian Societies-E2 Introduction to Asian Societies-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Center for Southeast Asian Studies Associate Professor,DANESHGAR,Majid		
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	History and Civilization(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Wed.1		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
<p>From the 20th century, more thought has been given in academic discourse to the concept of Asia: how it may be defined and categorised. In this course, we will take a critical look at the construction of this category from the perspective of historians who have posited the role of Persian as playing a major role in connections across the region stretching from China to the Middle East. Two main lines of debate that have survived up until today and are moving even more quickly than other intellectual trends. They were presented by Marshall Hodgson and Bert G. Fragner who explored the ways in which the Persian language, as a medium of culture, power and religion, served as a perhaps unexpected factor in defining the frontiers of an expansive region. Over recent decades, scholarship has produced some productive new studies of “the Persianate World” stretching from the “Balkans-to-Bengal” or, as Fragner coined the term “Persephone/Persophonie”. Students in this course will be introduced to this line of conceptualizing region, and its recent extension into scholarship on the history of Southeast Asia, as well as comparative examinations into the ways in which this focus on Persian-rather than say Chinese or Sanskrit-opens new interpretive possibilities for our understandings of “Asia.”</p>							
[Course objectives]							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Demonstrate an informed understanding of key concepts related to the Persianate World o Discuss critically the development and formation of Persianate World o Demonstrate an understanding of the history of the Asian Societies <p>Also, it ends up with your familiarity with the Persianate Contexts; A familiarity with the Usage of Persian in South East Asia students may also gain the ability to research disparate types of material and bring them together in a unified presentation. Also, the ability to present an extended analysis in essay form using appropriate literature on a chosen topic.</p>							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
<p>Relevant literature and the most recent discoveries about the concept of the Persianate World and its role in the history of Asian societies will be studied. Furthermore, students will be provided with rare Persianate ancient manuscripts and inscriptions found in Southeast Asia:</p> <p>Week 1 From Asia to Orient; from Orient to Asia</p> <p>Required Reading Mason, Colin. A Short History of Asia (Hampshire: Palgrave MacMillan, 2014), 15-67.</p> <p>Week 2 Asians vs. Asians and vs. Europeans</p> <p>Required Reading Mason, Colin. A Short History of Asia (Hampshire: Palgrave MacMillan, 2014), 105-135.</p> <p>Week 3 Modern Asians</p> <p>Required Reading Mason, Colin. A Short History of Asia (Hampshire: Palgrave MacMillan, 2014), 160-190.</p>							

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Week 4 Asia and the Persianate World

Required Reading Hodgson, Marshall G. S. *The Venture of Islam* (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1974) I: 35-75; Appendix and 85-97.

Week 5 Persian among the Asian Societies

Required Reading Amanat, Abbas. “Remembering the Persianate” , In *The Persianate World: Rethinking a Shared Sphere*, edited by Abbas Amanat and Assef Ashrat (Leiden: Brill, 2018), 15-62.

Bert G. Fragner, *Die Persophonie. Regionalität und Sprachkontakt in der Geschichte Asiens* (Berlin: Das Arabische Buch, 1999), 10-48.

Week 6 Persianate Bengal

Required Reading d’ Hubert, Thibaut. “Persian at the Court or in the Village?: The Elusive Presence of Persian in Bengal” , *The Persianate World The Frontiers of a Eurasian Lingua Franca* (California: California University Press, 2019), 93-112.

Week 7 Persianate China I

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Required Reading Ford, Graeme. “The Uses of Persian in Imperial China: Translating Practices at the Ming Court” , *The Persianate World The Frontiers of a Eurasian Lingua Franca* (California: California University Press, 2019), 113-130.

Week 8 Persianate China II

Required Reading Brophy, David. “A Lingua Franca in Decline? The Place of Persian in Qing China” , *The Persianate World The Frontiers of a Eurasian Lingua Franca* (California: California University Press, 2019), 175-192.

Week 9 Persianate Russia

Required Reading Speaking Bustanov, Alfrid. “Bukharan” : The Circulation of Persian Texts in Imperial Russia” , *The Persianate World The Frontiers of a Eurasian Lingua Franca* (California: California University Press, 2019), 193-206.

Week 10 Persianate Central Asia

Required Reading Toutant, Marc. “De-Persifying Court Culture: The Khanate of Khiva’s Translation Program” , *The Persianate World The Frontiers of a Eurasian Lingua Franca* (California: California University Press, 2019), 243-258.

Week 11 Persianate Malay-Indonesian World

Required Reading Daneshgar, Majid. “Persianate Aspects of the Malay-Indonesian World: Some Rare Manuscripts in the Leiden University Library” , Dabir 8 (2021), 51-78. Also, Marcinkowski, Christoph. “Iranians, Shaykh al-Islams and Chularajmontris: Genesis and Development of an Institution and its Introduction to Siam” , *Journal of Asian History* 37/ 2 (2003): 187-204.

Week 12 Persianate Inscriptions in Japan and Indonesia

Required Reading Daneshgar, Majid, Gregorius Dwi Kuswanta, Masykur Syafruddin and R. Michael Feener. “A 15th-century Persian Inscription from Bireuen, Aceh: An Early ‘Flash’ of Sufism before Fansuri” , In *Malay-Indonesian Islamic Studies: A Festschrift in Honor of Peter G. Riddell*, edited by Majid Daneshgar and Ervan Nurtawab (Leiden: Brill, 2022), 86-105.

Week 13 Persianate Political Language

Required Reading Peacock, A.C.S. “Notes on Some Persian Documents from Early Modern Southeast Asia, ” *SEJARAH: Journal of the Department of History (Univ. of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur)* 27/1 (2018), 81-97.

Week 14 Persianate Burma

Required Reading Khazeni, Arash. *The City and the Wilderness: Indo-Persian Encounters in Southeast Asia* (California: California University Press, 2020), 70-109.

Week 15 Final Exam

Week 16 Feedback Session

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[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

(1) A 2000-word essay 1 (25 %)

For the first assignment students should choose a topic based on our first 5 sessions. Students are not expected to adapt or replace the title of the essay. Any alteration to the title of the essay must be discussed with the lecturer. The deadline for the essay will be announced.

(2) The second and final assessment component is the final exam, which is worth 75% of your grade.

Information on the examination format will be handed out mid-semester. Because of the precise format of your essay assignments, I provide students with a document on about my expectations for their essay work. Read through all provided information very carefully, at the beginning of the semester, taking time to absorb its contents, so that you may get to work in an efficient and pleasurable manner, rather than go down dead-end avenues of investigation or end up otherwise frustrated. Then come back, and come often! If you have any questions at all about your assignment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

[Textbooks]

See above.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are provided with a set of questions about the forthcoming session for which they need to study relevant materials. Students are recommended to allocate three hours for every session

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

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Lecture code: H279001

Course number	U-LAS01 10015 LE38						
Course title (and course title in English)	Religion in Contemporary Society-E2 Religion in Contemporary Society-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Center for Southeast Asian Studies Associate Professor,DANESHGAR,Majid		
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	History and Civilization(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
<p>Religion(s) has continued its journey, evolution and reformation through all circumstances. To make this possible, social and political theorists have supported the role played by religious figures and theologians. Now, religion has a pivotal role in any social and political discourse. Through this course, students will become familiar with the way religion is treated and presented. Particular attention will be paid to the religion of Islam, and the controversy around its reception in the West and its re-interpretation in the Muslim world. This approach allows students to see also how other religious communities in East and West deal with Muslim teachings.</p>							
[Course objectives]							
<p>A familiarity with the reception of Islam in different societies A familiarity with recent social movements and their status in Islamic intellectual debates A familiarity with debates around Islam, justice, and freedom Skills The ability to research disparate types of material and bring them together in a unified presentation The ability to present an extended analysis in essay form using appropriate literature on a chosen topic. Enthusiastic students who successfully complete this course will be able to: Discuss critically the relationship between modern social movements and Muslim societies Demonstrate an understanding of political reading of religions in general and Islam in particular</p>							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
<p>Week 1 Other Muslims inside the Muslim World: Required Reading Yegen, Mesut. “ ‘Prospective-Turks’ or ‘Pseudo-Citizens’ : Kurds in Turkey,” The Middle East Journal 63, no. 4 (2009): 597-615.</p>							
<p>Week 2 Muslim Diaspora Required Reading Akbar, M. J. “Minority and Minorityism: The Challenge before Indian Muslims,” In Lives of Muslims in India, edited by Abdul Shaban (Abingdon: Routledge, 2018). 25-34.</p>							
<p>Week 3 Muslims as Newcomers Required Reading Greble, Emily. Muslims and the Making of Modern Europe (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021), 23-54.</p>							
<p>Week 4 Islam and Feminism Required Reading Mir - Hosseini, Ziba. “Beyond ‘Islam’ vs ‘Feminism’ .” IDS Bulletin 42, no. 1 (2011): 67-77.</p>							
<p>Week 5 Islam, Women and Gender</p>							
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Religion in Contemporary Society-E2(2)

Required Reading Ahmed, Leila. Women and Gender in Islam. New Edition (Connecticut: Yale University Press, 2021), 144-168.

Week 6 Islam and Politics

Required Reading Tibi, Bassam. Islam in Global Politics: Conflict and Cross-civilizational Bridging (London: Routledge, 2012), 31-54.

Week 7 Political Islam

Required Reading March, Andrew F. "Political Islam: Theory." Annual Review of Political Science 18 (2015): 103-23.

Week 8 Islamic Law

Required Reading El Fegiery, Moataz Ahmed. "Islamic Law and Freedom of Religion: The Case of Apostasy and Its Legal Implications in Egypt." Muslim World Journal of Human Rights 10, no. 1 (2013).

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Week 9 Islam and Sport

Required Reading Amara, Mahfoud. "Sport, Islam, and Muslims in Europe: in between or on the Margin?." Religions 4, no. 4 (2013): 644-656.

Week 10 Islam and Liberalism

Required Reading Mandaville, Peter. "Post-Islamism as Neoliberalisation" , In Islam After Liberalism, edited by Faisal Devij and Zaheer Kazmi (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017) 281-298.

Week 11 Islam and Postcolonialism

Required Reading Ali, Muhamad. "Understanding Muslim Plurality: Problems of Categorizing Muslims in Postcolonial Indonesia" , Moussons 7, no. 2 (2007), 33-62.

Week 12 Islamophobia

Required Reading Sheridan, Lorraine P. "Islamophobia Pre#8211and Post#8211September 11th, 2001," Journal of Interpersonal Violence 21, no. 3 (2006): 317-336.

Week 13 Islam and Hollywood

Required Reading Sardar, Ziauddin, and Merryl Wyn Davies. "Freeze Framing Muslims: Hollywood and the Slideshow of Western Imagination." Interventions 12, no. 2 (2010): 239-250.

Week 14 Islam and Revolution

Required Reading Hoesterey, James B. "Is Indonesia a model for the Arab Spring? Islam, democracy, and diplomacy." Review of Middle East Studies 47, no. 2 (2013): 157-165.

Week 15 Final exam

Week 16 Feedback Session

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

General Information about Assessment

Assessment Overview

Your assessment consists of two internal components:

(1) A 2000-word essay 1 (25 %)

For the first assignment students should choose a topic based on our first 3 sessions. Students are not expected to adapt or replace the title of the essay. Any alteration to the title of the essay must be discussed with the lecturer. The deadline for the essay will be announced.

(2) The second and final assessment component is the final exam, which is worth 75% of your grade.

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[Textbooks]

See above

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

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Lecture code: H297001

Course number		U-LAS01 20024 LE38						
Course title (and course title in English)	Social History of Japanese Technology I- E2 Social History of Japanese Technology I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Kyoto University Not fixed			
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		History and Civilization(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors			
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
In this course, students will work on the social history of technology in modern Japan from the late Tokugawa period to 1945. Particular attention will be paid to the nexus of technology, labor, gender, and the environment, and to how and within the context of capitalist modernity the diffusion of technology led to social change and the framing of technology for social interests.								
[Course objectives]								
To provide students with a fundamental knowledge of key phenomena and recent research perspectives in the social history of technology in Japan from the 19th century to 1945.								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
1 Introduction 2 Approach 3-4 Technology in the late Tokugawa period 5-7 Gathering the Nation: Technology in the Late 19th Century 8-10 Modern Times: Bringing the Factory to Japan 11-13 Machines for Empire: Colony and War in the 1930s and 40s 14 Conclusion								
[Course requirements]								
None								
[Evaluation methods and policy]								
Evaluation will be based on two quizzes, a midterm and a final written exam (50%+50%). Students absent from more than four classes cannot pass the course.								
[Textbooks]								
Instructed during class								
[References, etc.]								
(Reference book) Introduced during class								
[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]								
Students prepare by weekly readings of research papers and historical sources.								
[Other information (office hours, etc.)]								

Lecture code: H298001

Course number	U-LAS01 20025 LE38				
Course title (and course title in English)	Social History of Japanese Technology II -E2 Social History of Japanese Technology II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Kyoto University Not fixed
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	History and Civilization(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits 2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters 2025 • Second semester
Days and periods		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

In this course, students will work on the social history of technology in modern Japan from the end of World War II to 2000. Particular attention will be paid to the nexus of technology, labor, gender, and the environment, and to how and within the context of capitalist modernity the diffusion of technology led to social change and the framing of technology for social interests.

[Course objectives]

To provide students with fundamental knowledge of key phenomena and recent research perspectives in the social history of technology in Japan from 1945 to the millennium.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Introduction
- 2 Approach
- 3-4 Pax Americana and Technology in Japan (1945-1960)
- 5-7 Made in Japan: High Growth and Technology (1960-1976)
- 8-10 Information Machines: Creating Post-Industrial Japan (1976-1990)
- 11-13 Post-growth and technological challenges (1990-2000s)
- 14 Conclusion

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on two quizzes, a midterm and a final written exam (50%+50%). Students absent from more than four classes cannot pass the course.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students prepare by weekly readings of research papers and historical sources.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: H283001

Course number	U-LAS01 20013 LE38						
Course title (and course title in English)	Japanese Intellectual History I-E2 Japanese Intellectual History I-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Education Associate Professor,Niels van Steenpaal			
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	History and Civilization(Issues)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Tue.2		Target year	All students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
This course will introduce the student to the “intellectual history” of Japan, both as a body of knowledge, and as a particular historical method. That is, besides deepening our understanding of the philosophies, ideologies, and mentalities that helped shape Japan, we will also develop the skills necessary to meaningfully examine these ideas as academic problems. Rather than a chronological survey, the approach of this course is thematic. Each class will focus on the significance of one particular idea/phenomenon. The key terms for this semester will be space, time, and culture.							
[Course objectives]							
Upon the successful completion of this course, students will:							
(1)be familiar with the presuppositions and narratives of historical theory. (2)have a general understanding of the ideas and ideologies of the Japanese early modern and modern period. (3)learn to use the historical method to question cultural assumptions.							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
The tentative weekly topic schedule is as follows:							
1. Introduction 2. Why Study History? 3. Why Study Intellectual History? 4. Why Study Japan? 5. Time 6. Premodern Time 7. Modern Time 8. Historical Time 9. Space 10. Japanese Space 11. Global Space 12. Asian Space 13. Oriental Space 14. What is Culture? (final exam) (feedback)							
(Please note that the above themes and their order might vary from year to year)							
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Japanese Intellectual History I-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

As a survey introduction class, this course will require no reading preparations, but basic competence in English is required to fruitfully engage in class and the exam. Furthermore, although not a strict requirement, it is recommended that the student has a grasp of the basic outlines of Japanese history.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will be based on a final exam only.

100% Final Exam

[Textbooks]

Not used

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Reviewing class notes and possibly clarifying unclear items through independent study.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students should be aware of the fact that student interest in this course always exceeds its capacity and that enrollment permission will be decided based on a random lottery.

Students who have inquiries of any kind are welcome to contact me by email. In doing so, however, please heed the following:

1. clearly indicate your name and the class to which your question pertains.
2. write in either Japanese or English, whichever language you are most proficient in.
3. write in a formal format appropriate to the university setting.

Emails that do not conform to all of these items will be sent back without a response.

Lecture code: H284001

Course number		U-LAS01 20014 LE38						
Course title (and course title in English)	Japanese Intellectual History II-E2 Japanese Intellectual History II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Education Associate Professor,Niels van Steenpaal			
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		History and Civilization(Issues)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		
Days and periods	Tue.2		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
This course will introduce the student to the “intellectual history” of Japan, both as a body of knowledge, and as a particular historical method. That is, besides deepening our understanding of the philosophies, ideologies, and mentalities that helped shape Japan, we will also develop the skills necessary to meaningfully examine these ideas as academic problems. Rather than a chronological survey, the approach of this course is thematic. Each class will focus on the significance of one particular idea/phenomenon. The key terms for this semester will be memory and religion.								
[Course objectives]								
Upon the successful completion of this course, students will:								
(1) be familiar with the presuppositions and narratives of historical theory. (2) have a general understanding of the ideas and ideologies of the Japanese early modern and modern period. (3) learn to use the historical method to question cultural assumptions.								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
The tentative weekly topic schedule is as follows:								
1. Introduction 2. Why Study Intellectual History? 3. Why Study Japan? 4. Edo as Central Magnificence 5. Edo as Uncivilized 6. Edo as Culture 7. Edo as Feudal 8. Edo as Early Modern 9. Edo as Postmodern 10. Japan as a Religious Community 11. Japan as Christian 12. Japan as Buddhist 13. Japan as Confucian 14. Japan as Shinto (final exam) (feedback)								
(Please note that the above themes and their order might vary from year to year)								
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Japanese Intellectual History II-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

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[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will be based on a final exam only.

100% Final Exam

[Textbooks]

Not used

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Reviewing class notes and possibly clarifying unclear items through independent study.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

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Lecture code: H292001

Course number		U-LAS01 20018 LE38									
Course title (and course title in English)	Japanese Popular Culture I-E2 Japanese Popular Culture I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Law Associate Professor,MURPHY, Mahon						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		History and Civilization(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
The purpose of this class is to discuss the historical development of Japanese Popular Culture from its roots in the 19th Century to the end of the Second World War. The Meiji Period ushered in the opening of Japan attracting a new global audience to Japanese culture. This global interaction also impacted the development of popular culture in Japan. Combining high politics and diplomacy with sport, theatre, anime and mass media this class frames Japanese Popular Culture as shaped by domestic and international counter-culture trends. The course is suitable for both students who have previously studied popular culture and those who are new comers.											
[Course objectives]											
The Course has 3 goals											
1 Gain an understanding of the history of popular culture											
2 Recognize the political importance of popular culture											
3 Read analyze and discuss academic texts in English											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
The course will develop as follows:											
1. Introduction: What is Popular Culture?											
The Birth of Popular Culture in Japan											
2. Popular Culture in the Edo Period											
3. What the Hell: Social Unrest in the Bakumatsu											
Global Japanese Popular Culture											
4. Foreign Experts in Japan during the Meiji Era											
5. Japanese Theatre on the Global Stage											
6. The Evils of Baseball: Modern Sport											
Mass Media											
7. The Modern Girl: Popular Culture and Feminism											
8. A Model Family? The Modern Imperial Household											
9. Takarazuka: Gender, Theatre, and Diplomacy											

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Japanese Popular Culture I-E2(2)

Popular Culture, Empire and War

10. Tourism within the Japanese Empire

11. Displaying Empire: The 1940 Olympics

12. Mobilizing Movie Stars for War

13. War and the Birth of the Anime Industry

14. Review

15. Feedback

Total: 14 classes and 1 feedback class

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation is based on the following:

Active participation in class 20%

Assignments 40%

End of Term Paper 40%

- Those who are absent from four classes or more without good reason will not pass.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Every week students will read an academic text in English and complete an assignment in preparation for in class discussion.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: H293001

Course number		U-LAS01 20019 LE38									
Course title (and course title in English)	Japanese Popular Culture II-E2 Japanese Popular Culture II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Law Associate Professor,MURPHY, Mahon						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		History and Civilization(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
The purpose of this course is to study the historical development of popular culture in Japan from 1945 to the present day. The phenomenon of Cool Japan is one of the distinctive features of how the Japanese government uses popular culture as a diplomatic tool. This course will look at the development of popular culture from the ruins of post-war Japan into its current form as an integral part of a presentation of Japan a soft-power super-power. The course will combine high politics and diplomacy with trends in music, manga and video games to show how popular culture came to be such an important political tool. The course is suitable for both students who have a deep understanding of popular culture and those who are new comers.											
[Course objectives]											
The Course has 3 goals											
1 Gain an understanding of the history of popular culture											
2 Recognize the political importance of popular culture											
3 Read, analyze and discuss academic texts in English											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
The course will develop as follows:											
1. Introduction: Popular Culture Theory											
The Post-War Period											
2. 'Horizontal Westernization' in Occupied Japan.											
3. King of the Monsters: Godzilla in The Atomic Age											
4. Pro-Wrestling as a mass event: TV culture											
Japan Back in the World											
5. The 1964 Olympics: Rejoining the Family of Nations											
6. Beatlemania hits Japan: Music and Revolution											
7. Visualizing Popular Culture: The Manga Boom											
Hi-Tech Popular Culture											
8. Pachinko: A truly Japanese Popular Culture?											
9. Japan-Bashing: Anti-Japanese Movements in the USA											
10. Video Games and Japanese Identity											
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Japanese Popular Culture II-E2(2)

Japanese Popular Culture becomes Global Popular Culture

- 11. Defining Food: Global Washoku
- 12. Anime and its International Impact
- 13. A 21st Century Popular Culture Super Power? Cool Japan

- 14. Review Lecture
- 15. Feedback

Total:14 classes and 1 feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation is based on the following:

Active participation in class 20%

Assignments 40%

End of Term Paper 40%

- Those who are absent from four classes or more without good reason will not pass.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Every week students will be given an academic text and primary source in English and complete an assignment in preparation for in class discussion.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: H394001

Course number		U-LAS02 10024 LE35									
Course title (and course title in English)	History of Oriental Art I-E2 History of Oriental Art I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Research in Humanities Professor, FORTE, Erika						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Arts, Literature and Linguistics(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2					
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Wed.4		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Course topic "A survey on the history of Chinese painting from the Han dynasty (206 BCE- 220 CE) through the Song dynasty (960-1279)." While tracing the overall evolution of pictorial art in China, we will focus on significant themes, including narrative painting, landscape painting, the interplay of poetry and painting, devotional representations (especially in the context of Buddhism), and the correlation between painting and calligraphy.											
[Course objectives]											
To provide students with the tools to both recognize major works of ancient Chinese painting and comprehend their artistic production processes within the relevant historical and cultural contexts.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
1. General introduction to the course 2. Painting during the Han period 漢代 (206 BCE-220 CE) 3. Painting between the 3rd and the 6th century 4. Sui 隋代 and Tang periods 唐代 painting (581-906) 5. Buddhism and Buddhist painting (I) 6. Buddhist painting (II) 7. Painting in the 10th c. 8. Guest Lecture: Pigments in Painting (F. Pincella) 9. Song period 宋代 painting 10+11. Museum visit (it is equivalent to two classes and is held on the 3rd Sunday of June) 12. The Qingming scroll 清明上河圖 13. Other themes in painting, 10th to 13th centuries 14. Summary of the course and exam preview «Final exam» 15. Feedback (on request)											
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History of Oriental Art I-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

No special prerequisites. A general knowledge on the history of China, although not compulsory, is recommended. Students also have the option to combine this course with Oriental History I in the same semester.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and participation are required for units 2 to 13.

Evaluation is determined by the following components:

- Preparation and participation in class activities, as well as active engagement in class discussions (30%);
- Participation in the museum excursion and related activities, including the submission of a short report (20%);
- Performance on the final exam (50%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

The relevant literature will be announced in class, and additional learning materials will be made available on PandA.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Barnhart, Richard M., Yang Xin, Nie Chonzheng, James Cahill, Lang Shaojun, and Wu Hung (eds.) 『Three thousand years of Chinese painting』 (Yale University Press) ISBN:0300070136

Robert Thorp and Richard Ellis Vinograd 『Chinese Art and Culture』 (Harry N. Abrams) ISBN: 0810941457

These books are accessible at the Kyoto University libraries. Additional materials will be supplied during the course, including useful website links and readings.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be provided with the relevant literature of the topic taught for reviewing the lessons.

Class activities may necessitate prior preparation or subsequent follow-up, often including small research assignments or readings for in-class discussion.

As part of the course, there is an excursion for a museum visit, typically scheduled on a weekend day in June (either a Sunday or a Saturday, depending on the museum). This excursion usually takes about 2 to 3 hours, and the exact date will be announced in class. Please note that this excursion is equivalent to two class sessions and entails the submission of a short report.

Final exam preparation is based on provided materials and class notes.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Receiving hours for students: by appointment.

Students participating in the museum visit should have the "Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research" (学生教育研究災害傷害保険) coverage.

For the museum visit, students are responsible for their transportation expenses.

Lecture code: H395001

Course number		U-LAS02 10025 LE35				
Course title (and course title in English)	History of Oriental Art II-E2 History of Oriental Art II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Research in Humanities Professor, FORTE, Erika	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Arts, Literature and Linguistics(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Wed.4		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

The topic of this course is "Narrative Art in Ancient China," and it focuses on artistic productions with narrative content. In other words, it will explore works of art that illustrate stories. These stories may originate from religious backgrounds or be derived from legends, myths, or literature. As we trace the historical evolution of Chinese art, we will examine various forms of narrative art and the diverse methods employed by artists to convey notions of time and space. These methods may vary based on factors such as cultural background, aesthetic preferences, and the intended function of the art objects, among others.

[Course objectives]

The course aims to enable students to develop art historical skills for identifying subjects and content in ancient Chinese art while fostering a broader understanding of the artistic production process within the historical and cultural context of the period under examination.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. General introduction to the course
2. Modes of narration in art (I)
3. Modes of narration in art (II)
4. Time and space in Chinese art
5. Chinese visual narratives (I): Mythological stories
6. Chinese visual narratives (II): Historical narratives
7. Chinese visual narratives (III): Didactic stories and exemplar biographies
8. Chinese visual narratives (IV): Poetic narratives
- 9+10. Museum visit (equivalent to two classes and scheduled for a weekend day in late November or early December)
11. Buddhist narratives (I): Jataka and avadana stories (previous lives of the Buddha)
12. Buddhist narratives (II): Buddha's life stories
13. Buddhist narratives (III): Buddha's life stories
14. Summary of the course
- «Final examination»
15. Feedback (upon request)

Continue to History of Oriental Art II-E2(2) ↓ ↓ ↓

History of Oriental Art II-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

No special prerequisites. A general knowledge on the history of China, although not compulsory, is recommended.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and participation are required for unites 2-13.

Evaluation is determined by the following components:

Preparation and participation in class activities, as well as active engagement in class discussions (30%);
Participation in the museum excursion and related activities, including the submission of a short report (20%);
Performance on the final exam (50%).

[Textbooks]

The relevant literature will be announced in class, and additional learning materials will be made available on PandA.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Thorp, R. and Vinograd, R. 『Chinese Art and Culture』 (Harry N. Abrams) ISBN:0130889695

Reference books are accessible at the Kyoto University libraries. Additional materials will be supplied during the course.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be provided with the relevant literature of the topic taught for reviewing the lessons.

Class activities may necessitate prior preparation or subsequent follow-up, often including small research assignments or readings for in-class discussion.

As part of the course, there is an excursion for a museum visit, typically scheduled on a weekend day in November or December (either a Sunday or a Saturday, depending on the museum). This excursion usually takes about 2 to 3 hours, and the exact date will be announced in class. Please note that this excursion is equivalent to two class sessions and entails the submission of a short report.

Final exam preparation is based on provided materials and class notes.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Receiving hours for students: by appointment.

Students participating in the museum visit should have the "Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research" (学生教育研究災害傷害保険) coverage. For the museum visit, students are responsible for their transportation expenses.

Lecture code: H381001

Course number		U-LAS02 10018 LE37									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Linguistic Science-E2 Introduction to Linguistic Science-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Professor,CATT, Adam Alvah						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Arts, Literature and Linguistics(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2					
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Wed.1		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For liberal arts students					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course provides a basic introduction to the principles of linguistic science. It will cover the following core areas of study in the field of linguistics: phonetics, phonology, morphology, and language change.											
[Course objectives]											
After taking this course, students will have a basic understanding of how to critically consider and analyze actual linguistic data from a variety of languages.											
[Course schedule and contents])											
The course is divided into the following five sections, each with a different theme. Exercises and readings will be regularly assigned to help you explore various descriptive and theoretical issues.											
1. Introduction (about 2 weeks) What is linguistics?; the nature of our knowledge of language; main areas of study in linguistics; the prescriptive (normative) vs. descriptive approach											
2. Phonetics (about 3 weeks) How are sounds produced and described?; articulatory phonetics: describing consonants and vowels; the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA chart); phonetic features and natural classes											
3. Phonology (about 3 weeks) How do sounds in a language pattern?; the phonemic principle: phonemes and allophones; formulating phonological rules; seeing patterns in the data: minimal pairs, complementary distribution											
4. Morphology (about 3 weeks) How are words built?; units of meaning: morphemes and allomorphs; derivational vs. inflectional morphology; word formation: prefixes, suffixes, infixes, reduplication, compounding; inflectional categories: number, person, gender, case, tense, aspect											
5. Language Change (about 3 weeks) How and why do languages change over time?; language families; sound change and analogy; grammaticalization; reconstructing dead languages: protolanguages, the comparative method											
Feedback (1 week)											
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Introduction to Linguistic Science-E2(2)

Total: 14 classes, 1 Feedback session

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grades are based on attendance/class participation (30%), and assignments/exams (70%). Important: If you miss four or more classes, you will not be given credit for the course.

[Textbooks]

Relevant materials will be provided in class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Fromkin, Victoria (editor) 『Linguistics: An Introduction to Linguistic Theory』 (Blackwell, 2000) ISBN: 978-0-631-19711-9

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Exercises and readings will be assigned for each section, and you will be expected to prepare sufficiently for each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours to be specified (check KULASIS). For questions about the course or to set up a meeting, email me at catt.adam.7c@kyoto-u.ac.jp. Please include "Linguistic Science" in the mail header and your full name and student number in the email. Important: Make sure that you search for answers to questions yourself before contacting me by email.

Lecture code: H382001

Course number		U-LAS02 10019 LE37									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Japanese Linguistics I-E2 Introduction to Japanese Linguistics I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Professor, CATT, Adam Alvah						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences			Field(Classification)	Arts, Literature and Linguistics(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Wed.1		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For liberal arts students					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
If you are interested in linguistics and how linguists think about the Japanese language, then this is the course for you. This course is an introduction to scientific methods of understanding and analyzing the Japanese language using the tools of linguistics. We will focus on the areas of phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and language change.											
[Course objectives]											
By the end of this course, you will have gained a good understanding of the basic areas of study in linguistics--phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and language change--and how to use these tools to understand and analyze the Japanese language.											
[Course schedule and contents])											
The course schedule is divided into the following seven sections, each with a different theme. Exercises will be regularly assigned to help you explore various descriptive and theoretical issues.											
1. Introduction (about 2 weeks) What is linguistics?; introduction to the Japanese language--its features, history, and genetic affiliation											
2. Phonetics (about 2 weeks) Describing consonants, vowels, accent											
3. Phonology (about 3 weeks) Phonemes, allophones, analyzing data sets, sequential voicing (rendaku), moras and syllables, describing accent											
4. Morphology (about 2 weeks) Parts of speech categories, the morpheme and morpheme types, types of word formation, transitive and intransitive verb pairs, nominalization											
5. Syntax (about 3 weeks) Constituency, word order, dislocation, scrambling, ellipsis, reflexive pronouns, passives											
6. Semantics (about 1 week) Tense and aspect, information structure											
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Introduction to Japanese Linguistics I-E2(2)

7. Language Change (about 2 weeks)

How the Japanese language has changed over time

Feedback (1 week)

Total : 14 classes, 1 Feedback session

[Course requirements]

This course does not require any prerequisite knowledge, although a basic familiarity with Japanese is preferable.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grades are based on attendance/class participation (30%), and assignments/exams (70%). Important: If you miss four or more classes, you will not be given credit for the course.

[Textbooks]

Relevant materials will be provided in class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Tsujimura, Natsuko 『An Introduction to Japanese Linguistics, third edition』 (Wiley Blackwell, 2014)
ISBN:978-1-4443-3773-0

Shibatani, Masayoshi 『The Languages of Japan』 (Cambridge University Press, 1990) ISBN:978-0-521-36918-3

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Exercises will be assigned on a weekly basis, and you will be expected to prepare sufficiently for each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours to be specified (check KULASIS). For questions about the course or to set up a meeting, email me at catt.adam.7c@kyoto-u.ac.jp. Please include "Japanese Linguistics" in the mail header and your full name and student number in the email. Important: Make sure that you search for answers to questions yourself before contacting me by email.

Lecture code: H383001

Course number		U-LAS02 10020 LE37				
Course title (and course title in English)	Intercultural Communication I-E2 Intercultural Communication I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Center for Southeast Asian Studies Associate Professor, TANGSEEFA, Decha	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Arts, Literature and Linguistics(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Wed.4		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

In today's global community, how should a person conceptually prepare herself to be an effective "intercultural" communicator? Inconceivable even a decade ago, this era has witnessed tremendous transnational cultural flows -- of people, practices and products -- as well as local cultural complexities. Each not only encounters her own cultural intricacy, but also needs to effectively operate in culturally-complex contexts -- no matter in the cyber or physical spaces. These contexts range from the home and neighborhood; to places of work, worship and recreation; and to regions and the world.

For this academic year, the guiding concept for both Intercultural Communication I and II will be "cultural fluency." The two courses will be based on the second edition of my Thai book: "Light, Water and Rice Stalk: Cultural Fluency for Alterity" (2020). There are four sets of topics, the first two of which will be explored in this course and the latter two in Intercultural Communication II:

- Part 1. "Cultural Fluency," Difference and Voice
- Part 2. Basic Elements of "Cultural Fluency" : AHA
- Part 3. Listen to Others, Listen to Otherness
- Part 4. Light, Rice Stalk and Cultural Fluency

The two courses explore concepts, theories and events as well as employ sounds (melodic or not) and images (moving or otherwise) -- as pedagogical tools -- to deepen students' understanding of effective "intercultural communication."

[Course objectives]

Since these two courses are predominantly conceptual/theoretical, they aim to enable students to develop a set of conceptual abilities to think through processes of "intercultural communication." Students will, therefore, be doing a large amount of reading, discussing, and finally writing. (Note: All the readings can be accessed through PandA.)

[Course schedule and contents)]

1st:

- Introduction and Course Queries

Part 1. "Cultural Fluency," Difference and Voice

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Intercultural Communication I-E2(2)

2nd:

- “Culture” in Social Sciences and Humanities

3rd:

- “Fluency” : An Etymology
- “Cultural Fluency” & Its Academic Landscape

4th:

- Culture & Time

5th:

- 1st Quiz and Review

6th:

- Difference & Voice

Part 2. Basic Elements of “Cultural Fluency” : AHA

7th:

- Multiculturalism

8th:

- Belonging

9th:

- 2nd Quiz and Review

10th:

- Power

11th:

- Capitalization & Technologization-1

12th:

- Capitalization & Technologization-2

13th:

- Habit & Ability

- Course Summary

14th:

- 3rd Quiz and Review

15th:

- Feedback Session

[Course requirements]

1) Good level of English language (TOEFL ITP score ≥ 525) is required (the full score is 677). (For more information on how to convert the score, among others, see: <https://theedge.com.hk/conversion-table-for-toefl-ibt-pbt-cbt-tests/>)

2) Comparatively speaking, this course is both reading-intensive and writing-intensive. Thus, any students who plan to take too many courses in this semester will have a hard time fulfilling this course’s requirements.

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Intercultural Communication I-E2(3)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

3 Quizzes

First Quiz 30%

Second Quiz 30%

Third Quiz 40%

Notes: Since this course is predominantly conceptual, students will be expected to demonstrate their conceptual understanding. The quizzes' questions will ask students to: a) define some of this course's key terms; b) apply those terms to analyze certain social realities in light of the course's overall theme -- i.e., "cultural fluency". Throughout the semester, therefore, each student must ensure that s/he will adequately have a good conceptual grasp of those key terms.

[Textbooks]

- Olwell, Victoria. "The Uses of 'Culture.'" In "American Literary History" (2016. 28/1: 159-169.)
- Williams, Raymond. "Culture." In "Keywords: A Vocabulary of Culture and Society." (2015 [1976]. New York: Oxford University Press. Pp. 49-54.)
- Weidman, Amanda. "Anthropology and Voice." In "Annual Review of Anthropology," (2015. 63/6: 800-824.)
- Colombo, Enzo. "Multiculturalisms: An Overview of Multicultural Debates in Western Societies." in "Current Sociology Review." (2016. New York: Simon & Shuster. Pp. 65-83.)
- Decha Tangseefa. "'I Want To Stay Forever In You.' In "Myanmar's Mountain and Maritime Borderscapes: Local Practices, Boundary-making and Figured Worlds." Su-Ann Oh (Ed.). (2016. Singapore: ISEAS. Pp. 261-282.)
- Foucault, Michel. "Method." In "The History of Sexuality (Volume 1: An Introduction)" (1990 [1978]. New York: Vintage Books. Pp. 92-102.)
- Foucault, Michel. "The Ethics of the Concern of the Self as a Practice of Freedom." In "Ethics: Subjectivity and Truth." Paul Rabinow (Ed.). Robert Hurley and Others. (Trans.). (1997. New York: New Press. Pp. 281-301.)
- Richard A. Lynch. "Foucault's Theory of Power." In "Michel Foucault: Key Concepts." Dianna Taylor (Ed.). (2011. New York: Routledge. Pp. 13-26.)
- Dobbs, Richard, James Manyika and Jonathan Woetzel. "An Intuition Reset." In "No Ordinary Disruption: The Four Global Forces Breaking All the Trends." (2015. New York: PublicAffairs. Pp. 1-14.)
- Tepper, Jonathan and Denise Hearn. "Introduction." In "The Myth of Capitalism: Monopolies and the Death of Competition." (2019. London: Profile Books Ltd. Pp. 3- 25.)
- Zuboff, Shoshana. "Introduction: Home or Exile in the Digital Future." In "The Age of Surveillance Capitalism: The Fight for a Human Future at the New Frontier of Power." (2011. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press. Pp. 110-112.)
- Duhigg, Charles. "Prologue: The Habit Cure." In "The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do In Life and Business." ((2014 [2012]. New York: Random House Trade Paperbacks. Pp. xi-xx.)
- James, William. "The Laws of Habit." In "Talks to Teachers on Psychology to Students on Some of Life's Ideals." (1899. New York: Henry Holt and Company. Pp. 64-78.)
- Appadurai, Arjun. "The Future as Cultural Fact: Essays on the Global Condition." (2013. London: Verso. Pp. 179-182.)
- Appiah, Kwame Anthony. "The Lies that Bind." (2018. New York: Liveright Publishing Corporation. Pp. xi-xvi.)
- Gordon, Jane Anna. "Creolizing Political Theory: Reading Rousseau through Fanon." (2014. New York: Fordham University Press. Pp. 1-17.)

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Intercultural Communication I-E2(4)

(Related URL)

https://onlinemovie.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/movie_tangseefa/(Instructor's URL)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will study each week's prepared PowerPoint slides as well as reading assignments before class time in order to effectively engage in class discussion.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Consultations can be arranged as needed.

Lecture code: H384001

Course number		U-LAS02 10021 LE37				
Course title (and course title in English)	Intercultural Communication II-E2 Intercultural Communication II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Center for Southeast Asian Studies Associate Professor, TANGSEEFA, Decha	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Arts, Literature and Linguistics(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Wed.4		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

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[Course schedule and contents)]

Week 1:

- Introduction and Course Queries

Part 3. Listen to Others, Listen to Otherness

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Intercultural Communication II-E2(2)

Part 3.1. A Child, Death and A Mother

Week 2:

- A Child, Death and A Mother

Part 3.2. Water & Becoming

Week 3:

- The Daodejing

Week 4:

- Smooth Space & On Influence-1

Week 5:

- Smooth Space & On Influence-2

Week 6:

- 1st Quiz and Review

Week 7:

- “Before the Law”

Week 8:

- Future, Justice and Fluency

Week 9:

- Speech & Trauma

Week 10:

- 2nd Quiz and Review

Part 3.3. Memory, Hearing and Listening

Week 11:

- Soundscape

Week 12:

- Listening

Week 13:

- Memory, Otherness and Violence

Week 14:

- 3rd Quiz and Review

Part 4. Light, Rice Stalk and Cultural Fluency

Week 15:

- Feedback Session

- Course Summary: Light, Rice Stalk and Cultural Fluency

[Course requirements]

1) Good level of English language (TOEFL ITP score ≥ 525) is required (the full score is 677). (For more information on how to convert the score, among others, see: <https://theedge.com.hk/conversion-table-for-toefl-ibt-pbt-cbt-tests/>)

2) Comparatively speaking, this course is both reading-intensive and writing-intensive. Thus, any students who plan to take too many courses in this semester will have a hard time fulfilling this course's requirements.

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Intercultural Communication II-E2(3)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

3 Quizzes

Week 6: 30%

Week 10: 30%

Week 14: 40%

Notes: Since this course is predominantly conceptual, students will be expected to demonstrate their conceptual understanding. The quizzes' questions will ask students to: a) define some of this course's key terms; b) apply those terms to analyze certain social realities in light of the course's overall theme -- i.e., "cultural fluency". Throughout the semester, therefore, each student must ensure that s/he will adequately have a good conceptual grasp of those key terms.

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(Related URL)

https://onlinemovie.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/movie_tangseefa/ (Instructor's URL)

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Intercultural Communication II-E2(4)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will study each week's prepared PowerPoint slides as well as reading assignments before class time in order to effectively engage in class discussion.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Consultations can be arranged as needed.

Lecture code: H727001

Course number		U-LAS04 10002 LE47									
Course title (and course title in English)	Pedagogy I-E2 Pedagogy I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Education Senior Lecturer,BROTHERHOOD Thomas						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Tue.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course aims to encourage you to think more deeply about education, teaching, and learning.											
Everyone went to school, so it is natural that we think we know the answer to questions such as: What are schools for? What makes a good school, or a good teacher? What does a good lesson look like?											
Though these might seem like easy questions, they are the source of fierce debate among educational researchers and politicians, and these debates have huge consequences for the future of our schools and societies.											
By taking this course, you will begin to understand these debates and recognise the importance of pedagogy at a societal level, and in your daily life.											
[Course objectives]											
You will...											
- Begin to understand the fundamental concepts of education, including organisation of schools, goals, teaching, learning, curriculum.											
- Learn to recognise different concepts in the real world and media, and reflect and their relevance to your own learning.											
- Improve your communication skills, including the ability to understand and respond to academic texts in a variety of formats, and contribute to discussions.											
[Course schedule and contents])											
The overview of this course is as follows:											
Week 1: Class Introduction, syllabus and learning goals surveys.											
Theme 1: Schools and Society											
Theme 2: Teachers and learners											
Theme 3: Evolutions in pedagogy											
Week 14: Review, Learning Outcomes Surveys											
Week 15: Final workshop and feedback											
[Course requirements]											
There are no special requirements for this course. However, students are strongly encouraged to also enrol in											
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Pedagogy I-E2(2)

Advanced Lecture for Pedagogy I-E2 at the same time.

If you haven't already, please think about enrolling in Advanced Lecture for Pedagogy I-E2 this semester, where we will practically explore the concepts introduced in this class. This course will be much easier if studied alongside the Advanced class!

[Evaluation methods and policy]

These classes will be strongly interactive and draw on student engagement throughout. Each class will follow the same basic structure, beginning with a mini lecture (posted in advance on PandA), followed by a reading discussion, before a final case study. Attendance and participation therefore contributes a significant part of the final grade (25%). In addition, students will complete a learning reflection diary (25%), a mini presentation (25%) and a final paper (25%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

There is no assigned textbook for this course. All readings and preparation will be assigned via the LMS.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

There is no assigned textbook for this course. All readings and preparation will be assigned via the LMS.

(Related URL)

(Students should refer to the university's LMS.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to contribute between 1-2 hours a week to this course outside of class. This time will be mostly dedicated to assigned preparation materials, learning diaries, preparation for assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours will be held once per week for 1 hour (location and time to be announced in the course syllabus).

Lecture code: H728001

Course number		U-LAS04 10004 LE47				
Course title (and course title in English)	Pedagogy II-E2 Pedagogy II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Education Senior Lecturer,BROTHERHOOD Thomas	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Tue.2	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Have you ever wondered why schools and universities are the way they are? Maybe you have been surprised by the differences between education in different countries? Pedagogy II will help you to answer these questions by introducing you to the ways in which pedagogy (i.e., the practice of teaching) is influenced by its broader social and political context.

This semester you will be introduced to four major themes that represent important perspectives on teaching and learning:

- 1) Traditional pedagogy
- 2) Progressive pedagogy
- 3) Liberal pedagogy
- 4) Indigenous and alternative pedagogies

In this course, you will begin to understand the historical and philosophical underpinnings of these perspectives, and the various ways they have been applied practically in classrooms around the world. By the end of the course, you will be able to recognise elements of these different approaches to education in your own classes, critically consider the strengths, weaknesses and tensions that exist within these pedagogical styles, and reflect on their relationship to your own learning.

[Course objectives]

You will...

- Gain basic knowledge about major perspectives on pedagogy.
- Reflect on own learning in relation to the content of the course and become able to recognise different pedagogical styles in the real world in your day-to-day life.
- Develop skills to understand and respond to academic texts, audio, and videos in English, and gain confidence sharing ideas and involving others in discussions.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The basic overview of the course can be seen below:

Week 1: Class Introduction, syllabus and learning goals surveys.

Theme 1: Traditional Pedagogy

Theme 2: Progressive Pedagogy

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Theme 3: Liberal Pedagogy

Theme 4: Indigenous and Alternative Approaches

Week 14: Review and final workshop

Week 15: Feedback

[Course requirements]

There are no requirements for taking this course. However, students are strongly encouraged to also enrol in Advanced Lecture for Pedagogy II-E2 at the same time as this course.

If you haven't already, please think about enrolling in Advanced Lecture for Pedagogy II-E2 this semester, where we will analyse films to help us visualise these different models of pedagogy in action. This course will be much easier if studied alongside the Advanced class!

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The classes are lecture-based, but student interactivity will be encouraged and rewarded throughout. Each class will follow the same basic structure, beginning with a mini lecture (posted in advance on PandA), followed by a reading discussion, before a final case study. Students are encouraged to raise their hand with questions at any time, and classes will include individual/group work activities and opportunities for students to discuss and share their opinions and reflections on the content of the class. As a result, in-class participation is a significant part of the class grade (25%). In addition, students can expect in-class test/examinations (25%), a learning reflection diary (25%) and a final paper (25%) to constitute their grade for this class.

[Textbooks]

Not used

There is no assigned textbook for this course. All readings and preparation materials will be distributed via the LMS.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

There is no assigned textbook for this course. All readings and preparation materials will be distributed via the LMS.

(Related URL)

(Students should refer to the university's LMS.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to contribute between 1-2 hours a week to this course outside of class. This time will be mostly be dedicated to assigned preparation materials (readings, podcasts, videos), learning diaries, preparation for assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours will be held once per week for 1 hour (location and time to be announced in the course syllabus).

Lecture code: H744001

Course number		U-LAS04 10015 LE46									
Course title (and course title in English)	Psychology I-E2 Psychology I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for the Future of Human Society Senior Lecturer, DE ALMEIDA, Igor						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences			Field(Classification)	Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)			Year/semesters	2025 • First semester				
Days and periods	Wed.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
What makes you who are you? The genes you've inherited or the experiences you have? Can we really influence the unconscious mind? Do dreams have deeper meanings? Can psychology improve your ability to study and remember information?											
Psychology is the scientific study of the brain, the mind, and behavior. This course surveys classic and modern findings, methods, and real world applications in psychological science, to answer these philosophical questions about what it means to be human. Psychology I focuses on biological and cognitive approaches to the study of psychology.											
[Course objectives]											
By taking this course, students will be able to:											
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain the major themes in psychological science, such as the nature-nurture debate, and identify psychological concepts which illustrate these themes. 2. Interpret landmark research findings, schools of thought, and methodological approaches to apply psychology to human thoughts and behavior in daily life. 3. Explain the differences and similarities in topics and methods across several sub-fields of psychology. 											
This course also develops students' communication and critical thinking skills in English.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
With advanced notice to students, the instructor may make minor adjustments to the schedule below as required.											
1 Course welcome and topic introduction 2 The scientific method in psychology 3 Biopsychology I 4 Biopsychology II 5 Sensation & perception 6 Consciousness & sleep 7 Memory 8 Midterm 9 Learning I: Classical conditioning											
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Psychology I-E2(2)

10 Learning II: Operant conditioning & social learning

11 Motivation

12 Emotion

13 Intelligence

14 Review

15 Final examination

16 Feedback week

The course format includes interactive lectures. The course also uses brief demonstrations (experiments, interactive activities, short film) to illustrate key concepts. Course time may also include small group discussion and time for questions & answers.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Written mid-term examination consisting of multiple choice and open-ended questions= 30%

Written cumulative final examination consisting of multiple choice and open-ended questions= 40%

For both exams, raw score grading [0-100] system is used.

Class activities - 30%

Optional extra activities such as reports and participation in research may be introduced during class. These activities may provide additional points to the final grade.

[Textbooks]

Diener Education Foundation 『Noba Project Introductory Psychology』 (Noba) (Online, open access / free materials, access information provided in class in week 1)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To make satisfactory progress in the course, students will be expected to spend approximately 90 minutes each week outside of class reviewing lecture materials, class notes, and the online textbook.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours will be available each week. Students may use office hours to discuss course material or for other general questions, such as interest in continued studies. Students are welcome to make appointments for office hours by emailing the instructor in advance and arranging a mutually convenient time.

Lecture code: H745001

Course number	U-LAS04 10016 LE46				
Course title (and course title in English)	Psychology II-E2 Psychology II-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for the Future of Human Society Senior Lecturer, DE ALMEIDA, Igor	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Wed.3	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors
[Overview and purpose of the course]					
<p>What makes you you? Is personality or the situation more powerful in shaping how people think and act? Why are some people capable of “evil” behavior? What does the world look like from the perspective of a newborn baby? Do movies accurately portray mental illness? How do we treat psychological disorders ?</p> <p>Psychology is the scientific study of the brain, the mind, and behavior. This course surveys psychology’s classic and modern research findings, methods, and real world applications, to answer these philosophical questions and more about what it means to be human. Psychology II will focus on main applications and subfields inside psychology.</p>					
[Course objectives]					
<p>By the end of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tell a story about the major themes in psychological science, such as the nature-nurture or person-situation debate, and use psychological concepts at the individual and social level to illustrate these themes. 2. Interpret and apply classic research findings, schools of thought, and methodological approaches from personality, developmental, social, and clinical psychology for real world issues. 3. Discuss how different sub-fields in psychology connect together to explain what it means to be human. 					
<p>This course also develops students’ communication and critical thinking skills in English.</p>					
[Course schedule and contents)]					
<p>With advanced notice to students, the instructor may make minor adjustments to the schedule below as required.</p>					
<p>1 Course welcome and topic introduction 2 Developmental Psychology I: Focus on early life 3 Developmental Psychology II: Focus on later life 4 Personality and the self 5 Social Psychology I 6 Social Psychology II 7 Social Psychology III 8 Midterm 9 Clinical Psychology I</p>					
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Psychology II-E2(2)

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- 10 Clinical Psychology II
 - 11 Clinical Psychology III
 - 12 Health Psychology
 - 13 Cultural Psychology
 - 14 Review week
 - 15 Final examination
 - 16 Feedback week

The course format includes interactive lectures. The course uses brief demonstrations (experiments, interactive activities, short film) to illustrate concepts. Course time may also include small group discussion and time for questions & answers.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Written mid-term examination consisting of multiple choice and open-ended questions= 30%

Written cumulative final examination consisting of multiple choice and open-ended questions= 40%

For both exams, raw score grading [0-100] system is used.

Class activities - 30%

Optional extra activities such as reports and participation in research may be introduced during class. These activities may provide additional points to the final grade.

[Textbooks]

Diener Education Foundation 『Noba Project Introductory Psychology』 (Noba) (Online, open access / free materials, access information provided in class in week 1)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To make satisfactory progress in the course, students will be expected to spend approximately 90 minutes each week outside of class reviewing lecture materials, class notes, and the online textbook.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Walk-in office hours will be available each week. Students may use office hours to discuss course material or for other general questions, such as studies. Students are also welcome to make appointments for office hours by emailing the instructor in advance and arranging a mutually convenient time.

The time and location for walk-in hours will be announced in week 1. Instructions for how to contact the instructor by email will also be announced in week 1.

Lecture code: H739001

Course number		U-LAS04 10014 LE46				
Course title (and course title in English)	Psychoanalysis-E2 Psychoanalysis-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies Associate Professor, TAJAN, Nicolas Pierre	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Tue.3	Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course introduces psychoanalysis through some of Sigmund Freud's most famous works (see references below) and case studies (Dora; Rat man). We will read, explain, criticize, and comment Sigmund Freud in order to better understand psychoanalytical key concepts such as unconscious, transference, sexuality, etc.

[Course objectives]

To provide you with a general introduction to and understanding of psychoanalytical theory and practice.
To increase your psychoanalytical knowledge through one of the most debated case studies in the history of mental medicine.
To help you develop your analytical and critical thinking regarding the founding principles, key concepts, and applications of psychoanalysis.

[Course schedule and contents)]

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Unconscious
- 3) Transference
- 4) Sexuality
- 5) Loss
- 6) Dora I
- 7) Dora II
- 8) Psychoanalytic session I
- 9) Rat Man I
- 10) Rat Man II
- 11) Totem and Taboo
- 12) Civilization and its discontents
- 13) History of psychoanalysis
- 14) Conclusion
- 15) Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students are expected to actively participate in discussion and read material during class. Evaluation is based on the following:

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Psychoanalysis-E2(2)

3 short tests (Multiple choice questionnaires with 3 possible answers) Short test 1 (30%), Short test 2(30%), Short test 3 (40%).

[Textbooks]

Relevant material is distributed in class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Sigmund Freud 『Fragments of an Analysis of a Case of Hysteria (1905)』 (The Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud)

Sigmund Freud 『Analysis of a Phobia in a Five-year-old Boy (1909)』 (The Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud)

Sigmund Freud 『Notes Upon A Case of Obsessional Neurosis (1909)』 (The Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students do not have homework assignments. However, they are advised to take notes during class and to review the course material before short tests.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

[Courses delivered by instructors with practical work experience]

(1) Category

A course with practical content delivered by instructors with practical work experience

(2) Details of instructors' practical work experience related to the course

Clinical experiences in a variety of fields as a psychoanalyst, psychologist

(3) Details of practical classes delivered based on instructors' practical work experience

Lecture code: H721001

Course number		U-LAS04 10012 LE45				
Course title (and course title in English)	Sociology I-E2 Sociology I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Associate Professor,Stephane Heim	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group A	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Mon.2		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Sociology can be briefly defined as the science of social interactions, social behaviors, and society. These concepts cover various subthemes such as institutions, power, organizations, stratification, etc, which make sociology a very challenging social science. This lecture presents and discusses the main topics, theories, concepts, and authors in the field of sociology, and provides students with the knowledge and tools to understand the evolution of our contemporary societies and of our everyday behaviors.

[Course objectives]

The objective is to familiarize students with the main concepts in sociology, in order to be able to understand and analyze the evolutions of contemporary societies. The students will examine various dimensions of societies through the confrontation with real-life sociological problems and the discussion of many case studies, having then a broad introduction to the study of social behaviors. Students will acquire a knowledge and ability to enrich their understanding of social phenomena that both shape and are outgrowths of our behaviors, and for some of them the basis to pursue the learning of social sciences at university.

[Course schedule and contents)]

- Week 1. Introduction
- Week 2. Research Method
- Week 3. Subjectivity, objectivity
- Week 4. Socialization and Social Interaction
- Week 5. Social Stratification and Mobility
- Week 6. Culture and its Social Functions
- Week 7. Review Class
- Week 8. Capitalism, Economy, and Work
- Week 9. Organizations & Institutions
- Week 10. Inequality and Social Structure
- Week 11. Deviance and Control
- Week 12. Race and Ethnicity
- Week 13. Gender Studies
- Week 14. Conclusions

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Sociology I-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

The lectures will be delivered in English. It is not required to have already studied Sociology, but students should have an interest in the phenomena that shape and modify our contemporary societies.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Final report (70%), class attendance (30%)

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

During each class, the first ten-fifteen minutes are dedicated to the review of the previous class. Students are asked to prepare each lesson on a weekly basis.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students should email the teacher to make an appointment.

Lecture code: H743001

Course number		U-LAS04 20045 LE46				
Course title (and course title in English)	Social Psychology-E2 Social Psychology-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for the Future of Human Society Senior Lecturer,DE ALMEIDA, Igor	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course introduces students to the field of social psychology by surveying a variety of topics on the psychology of everyday social interactions, relationships, groups, cultures, and society.

We will explore the social psychological answers to questions about our daily lives and real worlds. For example, how do we form impressions about people when we first meet? How do people end up with different worldviews? Why are some people so effective at persuading the people around them? When are we most likely to obey authority or conform to the group? Do groups make different decisions than individuals? Are humans capable of altruistic behavior? Do video games and tv make us more aggressive?

[Course objectives]

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Compare and contrast foundational theories and research about social cognition, influence, and relationships.
2. Identify and explain the organizing themes and assumptions that drive these theories.
3. Demonstrate ethical, critical consumption of psychological research, such as evaluating claims made in the news.
4. Apply social psychological research and principles to current issues in society.

This course also develops students' communication and critical thinking skills in English.

[Course schedule and contents)]

With advanced notice to students, the instructor may make some minor adjustments to the schedule below as required.

- 1 Course welcome and topic introduction
- 2 Methods in social psychology
- 3 The self
- 4 Social cognition
- 5 Attitudes and behaviors
- 6 Persuasion and influence
- 7 Group processes
- 8 Conformity and obedience

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Social Psychology-E2(2)

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- 9 Helping
 - 10 Attraction and intimacy
 - 11 Aggression and prejudice
 - 12 Applied social psychology: Liberation social psychology
 - 13 Applied social psychology II
 - 14 Presentations I
 - 15 Presentations II and feedback

The course format includes interactive lectures accompanied by powerpoint slides and demonstrations (experiments, interactive activities, short film) to illustrate concepts. Course time regularly includes small group / class discussions.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Class activities - 20 %
Midterm essay - 30%
Final essay - 30%
Presentation - 20%

This course uses a raw score grading system (0-100).

Optional extra activities such as reports and participation in research may be introduced during class. These activities may provide additional points to the final grade.

[Textbooks]

Diener Education Foundation 『Together: Social Psychology Noba Textbook』 (Noba Project) (Online, open access / free materials, access information provided in class in week 1)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)
Aronson, E.; Wilson, T.; Akert, R. 『Social Psychology』 (2009) ISBN:0205773796
Myers, D.; Twenge, J. 『Social Psychology』 (McGraw Hill, 2020) ISBN:1260397114

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To make satisfactory progress in the course, students will be expected to spend approximately 90 minutes each week outside of class reviewing lecture materials, class notes, and the online textbook.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours will be available each week.

Students may use office hours to discuss course material or for other general questions, such as discussing continued studies / careers in psychology.

The time and location for walk-in hours will be announced in week 1. Students are also welcome to make appointments for office hours by emailing the instructor in advance and arranging a mutually convenient time.

Lecture code: H740001

Course number		U-LAS04 20041 LE46									
Course title (and course title in English)	Psychoanalysis II-E2 Psychoanalysis II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies Associate Professor, TAJAN, Nicolas Pierre						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2					
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Tue.3		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors					
(Students of Faculty of Integrated Human Studies cannot take this course as liberal arts and general education course. Please register the course with your department.)											
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course introduces psychoanalysis through one of Jacques Lacan's most famous works. We will read, explain, and comment Jacques Lacan's return to Freud. Some crucial aspects of Lacanian doctrine will be explained, including his approach to linguistics and subjectivity; the Schreber case; the three orders; the four discourses, etc.											
[Course objectives]											
To provide you with a general introduction to and understanding of Lacanian psychoanalytical theory and practice.											
To increase your psychoanalytical knowledge through one of the most debated case studies in the history of psychopathology.											
To help you develop your analytical and critical thinking regarding the founding principles, major notions, and applications of psychoanalysis.											
[Course schedule and contents]											
1) Introduction 2) The mirror stage 3) Schema L 4) Primacy of the Signifier 5) Psychosis (1/4) 6) Psychosis (2/4) 7) Psychosis (3/4) 8) Psychosis (4/4) 9) Transference 10) Object a 11) Love and jouissance 12) The four discourses (1/2) 13) The four discourses (2/2) 14) Conclusions 15) Feedback											
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Psychoanalysis II-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students are expected to actively participate in discussion and read material during class. Evaluation is based on the following:

3 short tests (Multiple choice questionnaires with 3 possible answers) Short test 1 (30%), Short test 2(30%), Short test 3 (40%).

[Textbooks]

Relevant material is distributed in class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Alain Vanier 『Lacan』 (New York, Other Press, 2001)

Sigmund Freud 『Psycho-Analytic Notes on an Autobiographical Account of a Case of Paranoia (Dementia Paranoides) (1911)』 (The Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud)

Jacques Lacan 『The Psychoses 1955-1956 (SEMINAR OF JACQUES LACAN)』 (W. W. Norton & Company, 1997)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students do not have homework assignments. However, they are advised to take notes during class and to review the course material before short tests.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

[Courses delivered by instructors with practical work experience]

(1) Category

A course with practical content delivered by instructors with practical work experience

(2) Details of instructors' practical work experience related to the course

Clinical experiences in a variety of fields as a psychoanalyst, psychologist

(3) Details of practical classes delivered based on instructors' practical work experience

Lecture code: H715001

Course number		U-LAS04 20002 LE47					
Course title (and course title in English)	Advanced Lecture for Pedagogy I-E2 Advanced Lecture for Pedagogy I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Education Senior Lecturer, BROTHERHOOD Thomas		
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Issues)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2	
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester	
Days and periods	Wed.1		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors	

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course complements Pedagogy I-E2 and provides students with an opportunity to deepen their understanding. Though Pedagogy I-E2 is a lecture-based class, this Advanced Lecture for Pedagogy I-E2 class is much more active. We will have deep discussions and debates about the major concepts and ideas in Pedagogy I, and also practice implementing some key teaching skills that can be used in our daily lives.

You can think of this class as a workshop, where you will be given a toolkit of discussion and teaching skills that are informed by the conceptual discussions from Pedagogy I-E2.

[Course objectives]

You will...

- Reinforce your understanding the fundamental concepts of education, including organisation of schools, goals, teaching, learning, curriculum, and begin to learn the skills to implement them in your own life.
- Learn to recognise different concepts in the real world and media, and act on their significance on your own learning.
- Improve your communication skills, including the ability to understand and respond to academic texts in a variety of formats, and contribute to discussions.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The overview of this course is as follows:

Week 1: Class Introduction, syllabus and learning goals surveys.

Theme 1: Schools and Society

Theme 2: Teachers and learners

Theme 3: Evolutions in pedagogy

Week 14: Review, Learning Outcomes Surveys

Week 15: Final workshop and feedback

[Course requirements]

There are no special requirements for taking this course. However, students are strongly encouraged to also enrol in Pedagogy I-E2 in the same semester as this course.

If you haven't already, please think about enrolling in Pedagogy I-E2 this semester, where we will learn more about the basic concepts that are the foundations of pedagogy. This course will be much easier if

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Advanced Lecture for Pedagogy I-E2(2)

studied alongside the basic Pedagogy I-E2 class!

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and participation: 25%

Learning reflection diary: 25%

Practice teaching demonstration: 25%

Final teaching demonstration: 25%

[Textbooks]

Not used

There is no assigned textbook for this course. All readings and preparation will be assigned via the LMS.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

There is no assigned textbook for this course. All readings and preparation will be assigned via the LMS.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to contribute between 1-2 hours a week to this course outside of class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours will be held once per week for 1 hour (location and time to be announced in the course syllabus).

Lecture code: H716001

Course number		U-LAS04 20003 LE47				
Course title (and course title in English)	Advanced Lecture for Pedagogy II-E2 Advanced Lecture for Pedagogy II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Education Senior Lecturer, BROTHERHOOD Thomas	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Wed.1	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Schools and universities are often shown in popular films and TV. Why is this the case? Why are schools and teachers shown in particular ways? What can these films teach us about education? This class aims to give you the skills to understand and critically analyse these films, giving a deeper understanding of the broader social and political context on what goes on in our schools.

This semester will reinforce your philosophical understanding of teaching and learning, based on the following four perspectives:

- 1) Traditional pedagogy
- 2) Progressive pedagogy
- 3) Liberal pedagogy
- 4) Indigenous and alternative pedagogies

In addition, you will learn important media criticism and technical skills that can be applied to films. Through discussion of these films, you will gain confidence to critically analyse representations of education and their social and political context, and a new critical perspective on education and media applicable to daily life.

[Course objectives]

You will...

- 1) Reinforce basic knowledge about major perspectives on pedagogy.
- 2) Gain confidence to critically analyse representations of education and their social and political context.
- 3) Develop the communication skills to understand and respond to academic texts, audio, and videos in English, and gain confidence in sharing ideas and involving others in discussions.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Broadly speaking, the

Week 1: Class Introduction, syllabus and learning goals surveys.

Theme 1: Traditional Pedagogy. (e.g., 3 Idiots [2009])

Theme 2: Progressive Pedagogy. (e.g., Dead Poets' Society [1989])

Theme 3: Liberal Pedagogy. (e.g., Freedom Writers [2008])

Theme 4: Indigenous and Alternative Approaches. (e.g., Captain Fantastic [2016])

Week 14: Project workshop and feedback

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Advanced Lecture for Pedagogy II-E2(2)

Week 15: Final Presentations

[Course requirements]

There are no special requirements for this course. However, students are strongly encouraged to also enrol in Pedagogy II-E2 at the same time.

If you haven't already, please think about enrolling in Pedagogy II-E2 this semester, where we will learn more about the philosophical underpinnings of different forms of pedagogy. This course will be much easier if studied alongside the basic Pedagogy II class!

[Evaluation methods and policy]

These classes will be strongly interactive and draw on student engagement throughout. Each class will follow the same basic structure, beginning with a mini lecture (posted in advance on PandA), followed by discussion of the week's reading and film.

Attendance and participation therefore contributes a significant part of the final grade (25%). In addition, students will submit film responses (25%), a short scene analysis mini presentation (25%) and a group final presentation (25%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

There is no assigned textbook for this course. All readings and preparation will be assigned via the LMS.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

There is no assigned textbook for this course. All readings and preparation will be assigned via the LMS.

(Related URL)

(Students should refer to the university's LMS.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to contribute around 2 hours a week to this course outside of class. This time will be mostly dedicated to watching the assigned films, and preparation for assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours will be held once per week for 1 hour (location and time to be announced in the course syllabus).

Lecture code: H709001

Course number		U-LAS04 20004 LE46						
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Educational Psychology I -E2 Introduction to Educational Psychology I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Education Professor, Emmanuel MANALO			
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Issues)			
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group A	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Mon.3	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
The main purpose of this course is to introduce students to the basic concepts, issues, and perspectives in educational psychology and provide them with the foundational knowledge necessary for future study in this subject area. The focus of the course is on introducing essential theories and research, and considering the real and possible applications of those to educational practices.								
[Course objectives]								
The objective of this course is for students to be able to:								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acquire knowledge about basic concepts, issues, and perspectives in educational psychology - Be able to think about the relevance and applications of that knowledge - especially with regard to themselves and their immediate environment - Develop important thinking and communication skills in English 								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
Course Schedule								
The following is a guide to what will be covered during the 16 weeks of the semester. As required, some minor adjustments may be made to this schedule.								
Week 1: Introduction to the course and to the foundations of learning								
Week 2: The brain and learning: lecture and discussion								
Week 3: The physiology of learning: reflections about opportunities, limitations, and challenges								
Week 4: The nature of development: lecture and discussion								
Week 5: The nature of development: reflections on the contributions of maturation and experience								
Week 6: The nature of development: reflections on the importance of catering to individual differences in school education								
Week 7: What “learning” is from the behavioural perspective: lecture and discussion								
Week 8: What “learning” is from the gestalt and cognitive perspectives: lecture and discussion								
Week 9: What “learning” is: reflections about the usefulness of knowing these perspectives for teachers and students								
Week 10: The mechanisms of learning part 1: lecture and discussion								
Week 11: The mechanisms of learning part 2: lecture and discussion								
Week 12: The mechanisms of learning: reflections about applications of principles to classroom teaching and learning								
Week 13: Language and learning: lecture and discussion								
Week 14: Language and learning: reflections about the relationship between language and thought								
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Introduction to Educational Psychology I-E2(2)

Week 15: No examination. Portfolio submission deadline.

Week 16: Feedback week

Course Conduct

Students taking this course will be expected to prepare for each class by reading the appropriate textbook pages and any other materials that the instructor assigns. Class sessions will comprise of lectures provided by the instructor to summarize key points, highlight important issues, and introduce students to other pertinent information that bear on the topic being covered: these will all be provided on the assumption that students have undertaken the preparatory readings. The class sessions will also involve pair, small group, and/or plenary discussions, and exercises for students to complete individually or in cooperation with other students. Active participation in these discussions and exercises is necessary to meet coursework/grading requirements (see below). 40% of the course grade is based on a portfolio of work that students complete relating to the topics dealt with in the course (i.e., exercises completed in class, notes on key points raised in discussions with other students, notes taken from and reflections on assigned and other readings undertaken, etc.).

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Portfolio of work = 40%, Essay (1,000 words) = 40%, Class attendance and active participation in tasks and discussions = 20%.

There is no final test for this course.

[Textbooks]

Stones, E. 『An introduction to educational psychology.』 (London: Routledge) ISBN:9780415750554 (The electronic version of this book is available from the Kyoto University Library.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to spend about 90 minutes each week on out-of-class preparation, readings, and assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students will be expected to read assigned chapters and other readings in preparation for each class. During the semester, students can email the instructor to make an appointment or to ask any questions about the course.

Lecture code: H710001

Course number		U-LAS04 20005 LE46									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Educational Psychology II-E2 Introduction to Educational Psychology II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Education Professor, Emmanuel MANALO						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Mon.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
The main purpose of this course is to introduce some key concepts, issues, and perspectives in educational psychology and provide students with the foundational knowledge necessary for future study in this subject area. The focus of the course is on introducing essential theories and research, and considering the real and possible applications of those to educational practices.											
[Course objectives]											
Following on from Introduction to Educational Psychology I, the goals of this course are:											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To facilitate students' acquisition of more knowledge about basic concepts, issues, and perspectives in educational psychology - To encourage students to think about the relevance and applications of that knowledge - with regard to themselves, their immediate environment, and beyond - To facilitate the development of students' thinking and communication skills in English 											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
Course Schedule											
The following is a guide to what will be covered during the 16 weeks of the semester. As required, some minor adjustments may be made to this schedule.											
Week 1: Introduction to the course and to concept formation in children											
Week 2: Schema in learning: lecture and discussion											
Week 3: Concepts and schemas: reflections about what we know, how we know, what we think others may know ...											
Week 4: Memory: an introduction to and discussion of basic concepts											
Week 5: Remembering and forgetting: reflections about what we retain and what we lose in memory											
Week 6: Mnemonic techniques: reflections about uses in educational settings											
Week 7: Learning in school: lecture and discussion											
Week 8: Learning in school: reflections about what is taught - and how											
Week 9: Examinations and tests: lecture and discussion											
Week 10: Formative and summative evaluation: reflections about effects on learning											
Week 11: Test and question types: reflections about uses and usefulness											
Week 12: Intelligence and intelligence testing: lecture and discussion											
Week 13: Ability grouping: reflections about advantages and disadvantages for students and teachers											
Week 14: Diversity in education: reflections about benefits and challenges											
Week 15: Final examination											
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Introduction to Educational Psychology II-E2(2)

Week 16: Feedback week

Course Conduct

Students taking this course will be expected to prepare for each class by reading the appropriate textbook pages and any other materials that the instructor assigns. Class sessions will comprise of lectures provided by the instructor to summarize key points, highlight important issues, and introduce students to other pertinent information that bear on the topic being covered: these will all be provided on the assumption that students have undertaken the preparatory readings. The class sessions will also involve pair, small group, and/or plenary discussions, and exercises for students to complete individually or in cooperation with other students. Active participation in these discussions and exercises is necessary to meet coursework/grading requirements (see below). 40% of the course grade is based on a portfolio of work that students complete relating to the topics dealt with in the course (i.e., exercises completed in class, notes on key points raised in discussions with other students, notes taken from and reflections on assigned and other readings undertaken, etc.).

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Portfolio of work = 40%, Class attendance and active participation in tasks and discussions = 20%, Final test = 40%.

[Textbooks]

Stones, E. 『An introduction to educational psychology.』 (London: Routledge) ISBN:9780415750554 (The electronic version of this book is available from the Kyoto University Library.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to spend about 90 minutes each week on out-of-class preparation, readings, and assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students will be expected to read assigned chapters and other readings in preparation for each class. During the semester, students can email the instructor to make an appointment or to ask any questions about the course.

Lecture code: H708001

Course number	U-LAS04 20006 LE47				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Educational Studies I-E2 Introduction to Educational Studies I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Education Professor, Emmanuel MANALO
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters
Days and periods	Mon.1	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

The main purpose of this course is to provide students with an introduction to some of the key concepts, issues, and perspectives in the study of education. Through a series of lectures, exercises, and discussions in class, students will be encouraged to consider the meaning and functions of education; different theories of teaching and learning; differences in educational systems; strategies in catering for special educational needs and promoting inclusion; and some of the controversies and debates surrounding the issue of gender in education.

[Course objectives]

The goals of this course are:

- To facilitate students' acquisition of knowledge about some of the important concepts, issues, and ideas in educational studies
- To foster in students an understanding and appreciation of the multiple perspectives that exist in the study and practice of education
- To encourage students to think about the relevance and applications of the knowledge they are acquiring
- To facilitate the development of students' thinking and communication skills in English

[Course schedule and contents)]

Course Schedule

The following is a guide to what will be covered during the 16 weeks of the semester. As required, some minor adjustments may be made to this schedule.

Week 1: Introduction to the course and to the question of what education might mean

Week 2: What education means: lecture and discussion

Week 3: What education means: reflections about own and others' perspectives on the meaning of education

Week 4: Theories of teaching and learning: lecture and discussion

Week 5: Theories of teaching and learning: reflections about the usefulness of these theories to the learner

Week 6: Theories of teaching and learning: reflections about the usefulness of these theories to the teacher

Week 7: Differences in educational systems part 1: lecture and discussion

Week 8: Differences in educational systems part 2: lecture and discussion

Week 9: Differences in educational systems: reflections about culture and the realities of school settings

Week 10: Special educational needs and inclusion: lecture and discussion

Week 11: Educating students with learning disabilities: reflections on issues, controversies, and strategies

Week 12: Educating students who are gifted and talented: reflections on issues, controversies, and strategies

Week 13: Gender in education: lecture and discussion

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Week 14: Gender in education: reflections about fairness and ways to promote equal opportunities

Week 15: Final examination

Week 16: Feedback week

Course Conduct

Students taking this course will be expected to prepare for each class by reading the appropriate textbook pages and any other materials that the instructor assigns. Class sessions will comprise of lectures provided by the instructor to summarize key points, highlight important issues, and introduce students to other pertinent information that bear on the topic being covered: these will all be provided on the assumption that students have undertaken the preparatory readings. The class sessions will also involve pair, small group, and/or plenary discussions, and exercises for students to complete individually or in cooperation with other students. Active participation in these discussions and exercises is necessary to meet coursework/grading requirements. 40% of the course grade is based on a portfolio of work that students complete relating to the topics dealt with in the course (i.e., exercises completed in class, notes on key points raised in discussions with other students, notes taken from and reflections on assigned and other readings undertaken, etc.).

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Portfolio of work = 40%, Class attendance and active participation in tasks and discussions = 20%, Final test = 40%.

[Textbooks]

Matheson, D. 『An introduction to the study of education (4th ed.)』 (London: Routledge) ISBN: 9780415623100 (The electronic version of this book is available from the Kyoto University Library.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to spend about 90 minutes each week on out-of-class preparation, readings, and assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students will be expected to read assigned chapters and other readings in preparation for each class. During the semester, students can email the instructor to make an appointment or to ask any questions about the course.

Lecture code: H711001

Course number		U-LAS04 20007 LE47									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Educational Studies II-E2 Introduction to Educational Studies II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Education Professor, Emmanuel MANALO						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Mon.1	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
The main purpose of this course is to introduce some key concepts, issues, and perspectives in the study of education. Through a series of lectures, exercises, and discussions in class, students will be encouraged to consider various important issues about student and teacher roles, and what happens in the classroom and beyond. Through a small group project, students will investigate and reflect on one aspect of educational provision in Japan in comparison to another country.											
[Course objectives]											
Following on from Introduction to Educational Studies I, the goals of this course are:											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To further facilitate students' acquisition of knowledge about some of the important concepts, issues, and ideas in educational studies - To continue to foster in students an understanding and appreciation of the multiple perspectives that exist in the study and practice of education - To encourage students to think about the relevance and applications of the knowledge they are acquiring - To facilitate the development of students' thinking and communication skills in English 											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
Course Schedule											
The following is a guide to what will be covered during the 16 weeks of the semester. As required, some minor adjustments may be made to this schedule.											
Week 1: Introduction to the course and to the role of technology in education											
Week 2: The "flipped" classroom: reconsidering teacher and student roles											
Week 3: Early childhood education: lecture and discussion											
Week 4: Compulsory school education: lecture and discussion											
Week 5: Further and higher education: lecture and discussion											
Week 6: Discussion of student project on investigating and comparing educational provisions in Japan, part 1											
Week 7: Discussion of student project on investigating and comparing educational provisions in Japan, part 2											
Week 8: Motivation and school achievement: lecture and discussion											
Week 9: Lifelong learning: lecture and discussion											
Week 10: Lifelong learning: reflections on its value											
Week 11: Race and social class inequalities in education: lecture and discussion											
Week 12: Inequalities in education: reflections about the effectiveness of strategies for addressing inequalities											
Week 13: Educational research: lecture and discussion											
Week 14: Educational research: some considerations about what, why, and how											
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Week 15: No examination. Portfolio submission deadline.

Week 16: Feedback week

Course Conduct

Students taking this course will be expected to prepare for each class by reading the appropriate textbook pages and any other materials that the instructor assigns. Class sessions will comprise of lectures provided by the instructor to summarize key points, highlight important issues, and introduce students to other pertinent information that bear on the topic being covered: these will all be provided on the assumption that students have undertaken the preparatory readings. The class sessions will also involve pair, small group, and/or plenary discussions, and exercises for students to complete individually or in cooperation with other students. Active participation in these discussions and exercises is necessary to meet coursework/grading requirements. 40% of the course grade is based on a portfolio of work that students complete relating to the topics dealt with in the course (i.e., exercises completed in class, notes on key points raised in discussions with other students, notes taken from and reflections on assigned and other readings undertaken, etc.).

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Portfolio of work = 40%, Project report (1,000 words) = 40%, Class attendance and active participation in tasks and discussions = 20%.

There is no final test for this course.

[Textbooks]

Matheson, D. 『An introduction to the study of education (4th ed.)』 (London: Routledge) ISBN: 9780415623100 (The electronic version of this book is available from the Kyoto University Library.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to spend about 90 minutes each week on out-of-class preparation, readings, and assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students will be expected to read assigned chapters and other readings in preparation for each class. During the semester, students can email the instructor to make an appointment or to ask any questions about the course.

Lecture code: H724001

Course number	U-LAS04 20030 LE45						
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Globalization Studies-E2 Introduction to Globalization Studies-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Associate Professor,Stephane Heim		
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Issues)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Mon.3		Target year	All students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
During this class, students will learn about globalization, by investigating the historical development and current situation of the worldwide automotive industry. Throughout the 20th century, the automotive industry shaped the core institutions of our modern capitalist societies. Global and integrated car makers, dealership networks, supply chains, labor relations, industrial and social policies, social classes, international relations, etc., are all greatly impacted by the development of this industry. Nowadays, this industry is under an unprecedented change that takes two forms: first, electrification and digitalization; second, the changing geopolitics of this industry. This class intends to introduce the students with these various aspects, so that they better understand the foundations of globalization.							
[Course objectives]							
This lecture aims at providing students with a sound knowledge of the modern capitalist societies and the global structures they affected. In essence, this class is interdisciplinary, with a wide range of topics going from political sciences to sociology, economics, and business history. Besides, students will learn not only about the major actors of the automotive industry, they will also learn about differences and similarities of different societies, from East China to South America. Finally, students will acquire skills to better read and analyze the current evolution of globalization, since the automotive industry was and is still at the core of cultural, economic and political globalization.							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
Week 1. Introduction: The development of the Automotive industry in the 20th century Week 2. Transformation period: from the introduction of Fordism to the second oil crisis Week 3. From the 1970s to the present: the formation of global supply chains Week 4. Globalization of car manufacturers in the post-Cold War era Week 5. Market formation and international trade of new and used cars Week 6. Industrial policies and the deindustrialisation of developed countries Week 7. Industrial policies and the industrialisation of developing countries Week 8. Globalization of the automobile industry and changes in labour relations Week 9. Geopolitics of the automobile industry in the 21st century: the case of the European Union and the new NAFTA Week 10. Geopolitics of the automobile industry in the 21st century: the case of East Asia, South America and South-East Asia Week 11. Electrification/digitalization of the automotive industry, and the "New World Order" Week 12. The introduction of new technologies and materials, and new global players							
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Week 13. The development of the Chinese automobile industry, trade conflicts and changing labor regimes
Week 14. Conclusions

[Course requirements]

The lectures will be delivered in English. There are no prerequisite to take this course.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Final Report (70%), class attendance (30%)

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

During each class, the first ten-fifteen minutes are dedicated to the review of the previous class. Students are asked to prepare each lesson on a weekly basis.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students should email the teacher to make an appointment.

Lecture code: H725001

Course number	U-LAS04 20031 LE45						
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Social Research-E2 Introduction to Social Research-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Associate Professor,Stephane Heim		
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Issues)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Wed.3		Target year	All students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
Social sciences, whose aim is an in-depth understanding of human behaviors, share with natural and engineering sciences a common "scientific frame", while having also specific and diverse research methodologies. Those methodologies are usually divided into quantitative and qualitative approaches. The qualitative approaches are presented in this lecture. We will see both how a research can be conducted from the building of a sound problematic to the final report writing, and how several well-known surveys produced knowledge about human behaviors.							
[Course objectives]							
This course aims to familiarize students with different qualitative research methods so as to develop their critical sense and ability in analyzing social, economic, and political issues presented and debated in the media, and in leading qualitative researches on their own. A great variety of researches will be exposed and discussed, as well as the construction of, and issues linked with each step of a qualitative research.							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
Week 1. Introduction Week 2. Literature Review Week 3. Research Design: Hypothesis & Research Question Week 4. Field Research and Questionnaire Week 5. Interviews, Observation, and Participation Week 6 Week 6. Documents and Archives Week 7. Review class Week 8. Social Surveys Week 9. Interpretation, Qualitative Data Analysis (1) Week 10. Interpretation, Qualitative Data Analysis (2) Week 11. Writing Research Reports Week 12. Social Research in Critical Perspective (1) Week 13. Social Research in Critical Perspective (2) Week 14. Lecture Conclusions							
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Introduction to Social Research-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

The lectures will be delivered in English. There are no prerequisite to take this course.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Final report (70%), class attendance (30%)

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

During each class, the first ten-fifteen minutes are dedicated to the review of the previous class. Students are asked to prepare each lesson on a weekly basis.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students should email the teacher to make an appointment.

Lecture code: H748001

Course number		U-LAS04 20048 LE45				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Sociology of Work-E2 Introduction to Sociology of Work-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Associate Professor,Stephane Heim	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Wed.3		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Work is a central institution of modern capitalist societies, and sociology plays a central role in its analysis. During this lecture, several core theories, case studies, and international comparisons of labor markets and industries are presented, analyzed and discussed. Students learn about the historical development of industrial societies, the current postindustrial labor institutions, the specificity of the Japanese labor market, the sociopolitical construction of several markets, and the welfare regimes in different countries. Students acquire a sound knowledge about important sociological theories on work, and in parallel they understand the development of capitalist societies from the 19th century until nowadays.

[Course objectives]

The course aims at understanding the basics of sociology of work, so that students develop a critical sense about the functioning and the social functions of this institution. Students will therefore acquire knowledge on several approaches and theories dealing with the role of work in our modern capitalist societies. Several case studies will also be introduced to illustrate these approaches.

[Course schedule and contents)]

- Week 1. Introduction
- Week 2. Theories of Work and Organizations
- Week 3. Taylorism, Fordism, and the Industrial Society
- Week 4. The Sociopolitical Construction of Markets
- Week 5. Firms and Corporations
- Week 6. The Emergence of Service Industries (1)
- Week 7. The Emergence of Service Industries (2)
- Week 8. Review Class
- Week 9. The EU Single Market and Labor Issues
- Week 10. Labor & Industrial Relations in Japan (1)
- Week 11. Labor & Industrial Relations in Japan (2)
- Week 12. The Dual Labor Market (1)
- Week 13. The Dual Labor Market (2)
- Week 14. Conclusions

----- Continue to Introduction to Sociology of Work-E2(2) ↓↓↓

Introduction to Sociology of Work-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

The lectures will be delivered in English. There are no prerequisite to take this course, though it would be better to have some basic sociological knowledge.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Final report (70%), class attendance (30%)

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

During each class, the first ten-fifteen minutes are dedicated to the review of the previous class. Students are asked to prepare each lesson on a weekly basis.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students should email the teacher to make an appointment.

Lecture code: H712001

Course number		U-LAS04 20033 LE45				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Sociological Observation -E2 :Understanding Environmental Challenges Introduction to Sociological Observation-E2 :Understanding Environmental Challenges			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies Associate Professor,TRENCHER, Gregory	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Issues)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Thu.1		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This lecture and discussion course will introduce students to various theories from social science fields that can enrich our understanding of why environmental and societal challenges occur and how we can better manage them. In doing so, we will use real world case studies and famous journal papers to gain interdisciplinary knowledge from different fields such as environmental sociology, environmental ethics, sociology, philosophy and sustainability transitions and learn how apply these theories to actual environmental and social situations.

The class has a strong theoretical focus and will suit students who already possess: 1) an advanced level in English, 2) basic understanding of environmental problems, 3) an interest in academic research.

[Course objectives]

Students will learn to understand and apply some classic and emerging sociological theories and conceptual frameworks with relevance to environmental challenges. These include the ‘tragedy of the commons’, sustainability transitions, the creation and destruction of technology, and socio-technological lock-in. Students will improve skills in discussion, oral presentations and research. Students will be expected to contribute their ideas and express themselves in small group discussions and classroom exercises.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Introduction to course
2. Tragedy of the commons: Climate change
3. Narratives and energy: Coal and electricity in Japan
4. Socio-technical imaginaries: The case of hydrogen in Japan
5. Sustainability transitions and socio-technical systems Part 1: Introduction
6. Sustainability transitions and socio-technical systems Part 2: Strategies to accelerate transitions
7. Sustainability transitions and socio-technical systems Part 3: Lock-in
8. Introduction to causal loops
9. Smart cities 1: Technology for what social purpose?
10. Guest lecture: Theoretical frameworks for understanding energy transitions
11. Smart cities 2: Can cities make us healthier?
12. Research project introduction and preparation
13. Research presentations
14. Research presentations

Continue to Introduction to Sociological Observation-E2 :Understanding Environmental Challenges(2) ↓↓

15. Feedback (by appointment)

[Course requirements]

This class is designed for students who already possess: 1) an advanced level in English, 2) basic understanding of environmental problems, 3) a strong interest in academic research, including theory.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and participation 10%

Mini report on recommended electric mobility policies 10%

Research project proposal 20%

Research project presentation 30%

Research project paper 30%

Details will be explained in class.

[Textbooks]

No text is required as readings and lecture notes will be distributed in class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

All students will be expected to participate in classroom discussions and complete assignments. Revision of class presentations is expected.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Please email the instructor to set up an office appointment. Email address will be provided in class.

Lecture code: H717001

Course number	U-LAS04 20034 LE45						
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Risk Communication-E2 Introduction to Risk Communication-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Disaster Prevention Research Institute Associate Professor,SAMADDAR, Subhajyoti		
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Issues)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Wed.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
In modern society, the risk is prevalent and populations and communities are increasingly exposed to natural hazards and environmental risks. Increasing risk awareness and encouraging preparedness in the community requires effective risk communication. Nevertheless, risk managers, city authorities, and environmental risk regulators often find it difficult to communicate risks effectively to the public. Because risk is socially and culturally constructed. The purpose of this course is to explain how planners and practitioners can design and implement communication plans related to environmental risks and disasters.							
[Course objectives]							
This course has the following objectives:							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To introduce basic knowledge of risk communication. 2. To introduce the theories and approaches of risk communication. 3. To gain practical knowledge of risk communication strategies from real-life case studies on disaster and environmental risks. 							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
Week 1: Why to study risk communication? Principles of risk communication.							
Week 2: Risk: hazards, exposure and vulnerability.							
Week 3: Factors affecting effective risk communication: organization, emotional and social.							
Week 4: Cultural theory of risk.							
Week 5: Cognitive and heuristic approach for risk communication.							
Week 6. Mental model and social amplification of risk.							
Week 7: Analyze the audience: minds, attitude and behavior of risk preparedness.							
Week 8: The process of developing effective risk communication message.							
Week 9: Emergency early warning and evacuation behavior.							
Week 10: Risk communication channels and techniques							
Week 11: Preparing risk communication plan.							
Week 12: Response to risk communication: Household disaster preparedness.							
Week 13: Implementing risk communication plan.							
Week 14: Successful risk communication strategies and systems: Learning from best practices.							
Week 15: Final presentations and examination.							
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Introduction to Risk Communication-E2(2)

Week 16 : Feedbacks.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Group Assignment and presentation 2 (30 points X 2 = 60 points)

Open Book Examination 1 (40 points)

[Textbooks]

Handouts will be distributed by the instructor if necessary.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Risk Communication: A Handbook for Communicating Environmental, Safety, and Health Risks 『Regina E. Lundgren, Andrea H. McMakin』

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

- prepare and review class contents, reading textbooks.
- complete short assignments on a regular basis.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students who want to talk to the instructor must make arrangements in advance by email.

Lecture code: H718001

Course number		U-LAS04 20035 LE45									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Society and Community Studies-E2 Introduction to Society and Community Studies-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Disaster Prevention Research Institute Associate Professor,SAMADDAR, Subhajyoti						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Our society is very diverse and heterogeneous. People have different perspectives and opinions on the same issue. People view society through the prism of their values and cultures. In order to achieve sustainable human development, collaboration is essential. In today's world, community participation and collaboration are buzzwords for all kinds of community development projects and initiatives. The importance of community involvement in implementing development programs and schemes is becoming increasingly apparent. Nevertheless, there is still no consensus on what constitutes effective participation, what are the methods, and what are the techniques for involving the community. Participants in this course will gain an understanding of the process and outcomes of community participation and collaboration.											
[Course objectives]											
The course has the following key objectives:											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To have a basic understanding of society, community, and culture and how they influence human behavior. - To understand the process and outcomes of community participation. - To learn the tools and techniques of community participation. 											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
Week 1: An overall introduction of the course on community participation and collaboration											
Week 2: Basic ideas: society and community.											
Week 3 : Basic ideas on culture , social groups, social institutions.											
Week 4: Community and sense of community											
Week 5: Why Community participation? Concepts and background of community participation.											
Week 6: Process of community participation.											
Week 7 : Outcome of community participation.											
Week 8 : Tools and techniques of community participation - part 1.											
Week 9 : Tools and techniques of community participations -part 2.											
Week 10 : Success stories and best practices of community participation											
Week 11 : Practical challenges of community participation											
Week 12 : How to evaluate community participation											
Week 13 : Framework for community participation											
Week 14 : Current global trends and practices of community participation and collaborative action.											
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Introduction to Society and Community Studies-E2(2)

Week 15: Final presentation and examination.

Week 16: Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Group Assignment and presentation 2: (30 X 2 = 60 Points).

Examination: 40 points.

[Textbooks]

Handouts will be distributed by the instructor if necessary.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

- prepare and review class contents, reading textbooks.
- complete short assignments .

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: H734001

Course number	U-LAS04 20039 LE45						
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Ritual Studies-E2 Introduction to Ritual Studies-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Disaster Prevention Research Institute Senior Lecturer, LAHOURNAT, Florence		
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Issues)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Thu.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
<p>This course provides an introduction to the field of ritual studies. Exploring the core questions of the nature and functions of rituals, we will examine some of the different types of rituals that humans create and participate in, as well as their meaning and significance, in both secular and sacred contexts.</p> <p>This course will present a number of ritual genres, notably rites of passage, as well as the theories and methods used to study them.</p>							
[Course objectives]							
<p>There are 3 main objectives for this class.</p> <p>First students will gain an understanding of the notion of rituals, their meanings and social functions, the scope of ritual studies, as well as an awareness of the wide array of rituals that humans participate in.</p> <p>Second, they will acquire a working knowledge of ritual theory and of the main categories of rituals and their structure.</p> <p>Third, the course will help students become more comfortable formulating thoughts and opinions on a specific topic.</p>							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
<p>This is a lecture-type class with an interactive component.</p> <p>Each session will include a lecture part and followed or interspersed with discussions based on the lecture content and this week's readings.</p>							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Orientation and overview 2- Defining and delimiting the notion of ritual 3- Studying rituals 4- Elements of rituals 5- Classifications of rituals 6- Ritual theory: how they work, what they do 7- Group work session 8- Daily rituals 9- Rites of passage (P.1) 10- Rites of passage (P.2) 11- Purification and avoidance 12- Secular ritualizations 							
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Introduction to Ritual Studies-E2(2)

13- Group work session

14- Final presentations

15- Feedback session

Note: this schedule may be subject to change. The detailed definitive schedule will be handed out during the first class.

[Course requirements]

There are no specific requirements for taking this class.

However, students must be willing to prepare each session by completing the weekly readings and assigned tasks, and to participate actively during each session.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class attendance and active participation, group works and presentations and a final project.

Active participation means actively engaging with the class content, actively participating during discussions and group work, and contributing to the class by sharing opinions, experiences and reflections.

Students absent 4 times or more will fail this class.

Tardiness of 15 minutes or more will be treated as absence.

Systematic tardiness and leaving the class early will also result in a decrease of the final grade.

[Textbooks]

There is no textbook for this class.

Weekly readings will be available for download.

Printing and preparing the material is the responsibility of the student.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are required to prepare for each session by completing the weekly readings and assigned tasks and should expect to spend 2 to 3 hours weekly reviewing and preparing for class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

- This is a lecture-type class with an interactive component. It will be conducted in English. All readings will also be in English.

- As stated in the evaluation section, students are expected to engage actively during class.

- Office hour is by appointment.

This class is conducted in a remote format where the instructor delivers classes from outside the classroom. So students are required to bring their own devices.

Lecture code: H733001

Course number		U-LAS04 20040 LE45									
Course title (and course title in English)	Disaster and Culture-E2 Disaster and Culture-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Disaster Prevention Research Institute Senior Lecturer, LAHOURNAT, Florence						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Thu.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
<p>This course proposes to explore disaster through the filter of culture and how disasters and culture relate from an anthropological perspective. It explores how disasters emerge from the combination of natural and socio-cultural forces and how humans conceive and deal with disasters.</p> <p>Posing disasters as multidimensional socio-cultural processes, we will focus on how humans perceive and conceive, interpret and represent disasters outside the realm of “hard science”, from a socio-cultural angle. We will address issues such as the perception and interpretation of disaster, vulnerability and resilience, cultural competence in disaster context, as well as the cultural expressions of disaster phenomena, how culture shapes our perceptions, interpretations, and on the reverse, how disaster can also shape culture.</p>											
[Course objectives]											
<p>There are 3 main objectives for this class.</p> <p>First, students will gain an understanding of the notion of culture and how it plays out in disaster contexts, and opportunities to reflect on various cultural expressions and interpretations of disasters. Second, they will acquire a working command of concepts such as culture, risk, vulnerability, resilience, and social capital and a sense of what a socio-cultural anthropological approach is. Third, it will encourage students to think from a variety of perspectives and become more comfortable formulating thoughts and opinions on a specific topic.</p>											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
<p>This is a lecture-type class with an interactive component.</p> <p>Each session will include a lecture part and followed or interspersed by discussion based on the lecture content and this week's readings.</p>											
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Orientation and overview 2- Understanding culture 3- Disaster as a multi-dimensional process 4- The mutual relationship of nature and culture 5- Group discussion 6- Vulnerabilities and resilience 7- Cultural interpretations - the folklore of disaster 8- Cultural representations of disaster 9- Religion and disaster 10- Group discussion 11- Social networks in disaster contexts 											
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Disaster and Culture-E2(2)

- 12- Cultural competence in disaster
- 13- Cultural heritage and disaster
- 14- Final presentation or group work
- 15- Feedback session

Note: this schedule may be subject to change. The detailed definitive schedule will be handed out during the first class.

[Course requirements]

There are no specific requirements for taking this class.

However, students must be willing to prepare each session by completing the weekly readings and assigned tasks, and to participate actively during each session.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class attendance and active participation, group work and presentations and a final presentation.

Active participation means actively engaging with the class content, participating during discussions and group work, and contributing to the class by sharing opinions, experiences and reflections.

Further explanation about grading, including percentages for each item, will be provided during the first session.

Students absent 4 times or more will fail this class.

Tardiness (by 15 minutes or more) will be treated as absence.

Systematic tardiness and/or unexplained early departures will greatly reduce your attendance and participation grade.

[Textbooks]

There is no textbook for this class. Weekly readings and documents will be available for download.

Printing and preparing the material is the responsibility of the student.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are required to prepare for each session by completing the weekly readings and assigned tasks. They should expect 2 to 3 hours/week of work outside the classroom for review and preparation.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

- This is a lecture-type class with an interactive component. It will be conducted in English. All readings will also be in English.
- As stated in the evaluation section, students are expected to engage actively during class.
- Office hour is by appointment.

Lecture code: H722001

Course number		U-LAS04 20022 LE46				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Comparative Psychology-E2 Introduction to Comparative Psychology-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Senior Lecturer,Duncan Wilson	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Wed.4		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Students will become acquainted with the principle reasons for psychologists' interest in the behaviour of other species as well as humans, and they will gain knowledge about the major approaches used (observational studies, fieldwork, experimental manipulations) in this field. They will become familiar with the most important researchers in this branch of psychology, the historical contexts of their work, and how their studies have influenced contemporary research. There will be opportunities to ask questions in each class, and to compose short-answer questions.

[Course objectives]

Students will learn about major psychological approaches to understanding learning and behaviour in humans and other species. Topics will include classical and operant conditioning, social and mating systems, and advanced cognition.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Introduction to Comparative Psychology
2. Habituation and Classical Conditioning
3. Classical and Operant Conditioning
4. Operant Conditioning: Principles and Practice
5. Applications of Learning Theory and the Ethological Approach
6. Attachment and Early Experience
7. Mid-term Test
8. Living in Groups: Costs and Benefits
9. Social Relationships and Dominance
10. Theory of Mind
11. Tool Use in Non-humans: Psychological Mechanisms
12. Cooperation, Social Evaluation and Fairness
13. Self Control in Humans and Non-humans
14. Animal Communication and Language
15. Course Feedback

Note: The contents of specific classes may change.

Continue to Introduction to Comparative Psychology-E2(2) ↓ ↓

Introduction to Comparative Psychology-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Assessment will be by means of two components as follows:

- 1) There will be a mid-term test consisting of five short-answer questions (each worth 5%)and 25 multiple-choice questions (each worth 1%)(Total: 50%).
- 2) There will be an end-of-course exam consisting of five short-answer questions (each worth 5%)and 25 multiple-choice questions (each worth 1%)(Total: 50%).

[Textbooks]

Lecture notes/slides will be distributed and posted on KULASIS.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

No special preparations are required before or after classes, other than revising the material covered.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: H723001

Course number	U-LAS04 20021 LE46				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Primate Behavior and Cognition-E2 Introduction to Primate Behavior and Cognition-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Senior Lecturer,Duncan Wilson
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters
Days and periods	Wed.4		Target year	All students	Eligible students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This class will focus on non-human primates (prosimians, monkeys, apes) and why they are of particular interest to biologists, anthropologists, and psychologists. Students will learn about the distribution of primates, their socio-ecological strategies, social systems, cognitive abilities and welfare. Observational and experimental investigations of these and related phenomena will be reviewed and analyzed. The aim is to investigate the ecological and psychological status of primates in today's world. The course also aims to provide students with the opportunity to communicate about primates in English.

[Course objectives]

The class aims to help students acquire knowledge about the evolution of primates - their structure, social and nonsocial behaviour, and how they adapt to changing environmental circumstances, and to use written and spoken English to express their knowledge.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Introduction to Primate Behaviour and Cognition
2. Primate Diversity
3. Primate Habitats
4. Primate Diet and Feeding Adaptations
5. Early Influential Primate Studies I
6. Early Influential Primate Studies II
7. Early Influential Primate Studies III
8. Mid-term Test
9. Primate Home Ranges and Social Organization
10. The Dominance Hierarchy
11. Primate Communication: Visual and Tactile
12. Primate Communication: Olfactory and Auditory
13. Primate Intelligence
14. Primate Welfare
15. Course Feedback

Please note that the order and content of specific classes may change.

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Introduction to Primate Behavior and Cognition-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Assessment will be based on two components as follows:

- 1) A mid-term test consisting of 25 multiple-choice questions (each worth 1%) and five short-answer questions written in the students' own words (each worth 5%) (Total: 50%)
- 2) A final exam consisting of 25 multiple-choice questions (each worth 1%) and five short-answer questions written in the students' own words (each worth 5%) (Total: 50%)

[Textbooks]

Lecture notes/slides will be distributed.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to review the lecture handouts after each class, and to consult other sources (books, journals, appropriate websites).

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: H598001

Course number		U-LAS05 10002 LE40				
Course title (and course title in English)	Cultural Anthropology I-E2 Cultural Anthropology I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Center for Southeast Asian Studies Associate Professor, LOPEZ, Mario Ivan	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Regions and Cultures(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Tue.3	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

How do we live? What guiding principles do we use to organize ourselves in our societies? Anthropology is the comparative study of culture and human societies. This course offers an introduction to the discipline of anthropology and its practical relevance in our lives. It introduces the different ways we can examine human societies and understand our place with them. Each week will consist of a brief lecture of 30~40 minutes based on class notes and readings, followed by a class discussion and group exercises.

[Course objectives]

Anthropology is the comparative study of culture and human societies and examines the general principles of social and cultural life. This course offers an introduction to the discipline of anthropology and its practical relevance to understanding societies. It presents students with different ways to examine human societies and understand exchange processes; Relatedness and family; marriage; the nature-culture dichotomy; gender; nation building; and religion and ritual. Each week will consist of a brief lecture of 30~40 minutes based on class notes and readings, followed by a class discussion and group exercises.

[Course schedule and contents)]

- Week 1. Overview
- Week 2. Why Anthropology?
- Week 3. Relatedness
- Week 4. Marriage
- Week 5. Human Societies and Nature (1)
- Week 6. Mapping the Non-Human (2)
- Week 7. Human Societies and Nature (3)
- Week 8. Gender
- Week 9. Identifying “Others”
- Week 10 Community Building: Transnational Japan
- Week 11. Nation Building and Nationalism
- Week 12. Inclusion/Exclusion
- Week 13. Religion and Ritual: Meanings of Belief
- Week 14. Group Discussions
- Week 15. Feedback

[Course requirements]

Students are expected to actively engage in discussions, complete assigned readings essential for informed

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participation, and submit concise reflection essays. Given the course's strong emphasis on class dialogue, students need to possess proficient English language skills for effective communication with their peers.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The final semester grade will be determined as follows: short assignments (35%), attendance and class participation (30%), and a written essay (35%) to be submitted at the end of the course.

[Textbooks]

Not used

Materials and texts will be prepared in advance for use in the class. Each week has pre-prepared class notes and a main texts that students will need to read prior to class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

All reference materials will be in the syllabus handout and available to students.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will have readings prepared for each week along with class notes.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours are Mondays 4th period.

This course restricts student enrollment by 25.

Lecture code: H598002

Course number		U-LAS05 10002 LE40									
Course title (and course title in English)	Cultural Anthropology I-E2 Cultural Anthropology I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Center for Southeast Asian Studies Associate Professor, LOPEZ, Mario Ivan						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Regions and Cultures(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2					
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Tue.3	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course provides a critical introduction to how we experience gender in different societal contexts. It explores the various social and cultural contexts within which we make sense of and talk about Gender taking examples from the 20th/21st century Asia-Pacific region. We will draw on comparative material from other places around the globe as well.											
[Course objectives]											
The broad goal of this course is to introduce to students to the broad diversity of gender experiences available in today's highly globalized societies. In particular, the course will give students an analytical framework to contextualize this gender diversity and its continual transformation over the past couple of centuries to situate their own experiences. At the end of the course, students will have increased ability to give balanced consideration to the expression of individual gendered points of view and sexual orientation in different cultural contexts.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
Week 1. Introduction and Overview of the Course Week 2. Mapping Gender Week 3. Untangling Gender: The Nature/Culture Debate Week 4. Plural Co-existence in Southeast Asia Week 5. Plural Co-existence in Southeast Asia: Indonesia Week 6. Plural Co-existence in Southeast Asia: Myanmar Week 7. National Discourses and the Construction of Gender in Japan Week 8. Gendering Citizens: Conceptualising the national household in Japan Week 9. "I am a Herbivore" Discourses of masculinity in Contemporary Japan Week 10. Corporeal Shaping: Gender, Health and Discipline Week 11. From Entertainer to Carer? Gender, Care and Migration Week 12. The Gender See-saw: Inequality/Equality (1) Week 13. The Gender See-saw: Inequality/Equality (2) Week 14. Final Group Discussions Week 15. Recap											
[Course requirements]											
Students should be able to participate in discussions, do readings (required for participation), and submit short reflection pieces.											
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This course is heavily geared toward discussion works so students are required to have a good command of English (TOEFL ITP score ≥ 550).

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The final semester grade will be decided upon by participation in class lectures (short assignments and attendance) (65%) and a written essay (35%) to be submitted at the end of the course.

[Textbooks]

Not used

Articles and Audiovisual materials will be provided for this course and available to access from the first week in a shared folder.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Each week will consist of materials to be prepared in advance for class discussion. Students are responsible for printing materials.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours are on Mondays and Tuesday, 4th period.

This course restricts student enrollment by 25.

Lecture code: H598003

Course number		U-LAS05 10002 LE40				
Course title (and course title in English)	Cultural Anthropology I-E2 Cultural Anthropology I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies Program-Specific Associate Professor, De Antoni, Andrea	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Regions and Cultures(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Thu.2	Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course will introduce students to the central topics, concepts and methods of socio-cultural anthropology, which can be broadly defined as the study of human cultures and societies. It will survey the key areas of inquiry in contemporary socio-cultural anthropology and offer insights into how the seemingly most commonsensical aspects of any person's life can be informed by the cultural and social contexts of which they consider themselves a part.

The course will draw on ethnographic examples and case studies from a variety of cultures, but contemporary Japan will play a major role, in order to provide students with an interpretational framework for a better understanding of the context where we are living.

[Course objectives]

The course aims to introduce the key debates and understandings within socio-cultural anthropology. It will allow students to:

- understand key concepts and terminology of socio-cultural anthropology
- develop a cultural perspective, to realize that anthropology involves a way of seeing, a frame of reference for interpreting people's behaviour in all societies
- develop an acceptance and appreciation of people informed by different cultures, and maintain a non-judgmental attitude
- understand social relationships, for a comprehension not only of man, society and culture in general, but also of ourselves, our experiences, our own societies and cultures, as well as of the particular context where we are living at present, i.e. contemporary Japan.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The following list of topics is indicative. Depending on the class and discussions, the topics taken into consideration might end up being fewer. Nevertheless, they will include:

- Week 1: Course Introduction/What is Anthropology?
- Week 2: Race, Cultural Evolutionism and Racism
- Week 3: The Characteristics of Culture
- Week 4: Symbolic Classifications, Taboo, Pollution and Disgust
- Week 5: Gifts, Exchange and Reciprocity
- Week 6: The Anthropology of Ritual - Definitions
- Week 7: The Anthropology of Ritual - Durkheim and Functionalism

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Week 8: Cosmologies and Magic
Week 9: Religion and Spirituality
Week 10: Witchcraft
Week 11: Shamanism and Spirit Possession
Week 12: Law, Order and Social Control
Week 13: Myths, Social Memory and Invented Traditions
Week 14: Course Summary and Round-up Discussion
Week 15: Final Test
Week 16. Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Class Attendance and Contribution to Discussions (20%)
Final Test (80%)

[Textbooks]

Hendry, Joy «Sharing Our Worlds: An Introduction to Cultural and Social Anthropology» (Red Globe Press, 2016) ISBN:1479883689

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are required to complete the assigned readings and to come to class prepared to discuss them.

During the Course Introduction, we will discuss the possibility of conducting small ethnographic projects outside of class time.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

The list of topics above is indicative and rather optimistic. Depending on how long class discussions go on, the number of topics might be reduced. Needless to say, the final test will cover only the topics introduced during classes.

Lecture code: H598004

Course number		U-LAS05 10002 LE40				
Course title (and course title in English)	Cultural Anthropology I-E2 Cultural Anthropology I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies Program-Specific Associate Professor, De Antoni, Andrea	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Regions and Cultures(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course will introduce students to the central topics, concepts and methods of socio-cultural anthropology, which can be broadly defined as the study of human cultures and societies. It will survey the key areas of inquiry in contemporary socio-cultural anthropology and offer insights into how the seemingly most commonsensical aspects of any person's life can be informed by the cultural and social contexts of which they consider themselves a part.

The course will draw on ethnographic examples and case studies from a variety of cultures, but contemporary Japan will play a major role, in order to provide students with an interpretational framework for a better understanding of the context where we are living.

[Course objectives]

The course aims to introduce the key debates and understandings within socio-cultural anthropology. It will allow students to:

- understand key concepts and terminology of socio-cultural anthropology
- develop a cultural perspective, to realize that anthropology involves a way of seeing, a frame of reference for interpreting people's behaviour in all societies
- develop an acceptance and appreciation of people informed by different cultures, and maintain a non-judgmental attitude
- understand social relationships, for a comprehension not only of man, society and culture in general, but also of ourselves, our experiences, our own societies and cultures, as well as of the particular context where we are living at present, i.e. contemporary Japan.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The following list of topics is indicative. Depending on the class and discussions, the topics taken into consideration might end up being fewer. Nevertheless, they will include:

- Week 1: Course Introduction/What is Anthropology?
- Week 2: Race, Cultural Evolutionism and Racism
- Week 3: The Characteristics of Culture
- Week 4: Symbolic Classifications, Taboo, Pollution and Disgust
- Week 5: Gifts, Exchange and Reciprocity
- Week 6: The Anthropology of Ritual - Definitions
- Week 7: The Anthropology of Ritual - Durkheim and Functionalism

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Week 8: Cosmologies and Magic
Week 9: Religion and Spirituality
Week 10: Witchcraft
Week 11: Shamanism and Spirit Possession
Week 12: Law, Order and Social Control
Week 13: Myths, Social Memory and Invented Traditions
Week 14: Course Summary and Round-up Discussion
Week 15: Final Test
Week 16. Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Class Attendance and Contribution to Discussions (20%)
Final Test (80%)

[Textbooks]

Hendry, Joy «Sharing Our Worlds: An Introduction to Cultural and Social Anthropology» (Red Globe Press, 2016) ISBN:1479883689

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are required to complete the assigned readings and to come to class prepared to discuss them.

During the Course Introduction, we will discuss the possibility of conducting small ethnographic projects outside of class time.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

The list of topics above is indicative and rather optimistic. Depending on how long class discussions go on, the number of topics might be reduced. Needless to say, the final test will cover only the topics introduced during classes.

Lecture code: H802002

Course number		U-LAS05 10008 LE39									
Course title (and course title in English)	Human Geography-E2 : Climate Change Human Geography-E2 : Climate Change			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies Senior Lecturer, BAARS, Roger						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Regions and Cultures(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2					
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Thu.2		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
The course aims to illustrate the complexity of climate change and its underlying science. It introduces both natural and social science perspectives to the phenomenon. The overall aim of the course is to give an interdisciplinary introduction to climate change, its impacts on both the natural environment and human societies, as well as possible strategies for mitigation and adaptation. A particular focus is paid on the potential of education and youth activism in addressing this major challenge.											
[Course objectives]											
The course helps students to understand the terms, concepts and background knowledge of climate change, as well as the ways in which climate change education and youth activism can be utilized to address this global threat.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
1: Introduction - A Brief Course Overview 2: Core Concepts and Facts on Climate Change 3: Scientific Data and Challenges of Climate Predictions 4: Climate Initiatives and Results around the World 5: Field Trip: TBC 6: Science Communication and Climate Denialism 7: The Role of Education in Climate Change Mitigation/Adaptation 8: Group Project Introduction and Discussion (Assignment 2) 9: Localizing Climate Change: A New Perspective in Education? 10: In-class Group Project Preparation 1 11: How can Education lead to Youth Climate Activism? 12: In-class Group Project Preparation 2 13: Presentations I 14: Presentations II 15: Feedback											
Total: 14 classes and 1 feedback session The course schedule might change											
[Course requirements]											
This course is for you if you have an interest in issues related to climate change and education/activism from											
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Human Geography-E2 : Climate Change(2)

a human geographical perspective.

In week 5, we have a field trip: Participation is mandatory

Students should have Personal Accident Insurance for Student Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai).

[Evaluation methods and policy]

30% Report (1000 words), 50% Group Project Presentation (15-20 min), 20% Participation in Class

[Textbooks]

Required readings and materials will be distributed via PandA.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to actively participate in each class. This includes the discussion of contemporary topics in small groups and writing up brief summaries of findings (worksheet). Preparatory materials include academic readings, news pieces and online media materials.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

If you have any questions, please email the instructor:

baars.rogercloud.6a@kyoto-u.ac.jp

Lecture code: H802003

Course number		U-LAS05 10008 LE39									
Course title (and course title in English)	Human Geography-E2 : Climate Change Human Geography-E2 : Climate Change			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies Senior Lecturer, BAARS, Roger						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Regions and Cultures(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2					
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Thu.2		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
The course aims to illustrate the complexity of climate change and its underlying science. It introduces both natural and social science perspectives to the phenomenon. The overall aim of the course is to give an interdisciplinary introduction to climate change, its impacts on both the natural environment and human societies, as well as possible strategies for mitigation and adaptation. A particular focus is paid on the potential of education and youth activism in addressing this major challenge.											
[Course objectives]											
The course helps students to understand the terms, concepts and background knowledge of climate change, as well as the ways in which climate change education and youth activism can be utilized to address this global threat.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
1: Introduction - A Brief Course Overview 2: Core Concepts and Facts on Climate Change 3: Scientific Data and Challenges of Climate Predictions 4: Climate Initiatives and Results around the World 5: Field Trip: TBC 6: Science Communication and Climate Denialism 7: The Role of Education in Climate Change Mitigation/Adaptation 8: Group Project Introduction and Discussion (Assignment 2) 9: Localizing Climate Change: A New Perspective in Education? 10: In-class Group Project Preparation 1 11: How can Education lead to Youth Climate Activism? 12: In-class Group Project Preparation 2 13: Presentations I 14: Presentations II 15: Feedback											
Total: 14 classes and 1 feedback session The course schedule might change											
[Course requirements]											
This course is for you if you have an interest in issues related to climate change and education/activism from											
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Human Geography-E2 : Climate Change(2)

a human geographical perspective.

In week 5, we have a field trip: Participation is mandatory

Students should have Personal Accident Insurance for Student Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai).

[Evaluation methods and policy]

30% Report (1000 words), 50% Group Project Presentation (15-20 min), 20% Participation in Class

[Textbooks]

Required readings and materials will be distributed via PandA.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to actively participate in each class. This includes the discussion of contemporary topics in small groups and writing up brief summaries of findings (worksheet). Preparatory materials include academic readings, news pieces and online media materials.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

If you have any questions, please email the instructor:

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Lecture code: H815001

Course number		U-LAS05 20046 LE40									
Course title (and course title in English)	Topics in Cultural Anthropology I-E2 Topics in Cultural Anthropology I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies Program-Specific Associate Professor, De Antoni, Andrea						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Regions and Cultures(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Thu.3		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
<p>This course focuses on the anthropology of religion, magic and witchcraft. It will take into consideration and analyze human religious experiences from an anthropological perspective, by focusing on topics such as debates about definitions and the origin of "religion", cosmology, myth and social memory, ritual, magic, witchcraft, ghosts, spirit possession, shamanism, religious healing, spirituality and secularization.</p> <p>In doing so, it will also provide a historical overview of anthropological theories on these topics, thus informing students on the history of the anthropology of religion as a discipline.</p> <p>Ethnographic examples from a variety of societies will be analyzed and discussed, in order to illustrate the wealth of religious experiences that exists around the world. Especially examples about East Asian and Japanese religions (including ascetic and shamanic practices) will be central, although also World Religions, contemporary New Age in the West, as well as classical examples about African or Native American religious practices will be taken into consideration.</p>											
[Course objectives]											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students will learn the historical development of anthropological theories and debates regarding religion and ritual, thus familiarizing with terminology and concepts. - Students will learn to understand religious and spiritual phenomena in their social context. - Students will gain an understanding of religion as an institution through which gender, class, identity, morality, health and personhood are expressed and performed. - Students will examine the ways in which religions and their adherents respond to social, political and economic changes. - Students will use appropriate methodological tools to formulate scholarly arguments 											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
<p>The following list of topics is indicative. Depending on the class and discussions, the topics taken into consideration might end up being fewer. Nevertheless, they will include:</p> <p>WEEK 1: Course Introduction WEEK 2: What is "Religion"? WEEK 3: Debating the Origins of "Religion" WEEK 4: Cosmology, Animism, Magic, Religion and Spirituality WEEK 5: Witchcraft, Accusations and an Anthropology of Rumours</p>											
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Topics in Cultural Anthropology I-E2(2)

WEEK 6: Symbolic Classifications, Pollution, Taboos and the "Sacred"

WEEK 7: The Ritual Turn, Rites of Passage and Communitas

WEEK 8: (Ritual) violence, Social Liminality and Symbols

WEEK 8: The Ways of the Shamans

WEEK 9: Charismatic Leadership

WEEK 10: Embodiment and Spirit Possession

WEEK 11: Myths, History and Social Memory

WEEK 12: Religion and Material Culture

WEEK 13: The Environment and the Ecological Approach

WEEK 14: Pilgrimage and Tourism

WEEK 15: Final Test

WEEK 16: Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Contribution to Discussions (20%)

Final Examination (80%)

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to have read the assignments before class and be ready to discuss them.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

The list of topics above is indicative and rather optimistic. Depending on how long class discussions go on, the number of topics might be reduced. Needless to say, the final test will cover only the topics introduced during classes.

Lecture code: H815002

Course number		U-LAS05 20046 LE40									
Course title (and course title in English)	Topics in Cultural Anthropology I-E2 Topics in Cultural Anthropology I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies Program-Specific Associate Professor, De Antoni, Andrea						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Regions and Cultures(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Thu.2		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
<p>This course focuses on the anthropology of religion, magic and witchcraft. It will take into consideration and analyze human religious experiences from an anthropological perspective, by focusing on topics such as debates about definitions and the origin of "religion", cosmology, myth and social memory, ritual, magic, witchcraft, ghosts, spirit possession, shamanism, religious healing, spirituality and secularization.</p> <p>In doing so, it will also provide a historical overview of anthropological theories on these topics, thus informing students on the history of the anthropology of religion as a discipline.</p> <p>Ethnographic examples from a variety of societies will be analyzed and discussed, in order to illustrate the wealth of religious experiences that exists around the world. Especially examples about East Asian and Japanese religions (including ascetic and shamanic practices) will be central, although also World Religions, contemporary New Age in the West, as well as classical examples about African or Native American religious practices will be taken into consideration.</p>											
[Course objectives]											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students will learn the historical development of anthropological theories and debates regarding religion and ritual, thus familiarizing with terminology and concepts. - Students will learn to understand religious and spiritual phenomena in their social context. - Students will gain an understanding of religion as an institution through which gender, class, identity, morality, health and personhood are expressed and performed. - Students will examine the ways in which religions and their adherents respond to social, political and economic changes. - Students will use appropriate methodological tools to formulate scholarly arguments. 											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
<p>The following list of topics is indicative. Depending on the class and discussions, the topics taken into consideration might end up being fewer. Nevertheless, they will include:</p> <p>WEEK 1: Course Introduction WEEK 2: What is "Religion"? WEEK 3: Debating the Origins of "Religion" WEEK 4: Cosmology, Animism, Magic, Religion and Spirituality WEEK 5: Witchcraft, Accusations and an Anthropology of Rumours</p>											
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Topics in Cultural Anthropology I-E2(2)

WEEK 6: Symbolic Classifications, Pollution, Taboos and the "Sacred"

WEEK 7: The Ritual Turn, Rites of Passage and Communitas

WEEK 8: (Ritual) violence, Social Liminality and Symbols

WEEK 8: The Ways of the Shamans

WEEK 9: Charismatic Leadership

WEEK 10: Embodiment and Spirit Possession

WEEK 11: Myths, History and Social Memory

WEEK 12: Religion and Material Culture

WEEK 13: The Environment and the Ecological Approach

WEEK 14: Pilgrimage and Tourism

WEEK 15: Final Test

WEEK 16: Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Contribution to Discussions (20%)

Final Examination (80%)

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to have read the assignments before class and be ready to discuss them.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

The list of topics above is indicative and rather optimistic. Depending on how long class discussions go on, the number of topics might be reduced. Needless to say, the final test will cover only the topics introduced during classes.

Lecture code: H817001

Course number		U-LAS05 20051 LE39				
Course title (and course title in English)	Topics in Human Geography VIII-E2 (Governing urban sustainability challenges) Topics in Human Geography VIII-E2 (Governing urban sustainability challenges)			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies Associate Professor, TRENCHER, Gregory	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Regions and Cultures(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Thu.1	Target year	Mainly 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors	

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This lecture and discussion course will examine different types of strategies that governments, industry and society can use to accelerate the transition of societal and technological systems towards greater sustainability, particularly in urban areas. We will focus on three sets of challenges and technologies: (1) smart cities, (2) urban transport and (3) energy and water usage in buildings. In addition to applying theoretical frameworks from social science fields such as human geography and sustainability transitions, we will explore these three themes through detailed case studies.

[Course objectives]

Students will learn about how different kinds of public policy instruments can be used to tackle different types of sustainability challenges as well as the advantages and disadvantages of each. Students will also improve skills in discussion, oral presentations and problem-solving through a policy-making project. Students will be expected to contribute their ideas and express themselves in small group discussions and classroom exercises.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Introduction
2. Energy use in cities and buildings 1: Introduction
3. Socio-technical lock-in: Barriers to urban transformation
4. Sustainable mobility 1: Fuel-cell electric vehicle (FCEV) diffusion in Japan
5. Sustainable mobility 2: Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) diffusion in China
6. Sustainable mobility 3: Autonomous vehicles and Japan's aging society
7. Phase-out: The other side of innovation
8. Smart cities: Case study 1
9. Guest lecture: Urban energy systems and mobility
10. Smart cities: Case study 2
11. Introduction to research task
12. Student research task preparation
13. Student presentations
14. Student presentations
15. Feedback (by appointment)

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[Course requirements]

A willingness to participate in class discussions and group work.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and participation 20%

Written assignment on building energy efficiency 20%

Research project: Group presentation 30%

Research project: Individual report 30%

Details on all assignments provided in the lecture.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

No text required. Readings and lecture notes will be distributed in class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Revision of class presentations is expected as well as preparation for assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Please email the instructor to set up an office appointment. Email address will be provided in class.

Lecture code: H813001

Course number		U-LAS05 20047 LE74									
Course title (and course title in English)	Contemporary Japanese Architecture-E2 Contemporary Japanese Architecture-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Professor,DANIELL, Thomas Charles						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Regions and Cultures(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Tue.3		Target year	Mainly 1st year students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course comprises a broad survey of contemporary Japanese architecture from the 1960s until the early twenty-first century. The content will be organized around detailed analyses of the work and career of significant architects.											
[Course objectives]											
By the end of this course, students will: Recognize the various styles, specific architects, dates, and locations of important buildings; Understand the climatic, technological, socioeconomic, and cultural factors that have shaped the architecture; Learn to employ basic methods of data collection in research; Assemble this research into a cogent structure.											
[Course schedule and contents])											
The course comprises an approximately chronological sequence of lectures. The topics and sequence may be altered during the semester.											
01 Kenzo Tange / Metabolism 02 Arata Isozaki / Kisho Kurokawa 03 Kazuo Shinohara / Hiroshi Hara 04 Toyo Ito / Itsuko Hasegawa 05 Hiromi Fujii / Takefumi Aida 06 Osamu Ishiyama / Terunobu Fujimori 07 Tadao Ando / Shin Takamatsu 08 Kengo Kuma / Shigeru Ban 09 Kazuyo Sejima / Ryue Nishizawa 10 Hitoshi Abe / Shuhei Endo 11 Atelier Bow-Wow / Tezuka Architects 12 Junya Ishigami / Sou Fujimoto 13 New Generation 14 Review 15 Feedback											
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Contemporary Japanese Architecture-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

No prior knowledge is required. Students should be able to participate in discussions in English.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance is mandatory, and students may fail if they attend less than 2/3 of the classes. Students must write short reports on the content of 11 of the lectures, following the templates provided. The reports must be submitted within one week of each lecture ($11 \times 6 = 66$ points). Students must visit one of the buildings from the list provided by the instructor, and write a 2000-word illustrated essay about it, following the template provided. (34 points).

[Textbooks]

Thomas Daniell 『An Anatomy of Influence』 (AA Publications) ISBN:978-1907896965

Thomas Daniell 『After the Crash: Architecture in Post-Bubble Japan』 (Princeton Architectural Press)
ISBN:978-1568987767

A PDF containing relevant readings for the weekly assignments will be provided.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

James Steele 『Contemporary Japanese Architecture: Tracing the Next Generation』 (Routledge) ISBN: 978-1138941250

David B. Stewart 『The Making of a Modern Japanese Architecture: From the Founders to Shinohara and Isozaki』 (Kodansha International) ISBN:978-4770029331

Taro Igarashi 『Contemporary Japanese Architects: Profiles in Design』 (JPIC) ISBN:978-4866580210

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to have read the relevant readings in the PDF before each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

By appointment.

Lecture code: H812001

Course number		U-LAS05 20048 LE74				
Course title (and course title in English)	Theory of Landscape Design-E2 :House and Gardens of Kyoto Theory of Landscape Design-E2 :House and Gardens of Kyoto			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Professor,DANIELL, Thomas Charles	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Regions and Cultures(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group A	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Tue.3	Target year	Mainly 1st year students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course introduces a broad range of Kyoto's traditional houses and gardens from every period of the city's premodern history. These range from summer villas to townhouses, from temple residences to tea pavilions, from private homes to traditional inns. All have their associated outdoor spaces, whether courtyard gardens, stroll gardens, or stone gardens. In addition to lectures, we will visit a number of the places discussed.

[Course objectives]

By the end of this course, students will: Know the various styles, dates, and locations of important buildings and gardens; Understand the climatic and cultural factors that have shaped the buildings and gardens; Learn to employ basic methods of data collection in research; Assemble this research into a cogent structure.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Lectures will alternate with site visits (held during regular class hours). Students are required to pay their own transport and entry costs for the site visits. Students must have Personal Accident Insurance for Student Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai) coverage. The topics and sequence may be altered during the semester.

- 01 Introduction: climate and culture
- 02 The establishment and evolution of Heian-kyo
- 03 Historical overview of traditional building styles
- 04 Historical overview of traditional garden styles
- 05 Imperial and aristocratic villas
- 06 Site visit: Kawai Kanjiro house (500 yen)
- 07 Townhouses
- 08 Site visit: Ginkaku-ji (500 yen)
- 09 Temple residences
- 10 Site visit: Hakusasonso (500 yen)
- 11 Teahouses
- 12 Site visit: Site visit: Murin-an (100 yen)
- 13 Private retreats
- 14 Site visit: Shisen-do (500 yen)
- 15 Feedback

----- Continue to Theory of Landscape Design-E2 :House and Gardens of Kyoto(2) ↓ ↓

[Course requirements]

No prior knowledge is required. Essential information will be provided in class. Students should be able to participate in discussions with their classmates in English.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Student must write reports on each of the five site visits, following the templates provided ($5 \times 20 = 100$ points). Attendance is mandatory, and students may fail if they attend less than 2/3 of the classes. Site visits are mandatory, and assignments may not be accepted if site visits are not attended.

[Textbooks]

Thomas Daniell 『Houses and Gardens of Kyoto』 (Tuttle) ISBN:978-4805314715

Marc Treib 『A Guide to the Gardens of Kyoto』 (Kodansha International) ISBN:978-1940743677

Kiyosi Hirai 『The Japanese House Then and Now』 (Ichigaya Publications) ISBN:4870711915

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Kazuo Nishi 『What is Japanese Architecture?』 (Kodansha) ISBN:978-1568364124

Terunobu Fujimori 『The Contemporary Tea House』 (Kodansha International) ISBN:978-4770030467

John Dougill 『Kyoto: A Cultural History』 (Oxford University Press) ISBN:978-0195301373

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to use the library and visit relevant historical sites.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

By appointment.

Lecture code: H589001

Course number	U-LAS05 20006 LE40				
Course title (and course title in English)	Environmental Anthropology-E2 Environmental Anthropology-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies Professor,D'SOUZA, Rohan Ignatious
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Regions and Cultures(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters
Days and periods	Fri.3		Target year	All students	Eligible students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course will introduce students to four defining anthropologically inspired frameworks that have been critical in exploring the many fraught relationships between Nature and Culture. These frameworks or ideological perspectives have in actual fact driven the field of ecological and environmental anthropology by sparking innumerable debates, discussions and sharp disagreements. The true weight of this scholarship, however, as this course will empathize and outline, lies not only in the empirically informed insights that have been generated over the years but the riveting theories that have helped us reflect on the Nature-Culture divide and overlap.

[Course objectives]

The Nature-Culture divide has been foundational to defining a range of philosophical and political attitudes. By reviewing several environmental theories in Anthropology, I expect the students to become familiar with three big questions: a) Are cultural differences produced because of different environments ? ; b) Has Modern society freed itself from the constraints of Nature, while traditional society remains tied to their environments ? Is Nature just another cultural artefact ?

[Course schedule and contents)]

Each class will comprise a 90 minute session; involving a lecture of 60 minutes and followed by a 30 minute interactive discussion in which student participation will be elicited through either group or individual presentations.

Four themes will be covered:

- a) Cultural Ecology
- b) Socio-Biology
- c) Conservation Ecology
- d) Political Ecology

Total 14 classes and 1 feedback session.

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Environmental Anthropology-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

I will not be taking exams. Instead students will be bunched into groups and expected to submit group assignments. Two assignments in total will be given. Each assignment will be 50% of the grade. The two assignments in total will be 100%.

The assignment with my comments will be returned to the students.

[Textbooks]

Darrell P. Arnold (ed.) 『Traditions of Systems Theory: Major Figures and Contemporary Developments』 (Routledge , 2013) ISBN:978-0415843898

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

R.Edward Grumbine 『Environmental Policy and Biodiversity』 (Island Press, 1994) ISBN:978-1559632836

Tim Forsyth 『Critical Political Ecology』 (Routledge, 2003) ISBN:978-0415185639

Libby Robin, Sverker Sorlin, Paul Warde (ed.) 『The Future of Nature』 (Yale University Press, 2013) ISBN:978-0300184617

Noel Castree and Bruce Braun (ed), 『Social Nature: Theory, Practice and Politics』 (Blackwell Publishing 2001) ISBN:978-0631215684

Relevant sections and chapters from the above books will be assigned as readings for the course. Other reading materials such as articles or short-write-ups may be included based on class discussions and interest.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to have read at least five pages of pre-assigned reading, at the very minimum, before attending each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students can contact me during office hours with prior appointment.

Lecture code: H591001

Course number	U-LAS05 20038 LE31						
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Globalization I-E2 Introduction to Globalization I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Center for Southeast Asian Studies Associate Professor, LOPEZ, Mario Ivan		
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Regions and Cultures(Issues)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits 2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters 2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Tue.4		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
<p>This course critically examines the core processes shaping contemporary globalization. How can we navigate life on a planet undergoing rapid and irreversible changes across multiple scales? Focusing on the Asia-Pacific, Southeast Asia, and other global regions, this seminar-based course explores how globalization at a planetary level is transforming our lives. Through discussions and analysis, we will raise key questions about the profound impacts of globalization and how they reshape our world.</p>							
[Course objectives]							
<p>This course is designed to explore how global processes shape our economy, environment, politics, and society. Each week, we'll begin with a short lecture based on assigned readings and class notes, followed by engaging class discussions and interactive group exercises.</p>							
<p>The goal is to help students develop a critical understanding of how global issues and processes affect everyday life, both in the present and the future. Students will also learn to think about different ways we measure and assess global challenges that impact them. By the end of the course, students will gain a solid foundation for analyzing these important topics and their impact on the world around us.</p>							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
<p>Week 1. Overview Week 2. From the Holocene to the Anthropocene Week 3. The Politics of Enough Week 4. Growth and its limits Week 5. The Growth Paradigm seen through GDP Week 6. The Degrowth Argument (1) Week 7. The Degrowth Argument (2) Week 8. The Neoliberal Project (1) Week 9. The Neoliberal Project (2) The Asia-Pacific Case Week 10. Navigating Ecological Degradation Week 11. The Anthropocene (1): Planetary Impact Week 12. The Anthropocene (2): Extractivism Week 13. Towards a Manifesto for Transformation Week 14. Group Presentations Week 15. Feedback</p>							
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Introduction to Globalization I-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

To participate in this course, students will need to be able to actively engage in discussions, complete assigned readings essential for informed participation, submit concise reflections and do a final group project in the form of a manifesto. Given the course's strong emphasis on class discussion, students need to have proficient English language skills for effective communication with their peers.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The final semester grade is decided upon through short reports to questions in the syllabus (35%), participation in class lectures (35%), and a final group project (30%) to be submitted at the end of the course.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Readings are prepared for each week along with class notes for some lectures.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

This course restricts student enrollment by 25. Office hours are by appointment during 4th Period on Mondays.

Lecture code: H592001

Course number		U-LAS05 20039 LE31									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Globalization II-E2 Introduction to Globalization II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Center for Southeast Asian Studies Associate Professor, LOPEZ, Mario Ivan						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Regions and Cultures(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Tue.4		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
In today's interconnected world, vibrant and dynamic societies are shaped by people on the move; individuals born in one country and living in another. This course offers an in-depth look at global migration trends and the diverse experiences of those who relocate and build lives in foreign lands.											
As a seminar-based course, it focuses on human migration patterns, particularly in the Asia-Pacific, Southeast Asia, and other global regions. Through interactive discussions and activities, students will explore the complex realities of migration, examining its causes, challenges, and far-reaching impacts on individuals, communities, and nations.											
This course will deepen your understanding of how migration transforms the world; and how it continues to shape the societies we live in today.											
[Course objectives]											
On this course students will do the following:											
1. Understand Why People Move Gain a critical introduction to the reasons behind migration and the current issues driving people to relocate.											
2. Explore the Impact of Migration Examine how migration issues influence our everyday lives and shape the experiences of migrants, immigrants, and refugees in today's globalized world.											
3. Engage in Interactive Learning Participate in weekly sessions that include brief lectures (based on readings and class notes), class discussions, and group exercises to deepen understanding and encourage collaborative learning.											
4. Develop Critical Thinking Reflect on the human dimensions of migration and build analytical skills to evaluate how globalization affects movement and its broader societal implications.											
This course aims for thoughtful discussion and provide students with the tools to critically analyze migration as a key issue in our interconnected world.											
[Course schedule and contents])											
Week 1. Overview											
Week 2. Defining the Migrant											
----- Continue to Introduction to Globalization II-E2(2) ↓↓											

Introduction to Globalization II-E2(2)

Week 3. Global Migration in the 21st Century
Week 4. Statelessness: Causes and Consequences (1)
Week 5. Statelessness: Causes and Consequences (2)
Week 6. The International Refugee Regime
Week 7. Documentary screening & Discussion
Week 8. Media Constructions of Refugees, Migrants and Asylum Seekers
Week 9. Climate Change and Migration (1)
Week 10. Managing Migration (1): Singapore Case
Week 11. Documentary Screening and Discussion
Week 12. Caring for the Future: Highly Skilled Migrant Workers
Week 13. Who Benefits from Migration? (1)
Week 14. Who Benefits from Migration? (2)
Week 15. Re-cap

[Course requirements]

This course is discussion and debate oriented. Students will have to actively engage in discussions complete assigned readings essential for informed participation, and submit concise reflection essays. This course has a strong emphasis on class dialogue and group activities so students need to possess proficient English language skills for effective communication with their peers.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The final semester grade will be decided upon by short reports to questions in the syllabus (35%) participation in class lectures (35%) and a joint group project (30%) to be submitted at the end of the course.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Each week will consist of materials to be prepared in advance for class discussion.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

This course restricts student enrollment by 25. Students require a high speaking level of English to participate in class discussions. Office hours are on Mondays 4th period by appointment.

Lecture code: H814001

Course number		U-LAS05 20049 LE74									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Urban Geography-E2 Introduction to Urban Geography-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies Senior Lecturer, BAARS, Roger						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Regions and Cultures(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Thu.1		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
The majority of the world's population live in cities. The course explores the dynamics and transformations of urban places and spaces, which include the origin and evolution of cities, the development of networks of cities bound together by culture, trade, communication and competition, as well as the dynamics of economic restructuring in urban regions.											
[Course objectives]											
The course allows students to develop a critical perspective on dominant neoliberal representations of the city and to explore the great diversity of urban worlds. Students will understand the complexity of human-city relationships and learn how cities are shaped by culture, society, economics, politics, and the environment.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
INTRODUCTION											
1) Approaches to the City - What is "the City"?											
CITIES IN THEORY AND PRACTICE											
2) Key Concepts in Urban Geography											
3) Evolution of Critical Urban Theory											
4) The Contemporary City: Modern Urbanization											
5) Mega-cities and Rapid Urban Population Growth											
6) Field Trip: Sanjo/Gion											
POLITICS, ECONOMY AND SOCIETY IN THE CITY											
7) Power and Politics in the City											
8) Religious and Colonial Cities											
9) Experiencing the Everyday City											
10) Mobility and Transport											
11) Architecture, Planning and Design											
12) Is there a Sustainable Future for Cities?											
FINAL PRESENTATIONS											
13) Group Presentations I											
14) Group Presentations II											
----- Continue to Introduction to Urban Geography-E2(2) ↓↓↓											

Introduction to Urban Geography-E2(2)

Total: 14 classes and 1 feedback session

The course schedule might change

[Course requirements]

You are interested in cities, excited about living in one, and want to learn more about them.

In week 6, we have a field trip to Sanjo/Gion: Participation is mandatory

[Evaluation methods and policy]

40% Photo Essay (1500 words), 40% Group Project (15-20 min), 20% Participation in Class

[Textbooks]

Required readings and materials will be distributed via PandA.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to actively participate in each class. This includes the discussion of contemporary topics in small groups and writing up brief summaries of findings (worksheet). Preparatory materials include academic readings, news pieces and online media materials.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Field Trip: Sanjo Station (Keihan) can be reached in about 15min by bicycle from Kyoto University. The destination can also be reached by bus or Keihan Line (transportation costs to be covered by students).

Students should have Personal Accident Insurance for Student Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai).

If you have any questions, please email the instructor:

baars.rogercloud.6a@kyoto-u.ac.jp

Lecture code: H814002

Course number		U-LAS05 20049 LE74									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Urban Geography-E2 Introduction to Urban Geography-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies Senior Lecturer, BAARS, Roger						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Regions and Cultures(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Thu.1		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
The majority of the world's population live in cities. The course explores the dynamics and transformations of urban places and spaces, which include the origin and evolution of cities, the development of networks of cities bound together by culture, trade, communication and competition, as well as the dynamics of economic restructuring in urban regions.											
[Course objectives]											
The course allows students to develop a critical perspective on dominant neoliberal representations of the city and to explore the great diversity of urban worlds. Students will understand the complexity of human-city relationships and learn how cities are shaped by culture, society, economics, politics, and the environment.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
INTRODUCTION											
1) Approaches to the City - What is "the City"?											
CITIES IN THEORY AND PRACTICE											
2) Key Concepts in Urban Geography											
3) Evolution of Critical Urban Theory											
4) The Contemporary City: Modern Urbanization											
5) Mega-cities and Rapid Urban Population Growth											
6) Field Trip: Sanjo/Gion											
POLITICS, ECONOMY AND SOCIETY IN THE CITY											
7) Power and Politics in the City											
8) Religious and Colonial Cities											
9) Experiencing the Everyday City											
10) Mobility and Transport											
11) Architecture, Planning and Design											
12) Is there a Sustainable Future for Cities?											
FINAL PRESENTATIONS											
13) Group Presentations I											
14) Group Presentations II											
----- Continue to Introduction to Urban Geography-E2(2) ↓↓↓											

Introduction to Urban Geography-E2(2)

Total: 14 classes and 1 feedback session

The course schedule might change

[Course requirements]

You are interested in cities, excited about living in one, and want to learn more about them.

In week 6, we have a field trip to Sanjo/Gion: Participation is mandatory

[Evaluation methods and policy]

40% Photo Essay (1500 words), 40% Group Project (15-20 min), 20% Participation in Class

[Textbooks]

Required readings and materials will be distributed via PandA.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to actively participate in each class. This includes the discussion of contemporary topics in small groups and writing up brief summaries of findings (worksheet). Preparatory materials include academic readings, news pieces and online media materials.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Field Trip: Sanjo Station (Keihan) can be reached in about 15min by bicycle from Kyoto University. The destination can also be reached by bus or Keihan Line (transportation costs to be covered by students).

Students should have Personal Accident Insurance for Student Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai).

If you have any questions, please email the instructor:

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Lecture code: H806001

Course number	U-LAS05 20041 LE74				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Urban Planning-E2 Introduction to Urban Planning-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Disaster Prevention Research Institute Associate Professor,SAMADDAR, Subhajyoti
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Regions and Cultures(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters
Days and periods	Wed.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course provides an overview of the conceptual ideas, theories, and popular practices in urban and city planning. In this course, you will learn about the origins and evolution of the urban world. Additionally, it would cover major movements, ideas, and practices that have influenced urban and regional planning. It will provide an overview of both the theoretical debates and practical challenges faced by urban planners, with a discussion of problem-solving techniques and strategies commonly employed in the planning profession.

[Course objectives]

The purpose of this course is to introduce major urban planning theories and concepts. The following are the objectives of the course:

- Understanding how socio-economic, political, and environmental factors influence planning.
- A variety of planning tools and techniques will be taught.
- To understand the practical challenges of urban planning.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Week 1. Introduction to urban planning.
 Week 2. What is city? Formal and information definition of city.
 Week 3. History and evolution of city.
 Week 4. Urbanization, suburbanization and re-urbanization.
 Week 5. Urban planning: process and outcome; types of plan; elements and characteristics of plan.
 Week 6. Major contemporary urban planning approaches.
 Week 7. Popular methods and tools in urban planning.
 Week 8. Planning support system: technologies and functions.
 Week 9. Elements of planning process.
 Week 10. Comprehensive plan: elements, process and examples.
 Week 11. Neighborhood plan.
 Week 12. Planning for public facilities such as parks, roads and utilities.
 Week 13. Urban governance and public participation.
 Week 14. Current challenges of urban planning.
 Week 15. Final presentations and exams.
 Week 16. Feedback class.

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Introduction to Urban Planning-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Assignment and presentations = 50 Points

Examination = 50 Points.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

The City in History: It's Origins, Its Transformations, and Its Prospects : By Lewis Mumford (1972)

Local Planning: Contemporary Principles and Practice - Edited by Gary Hack, et al. (2009).

Good City Form - by Kevin Lynch (1995).

Cities of Tomorrow: An Intellectual History of Urban Planning and Design in the Twentieth Century - by Peter Geoffrey Hall (1996).

Kaiser, Edward J., David R. Godschalk, and F. Stuart Chapin. Urban land use planning. Vol. 4. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press, 1995.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

- Prepare and review class contents, reading textbooks.
- Complete assignments.
- Participate in group discussion.
- Give presentations.
- Examination.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: H801001

Course number	U-LAS05 20040 LE31						
Course title (and course title in English)	Environmental Histories of South Asia-E2 Environmental Histories of South Asia-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies Professor,D'SOUZA, Rohan Ignatious		
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Regions and Cultures(Issues)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits 2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters 2025 • Second semester		
Days and periods	Fri.3		Target year	All students	Eligible students For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
This is designed as an introductory course that will familiarise students with several of the critical debates that have shaped environmental history writings on South Asia. The emphasis will be on rehearsing not only the distinct conceptual and theoretical claims but, significantly as well, survey the rich and complex socio-ecological worlds that have been revealed such writing on South Asia.							
[Course objectives]							
This course will help students understand the unique histories of ecological change in South Asia. In particular, the drastic ecological changes that occurred in the nineteenth century: deforestation, systematic elimination of wild life and the introduction of modern river control. Environmental history will help students understand that environments are not the frozen backdrop to human drama but are very much part of the making of human history.							
[Course schedule and contents])							
Each class will comprise a 90 minute session; involving a lecture of 60 minutes and followed by a 30 minute interactive discussion in which student participation will also be elicited through either group or individual presentations.							
Four themes will be covered:							
a) The Colonial Watershed Thesis							
b) Continuity and Change							
c) Forest Protection, Hunting and Colonial Hydrology							
d) Conservation, environmental change and the Colonial State							
Total 14 classes and 1 feedback session.							
[Course requirements]							
None							
[Evaluation methods and policy]							
Evaluations will be based on two writing assignments/tutorials. Each tutorial/assignment is 50 % of the grade and the two tutorials/assignments combined will comprise 100% of the grade.							
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Environmental Histories of South Asia-E2(2)

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Ramachandra Guha 『The Unquiet Woods: ecological change and peasant resistance in the Himalaya』 (Permanent Black: Ranikhet 2010 [1989]) ISBN:978-0520222359

Ramachandra Guha & Madhav Gadgil 『This Fissured Land: an ecological history of India』 (Oxford University Press: New Delhi 1992) ISBN:978-0520082960

Mahesh Rangarajan 『Fencing the Forest: conservation and ecological change in India's Central provinces 1860-1914』 (Oxford University press: New Delhi 1996) ISBN:978-0195649840

Richard Grove 『Green Imperialism; colonial expansion, tropical island Edens and the origins of Environmentalism 1600-1860』 (Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, UK 1995) ISBN:978-0521565134

Vasant Saberwal 『Pastoral Politics: shepherds, bureaucrats, and conservation in the Western Himalaya』 (Oxford University Press: New Delhi 1998) ISBN:978-0195643084

K. Sivaramakrishnan 『Modern Forests: Statemaking and environmental change in colonial Eastern India』 (Oxford University Press: New Delhi 1999) ISBN:978-0804745567

S. Ravi Rajan 『Modernizing Nature: Forestry and Imperial Eco-Development 1800-1950』 (Orient Longman: Hyderabad 2006) ISBN:978-0199277964

Rohan D' Souza 『Drowned and Dammed: colonial capitalism and flood control in Eastern India』 (Oxford University Press: New Delhi 2006) ISBN:978-0195682175

Julie E. Hughes 『Animal Kingdoms: Hunting, the Environment, and Power in the Indian Princely States』 (Harvard University Press: Cambridge, Mass. 2013) ISBN:978-0674072800

(Related URL)

(Relevant sections and chapters from the above books will be assigned as readings for the course. Other reading materials such as articles or short write-ups may be included based on class discussions and interest.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to have read at least five pages of pre-assigned reading, at the very minimum, before attending each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students can meet me during office hours with prior appointment

Lecture code: H808001

Course number		U-LAS05 20042 LE31				
Course title (and course title in English)	Food and Globalization I-E2 Food and Globalization I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Agriculture Associate Professor,Hart Nadav FEUER	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Regions and Cultures(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course is about the major changes to food systems worldwide under globalization. The story begins with early trade and the movement of different crops from their origins, including potatoes, coffee, wheat, rice and bananas. Through cultural integration, certain foods became staples and others became traded commodities. We will explore the transformation of food from a local phenomenon to a global industry. In more detail, we explore what happened after food became a globalized industry and how new food trends began to change the way farming is done and how people eat worldwide.

[Course objectives]

Students will learn about the basic trends that have impacted food systems around the world. Students will apply the approach of understanding historical food systems using the 'One Food Method'.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Class Introduction. Looking at global history through the lens of food: potato as a typical example

Topic 1: The mobility of food

2. Ancient food travels across the globe

3. [Activity Day] Medieval Food Prices

4. Plantation Agriculture

5. [Activity Day] National food self-sufficiency

Topic 2: Industrial agriculture and food advertising

6. Overproduction of food commodities

7. [Activity Day] Processed food and overproduction

8. Milk: An unexpected trend

9. Convenience Food: Shaping lifestyles since ancient times

10. [Activity Day] Fad diets and marketing

11. Food waste

Topic 3: Alternative trends in food production and consumption

12. Alternative food networks and next generation farmers

Conclusion: Presentations

13. Food Stories

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14. Global Food Megatrends

15. Exam

16. Feedback week

[Course requirements]

English proficiency suitable for understanding lectures, reading basic texts, and participating in class discussion.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

10% Attendance and active participation (* Reduced after more than 3 absences without official excuse)
20% Group presentation
30% Quizzes and class activities
40% Final exam

[Textbooks]

Not used

No textbook, but consultation of in-class materials and outside readings available on PandA

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Kiple, Kenneth F. 『A Movable Feast: Ten Millennia of Food Globalization.』 (Cambridge University Press)
ISBN:978-1-107-65745-8

Flandrin, Jean-Louis and others. 『Food: A Culinary History.』 (Columbia University Press) ISBN:
9780231544092 (2013, eBook)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to do short readings or watch videos overnight and take online quizzes.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Email: feuer.hartnadav.4e@kyoto-u.ac.jp

Please email to organize in-person or Zoom-based consultation

Lecture code: H938001

Course number		U-LAS06 10016 LE42				
Course title (and course title in English)	Political Science I-E2 Political Science I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Center for Southeast Asian Studies Associate Professor, TANGSEEFA, Decha	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Wed.3		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Introduction

For this academic year, both Political Science I and II will be focusing on the political philosophy subfield. This subfield deals with perennial questions and basic problems in politics, which must continuously be examined and inquired, even though most members of political societies often consider them settled and no further arguments needed. Such questions, for example, are: What is a good life? What is a good political society? What is justice? What is power?

Toward the end of Political Science I and II, hopefully, students will: a) possess basic understanding of political philosophy, and will employ such knowledge as a guide to probe more deeply and sophisticatedly on the intertwining relations of three notions: youth, education and utopia; b) realize that the two introductory courses are very crucial not only for their quotidian lives, but also for each as a member of a political society as well as an earthling on this delicate yet fragile earth.

Issue and Approach

In general, the introduction to political philosophy taught in many countries has been dominated by the body of knowledge that only follows various traditions of the so-called “western worlds.” Hence, any attempts to discern basic political problems have predominantly been influenced by such traditions from such worlds. I myself have, to a large degree, been influenced by those traditions, too. Nonetheless, in order for our journey throughout this year to be broader, I have also chosen a few philosophical texts from some traditions of the “eastern worlds.” With limited time, however, we will be focusing only on two of the most important strands of the so-called “Chinese civilization” : classical Confucianism and classical Daoism. Altogether for this academic year, there will be three sets of issues:

Part 1: Love of Wisdom: An Answer for “What is Philosophy?”

Part 2: A Perspective on “Utopia” : Plato’s Republic

Part 3: Human Togetherness (?): Be(com)ing Humans, How should humans be?, and “The Political”

3.1 A Confucian View

3.2 Two Daoist Views

3.3 Social Contract Philosophies

While the first two parts are the contents of Political Science I, the third part is the focus of Political Science

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Political Science I-E2(2)

II. Students who intend to take only one of these two courses must be clear which tradition they would like to prioritize. If it is the “western”, they should take Political Science I. If it is the “eastern”, Political Science II is their choice.

[Course objectives]

The two courses aim to enable students:

- To understand some traditions of political philosophy at the introductory level;
- To understand certain views of political philosophy regarding youth, education, and utopia;
- To pay attention, to think and to question our quotidian lives’ surroundings by employing perspectives from political philosophy.

[Course schedule and contents)]

In this course, close reading of the texts is the key method of learning. Students will be trained - at the introductory level -- how to read philosophical texts. We will, therefore, be reading parts of each text, keeping in mind that we will be probing more deeply and sophisticatedly on:

First, the intertwining relations of the three notions: youth, education and utopia.

Second, a perspective on “Utopia” : Plato’s Republic

In the first semester, the course is divided into two parts:

- Before the midterm exam: There will be a series of lectures, preparing you to be in a sound position to later appreciate Plato's Republic. It will make you become aware of some key issues, and the value in discussing them. The lecture is, thus, to establish moments of engagement.
- After the midterm exam: We will read and discuss parts of the Republic. Hence, each student will come to each session having read the text for each week’s assignment, ready to discuss in the classroom.

Week 1:

- Introduction and Course Queries

Part 1: Love of Wisdom: An Answer for “What is Philosophy?”

Week 2:

- Life, Love and Wisdom-1: What Is Life?

Week 3:

- Life, Love and Wisdom-2: Love of Wisdom: A

Week 4:

- Life, Love and Wisdom-2: Love of Wisdom: B

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Part 2: A Perspective on “Utopia”: Plato’s Republic

Part 2.1: A Lecture on Plato’s Republic

Week 5:

- Plato’s Republic:
 - i) Prologue
 - ii) The Argument of the Republic: An Outline

Week 6:

- Plato’s Republic:
 - iii) The Theory of Forms
 - iv) Forms & the Good

Week 7:

- Plato’s Republic:
 - v) Preparing for the Midterm Exam
 - vi) Specialization and the Structure of Kallipolis
 - vii) Private Life & Private Property

Week 8: Midterm Exam and Review (50%)

Part 2.2: Reading Plato’s Republic

Week 9:

- Plato. Republic. Book I

Week 10:

- Plato. Republic. Book II

Week 11:

- Plato. Republic. Book III

Week 12:

- Plato. Republic. Book IV

Week 13:

- Plato. Republic. Book V

Week 14:

- Course Summary

Week 15:

- Final Exam (50%)

Week 16:

- Feedback Session

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Political Science I-E2(4)

[Course requirements]

- 1) Good level of English language (TOEFL ITP score ≥ 525) is required (the full score is 677).
(For more information on how to convert the score, among others, see:
<https://theedge.com.hk/conversion-table-for-toefl-ibt-pbt-cbt-tests/>)
- 2) Comparatively speaking, this course is both reading-intensive and writing-intensive. Thus, any students who plan to take too many courses in this semester will have a hard time fulfilling this course's requirements.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

2 Quizzes

Week 8: 50%

Week 15: 50%

Notes: Since this is a philosophical course, students will, thus, be expected to evince their philosophical understanding. The quizzes' questions will ask students to demonstrate their "coming to terms" with this course's philosophical texts. Throughout the semester, therefore, each student must ensure that s/he will have a sound and solid philosophical grasp.

[Textbooks]

- C.D.C.Reeve 『Plato Republic』 (Hackett Publishing Company, Inc.) ISBN:978-0872201361
Allan Bloom 『The Republic of Plato』 (Basic Books) ISBN:0-465-06934-7 ((file:<https://www.scribd.com/document/639987405/Uncle-Tom%27s-Cabin>) (Accessed October, 2024))
Thomas L. Pangle and Timothy W. Burns. 『The Key Texts of Political Philosophy: An Introduction.』 (Cambridge University Press.) ISBN:978-0521185004
Jostein Gaarder 『Sophie's World: A Novel about the History of Philosophy.』 (Farrar, Straus and Giroux.) ISBN:978-0374530716

(Related URL)

https://onlinemovie.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/movie_tangseefa/ (Instructor's URL)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will study each week's prepared PowerPoint slides as well as reading assignments before class time in order to effectively engage in class discussion.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Consultations can be arranged as needed.

Lecture code: H939001

Course number		U-LAS06 10017 LE42				
Course title (and course title in English)	Political Science II-E2 Political Science II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Center for Southeast Asian Studies Associate Professor, TANGSEEFA, Decha	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Wed.3		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

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Political Science II-E2(2)

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[Course objectives]

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- To pay attention, to think and to question our quotidian lives’ surroundings by employing perspectives from political philosophy.

[Course schedule and contents)]

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First, the intertwining relations of the three notions: youth, education and utopia.

Second, whether or not humans have to be together?; the difference between being humans and becoming humans; how should humans be?; and different perspectives on “the political” .

Week 1: Introduction and Course Queries

Part 3: Human Togetherness (?)

Be(com)ing Humans, How should humans be?, and “the Political”

#8226 Prologue: History, Philosophy and Knowledge

Part 3.1: A Confucian View #8211 The Lunyu

3.1.1 Classical Chinese Philosophy: An Introduction

Week 2:

- Philosophic and Linguistic Background

Week. 3:

- The Analects (Lunyu)

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Political Science II-E2(3)

3.1.2 Reading the Text

Week 4:

- Confucius. The Analects of Confucius, Books 1-4

Week 5:

- Confucius. The Analects of Confucius, Books 5-8

Week 6:

- Confucius. The Analects of Confucius, Books 9-12

Week 7: 1st Quiz and Review (50%)

Part 3.2: A Daoist View -- The Daodejing

3.2.1 Philosophical Treatment et al.

Week 8:

- Wind & the World
- A Prelude
- Historical Introduction

Week 9:

- Philosophical Introduction: Correlative Cosmology (1st Session)

Week 10:

- Philosophical Introduction: Correlative Cosmology (2nd Session)

Week 11:

- Philosophical Introduction: Correlative Cosmology (3rd Session)

3.2.2 Reading the Text

Week 12:

- Ames & Hall. Dao De Jing, Chapters 1-10

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Week 13:

- Ames & Hall. Dao De Jing, Chapters 11-20

Week 14:

- Course Summary

Week 15:

- 2nd Quiz (50%)

Week 16:

-Feedback Session

[Course requirements]

1) Good level of English language (TOEFL ITP score ≥ 525) is required (the full score is 677). (For more information on how to convert the score, among others, see:
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2) Comparatively speaking, this course is both reading-intensive and writing-intensive. Thus, any students who plan to take too many courses in this semester will have a hard time fulfilling this course's requirements.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

2 Quizzes

1st Quiz: 50%

2nd Quiz: 50%

Notes: Since this is a philosophical course, students will, thus, be expected to evince their philosophical understanding. The quizzes' questions will ask students to demonstrate their "coming to terms" with this course's philosophical texts. Throughout the semester, therefore, each student must ensure that s/he will have a sound and solid philosophical grasp.

[Textbooks]

Roger T. Ames & Henry Rosemont Jr. 『The Analects of Confucius: A Philosophical Translation』 (Ballantine Books) ISBN:978-0345434074

Roger T. Ames & David L. Hall 『A Philosophical Translation Dao De Jing "Making This Life Significant"』 (Ballantine Books) ISBN:0-345-44415-9

Henry Rosemont, Jr. 『A Reader's Companion to the Confucian Analects.』 (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

1) Hobbes, Thomas. 1990. "In Defense of Dictatorship [from Leviathan]." In Philosophy: Paradox and

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Political Science II-E2(5)

- Discovery. Minton, A.J. & Shipka, T.A. (eds.). New York: McGraw-Hill, Inc., 3rd edition. Pp. 484-493.
- 2) Locke, John. 1995. "The Second Treatise of Civil Government." In The Portable Enlightenment Reader. Isaac Kramnick (ed. w/ and Intro.). New York: Penguin Books. Pp. 395-404.
- 3) Rousseau, Jean-Jacques. 1995. "The Social Contract." In The Portable Enlightenment Reader. Pp. 430-441.

(Related URL)

https://onlinemovie.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/movie_tangseefa/(Instructor's URL)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will study each week's prepared PowerPoint slides as well as reading assignments before class time in order to effectively engage in class discussion.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Consultations can be arranged as needed.

Lecture code: H934001

Course number		U-LAS06 10018 LE43				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Economics-E2 Introduction to Economics-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute of Economic Research Senior Lecturer, TAO, Junfan	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Tue.2	Target year	Mainly 1st year students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course is an introduction to economics, covering essential economic concepts (gains from trade, marginal costs, solutions to basic economic models) in both a qualitative and a quantitative manner.

The purpose of the course is to give students an understanding of economic concepts and methods which they can then take to further, more detailed, study of the subject.

[Course objectives]

- ~ To introduce important economic concepts and illustrate these with examples.
- ~ To give some ability to consider real world phenomena through economic thinking.
- ~ To prepare students for further study of economics.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Each week part of the textbook or other relevant readings will be covered in class. It is essential that before attending class you read the relevant chapters and articles and watch the online lectures provided. The course consists of the following 7 topics, each of which will be (approximately) covered in 2 time blocks (3 hours of class time):

1. Gains from trade.
2. Demand and supply.
3. Production, equilibrium and welfare.
4. Perfect competition and monopoly.
5. Monopolistic competition and oligopoly.
6. Market failure, taxes and subsidies.

Total : Approximately 14 classes, 1 Feedback session (i.e. 15 lectures per semester, excluding examinations). The course yields two credits.

The course contents may be subject to change depending on the progress of the course and the students' level of understanding.

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Introduction to Economics-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

This course will have weekly homework quizzes due at 6 p.m. on Monday (the day before class), and a final. The grading breakdown is as follows:

Weekly homework 30%,

Class attendance and active participation 20%,

Final examination 50%.

[Textbooks]

Bonnie Nguyen and Andrew Wait 『Essentials of Microeconomics』 (Routledge) ISBN:978-1138891364
(The e-book is available on kuline.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The assigned chapters of the textbook, as well as any other readings assigned in class, should be read each week.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hour by appointment.

Lecture code: H935001

Course number	U-LAS06 10013 LE43						
Course title (and course title in English)	Principles of Economics-E2 Principles of Economics-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute of Economic Research Senior Lecturer, TAO, Junfan		
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Tue.2		Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
This course is an exploration of key economic principles, illustrated and discussed via examples, both quantitative and qualitative. The purpose of the course is to give students a deep and thoughtful understanding of economic concepts.							
IMPORTANT: This course is best suited to students who enjoy mathematics and the kind of logical arguments associated with mathematics. A reasonable understanding of basic concepts (calculus, continuity, convexity, concavity, vectors, limits) will be assumed. Students who are less confident with such concepts will probably be more comfortable with the course "Introduction to Economics".							
[Course objectives]							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ To further understanding of important economic concepts. ~ To understand how such concepts can be rigorously modeled. ~ To be able to consider and apply these concepts in a modern context. 							
[Course schedule and contents]							
The course will cover some or all of the following topics, each of which will be covered in 1-3 time blocks (an estimated 1.5 - 4.5 hours of class time):							
1. Course introduction and Key mathematical tools in economics (1 Time Blocks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course Overview: purpose, and basic economic concepts, and Key mathematical tools in economics. 							
2. Supply and Demand Model (3 Time Blocks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supply and Demand Model: demand, supply, and market equilibrium. - Applying the Supply and Demand model: How shapes of supply and demand curves matter, sensitivity of the quantity demanded to price, and sensitivity of the quantity supplied to price. 							
3. Consumer Behavior (2-3 Time Blocks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How consumers make purchasing decisions. - Utility Maximization: Consumer choices under budget constraints. - Deriving the Demand Curve: From individual decisions to market demand. 							
4. Producer Behavior (3-4 Time Blocks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How producers make production decisions. 							
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Principles of Economics-E2(2)

- Costs: Fixed costs, variable costs, and total costs.

5. Markets (3 Time Blocks)

- Market structures: Perfectly competitive markets, Monopoly markets, Monopolistically competitive markets, Oligopoly markets
- Market and Price Determination: Impact of different market structures (like perfect competition, monopoly) on price and quantity.
- Market Failure and Government Intervention: Externalities, public goods problem.

Total :

Approximately 14 classes, 1 Feedback session (i.e., 15 lectures per semester, excluding examinations). The course yields two credits.

The course contents may be subject to change depending on the progress of the course and the students' level of understanding.

[Course requirements]

Students are required to have sufficient competency in English and logical thinking to read the textbook, attend class and complete assigned questions.

This course is best suited to students who enjoy mathematics and the kind of logical arguments associated with mathematics. A reasonable understanding of basic concepts (calculus, continuity, convexity, concavity, limits) will be assumed. Students who are less confident with such concepts will probably be more comfortable with the course "Introduction to Economics".

[Evaluation methods and policy]

This course will have weekly homework (quizzes or long questions) due at 6 pm on Monday (the day before class), and a final.

Evaluation will be based on
active participation (20 points),
homework assignment (30 points),
final examination (50 points).

Important: If you miss three or more homework, you will not be given credit for the course.

Feedback:

There will be a “one-minute paper” included in the homework which is as follows:

Write down what you consider

1) the main point of today’s class:

2) the main question you still have:

[Textbooks]

Jeffrey M. Perloff 『Microeconomics, Global Edition』 (Pearson Education Limited) ISBN:
9781292215624 (The main book used for part 1 - 5)

Romans Pancs 『Lectures on Microeconomics: The Big Questions Approach』 (MIT Press) ISBN: 978-0262038188 (Chaper 1 is the main book used for part 6)

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Principles of Economics-E2(3)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Readings assigned in class should be read each week. Assignments should be completed.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours by appointment.

Lecture code: H936001

Course number	U-LAS06 10014 SE43				
Course title (and course title in English)	Economy and Society I-E2 Economy and Society I-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute of Economic Research Senior Lecturer, TAO, Junfan	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters
Days and periods	Tue.5		Target year	Mainly 2nd year students	Eligible students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course is a seminar that discusses the following two books:

1. "Data analysis for social science: A Friendly and Practical Introduction" by Elena Llaudet and Kosuke Imai.
2. "Quantitative social science: An introduction" by Kosuke Imai

These two books introduce the three elements of data analysis required for quantitative social science research: research contexts, programming techniques, and statistical methods.

The object of the course is to provide a hands-on introduction to the tools and techniques of quantitative social science. The course covers fundamental statistical concepts and introductory programming skills.

Throughout the course, students will engage with basic concepts and methods with the aim of gaining a sense of how data analysis is used in quantitative social science research.

[Course objectives]

After completing the course, the students are expected to:

- ~ Read, understand, and practice "Quantitative social science: An introduction" by Kosuke Imai.
- ~ Have a good knowledge of how data analysis is used in social science research
- ~ Acquire the basic methodology and programming necessary for data analysis, and be able to interpret the output.
- ~ Be able to adapt these methods to the problems of interest in your own research.
- ~ Prepare students for further study of quantitative methodology in economics, sociology, and other fields.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Each week a chapter or part of a chapter will be discussed in class. It is essential that before attending class you read the relevant chapters. The course consists of the following topics, each of which will be covered in 1-2 lectures (1.5 - 3 hours of class time):

Part 1 (Data analysis for social science: A Friendly and Practical Introduction)

1. Introduction
2. Estimating Causal effects with Randomized Experiments
3. Inferring Population Characteristics via Survey Research

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Economy and Society I-E2(2)

- 4. Predicting Outcomes Using Linear Regression
- 5. Estimating Causal Effects with Observational Data
- 6. Probability
- 7. Quantifying Uncertainty

Part 2 (Quantitative social science: An introduction)

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Causality
- 3. Measurement

Total : Approximately 14 classes, 1 Feedback session (i.e. 15 lectures per semester, excluding examinations).
The course yields two credits.

The course contents may be subject to change depending on the progress of the course and the students' level of understanding.

[Course requirements]

Students are required to have the English skills required to read the assigned texts, attend class and participate in discussions.

Students MUST have a copy of the book (either a hard copy or an electronic copy) as it will be used from the very beginning of the course.

Students should bring their computer as programming will be practiced during the course.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will predominantly (70-100%) be based on class presentations and discussion of ideas. Up to 30% may be based on final presentation.

[Textbooks]

Elena Llaudet and Kosuke Imai 『Data analysis for social science: A Friendly and Practical Introduction』 (Princeton University Press, 2022) ISBN:9780691199429

Kosuke Imai 『Quantitative social science: an introduction』 (Princeton University Press, 2017) ISBN: 9780691167039

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

John, Verzani. 『Using R for Introductory Statistics』 (Chapman & Hall/CRC The R Series) ISBN: 9781466590731 (Online book: <https://www.math.csi.cuny.edu/Statistics/R/simpleR/>)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Before classes, the assigned chapters of the book, as well as any other readings assigned in class, should be read each week.

After classes, as stated the textbook on page 7, Section 1.2 in "Quantitative social science: an introduction", "How to use this book"

One can learn data analysis only by doing, not by reading. It is best accomplished by trying out the code in the book on one's own, playing with it, and working on various exercises that appear at the end of each chapter.

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[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hour by appointment.

Lecture code: H937001

Course number		U-LAS06 10015 SE43									
Course title (and course title in English)	Economy and Society II-E2 Economy and Society II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute of Economic Research Senior Lecturer, TAO, Junfan						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Tue.5		Target year	Mainly 2nd year students		Eligible students	For liberal arts students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course is a seminar that discusses the book "Quantitative social science: An introduction" by Kosuke Imai.											
The book introduces the three elements of data analysis required for quantitative social science research: research contexts, programming techniques, and statistical methods.											
The object of the course is to provide a hands-on introduction to the tools and techniques of quantitative social science. The course covers both basic statistical concepts and basic programming skills.											
In this course, students will learn elementary concepts and methods with the aim of gaining a sense of how data analysis is used in quantitative social science research.											
[Course objectives]											
After completing the course, the students are expected to:											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Read, understand, and practice "Quantitative social science: An introduction" by Kosuke Imai. ~ Have a good knowledge of how data analysis is used in quantitative social science research ~ Acquire the basic methodology and programming necessary for data analysis, and be able to interpret the output. ~ Be able to adapt these methods to the problems of interest in your own research. ~ Prepare students for further study of quantitative methodology in economics, sociology, and other fields. 											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
Each week a chapter or part of a chapter will be discussed in class. It is essential that before attending class you read the relevant chapters. The course consists of the following topics, each of which will be covered in 2 to 3 lectures (3 to 4.5 hours of class time):											
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. Causality 3. Measurement 4. Prediction 											
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Economy and Society II-E2(2)

- 5. Discovery
- 6. Probability
- 7. Uncertainty

Total : Approximately 14 classes, 1 Feedback session (i.e. 15 lectures per semester, excluding examinations).
The course yields two credits.

The course contents may be subject to change depending on the progress of the course and the students' level of understanding.

[Course requirements]

Students are required to have the English and logical skills required to read the assigned texts, attend class and participate in discussion.

Students MUST have a copy of the book (either a hard copy or an electronic copy) as it will be used from the very beginning of the course.

Students should bring their computer as programming will be practiced during the course.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will predominantly (70-100%) be based on class presentations and discussion of ideas. Up to 30% may be based on tests taken in class throughout the semester.

[Textbooks]

Imai, Kosuke 『Quantitative social science: an introduction』 (Princeton University Press, 2017) ISBN: 9780691167039

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

na Llaudet and Kosuke Imai 『Data analysis for social science: A Friendly and Practical Introduction』 (Princeton University Press, 2022) ISBN:9780691199429

Peter, Dalgaard. 『Introductory Statistics with R (2nd ed)』 (Springer, 2008.) ISBN:9780387790534 (The e-book is available on kuline.)

John, Verzani. 『Using R for Introductory Statistics』 (Chapman & Hall/CRC The R Series) ISBN: 9781466590731 (Online book: <https://www.math.csi.cuny.edu/Statistics/R/simpleR/>)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Before classes, the assigned chapters of the book, as well as any other readings assigned in class, should be read each week.

After classes, as stated the textbook on page 7, Section 1.2, "How to use this book"

One can learn data analysis only by doing, not by reading. It is best accomplished by trying out the code in the book on one's own, playing with it, and working on various exercises that appear at the end of each chapter.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hour by appointment.

Lecture code: H917001

Course number		U-LAS06 10009 LE43									
Course title (and course title in English)	Contemporary Economics I-E2 Contemporary Economics I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Economics Professor, Alireza Naghavi						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Wed.3/Wed.4		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course is an introductory undergraduate course that teaches the fundamentals of microeconomics. For some students, it provides a solid foundation for economic analysis and thinking that can last throughout their education and subsequent professional careers. For other students, it may provide a foundation for many years of study in economics, business, or related fields.											
[Course objectives]											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand consumer and firm behavior - Analyze different types of market structures - Solve a consumer's utility maximization problem mathematically and graphically; analyze the impact of changes in price and income on a consumer's decision via shifting income and substitution effects. - Analyze the behavior of firms in a monopoly or oligopoly, and calculate the resulting changes in producer or consumer surplus - Use economic tools to analyze economic policies 											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
This course begins with an introduction to supply and demand and the basic forces that determine an equilibrium in a market economy. Next, it introduces a framework for learning about consumer behavior and analyzing consumer decisions. We then turn our attention to firms and their decisions about optimal production, and the impact of different market structures on firms' behavior. The final section of the course provides an introduction to some of the more advanced topics that can be analyzed using microeconomic theory. These include antitrust policy and negative and positive externalities.											
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to Microeconomics 2. Applying Supply and Demand 3. Elasticity 4. Consumer Choices 5. Applying Consumer Theory 6. Firm and Production 7. Costs 8. Competitive Firms and Markets 9. Applying the Competitive Model 10. General Equilibrium and Economic Welfare 11. Monopoly 											
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- 12. Pricing and Advertising
 - 13. Students' Conference on Selected Microeconomic Topics (I)
 - 14. Students' Conference on Selected Microeconomic Topics (II)
 - 15. Feedback

By the end of the course, you will be able to understand introductory microeconomic theory, solve basic microeconomic problems, and use these techniques to think about a number of policy questions relevant to the operation of the real economy.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Quizzes (6/10); Presentations (4/10).

[Textbooks]

Jeffrey M. Perloff 『Microeconomics, 8e』 (Pearson) ISBN:0134519531
STEVEN A. GREENLAW, DAVID SHAPIRO, TIMOTHY TAYLOR. 『Principles of Microeconomics, 2e』 (Openstax) ISBN:9781947172340

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)
N. GREGORY MANKIW 『PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS, Eighth Edition』 (Cengage Learning)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

- Prepare and review class contents (textbook).
- Complete and submit all assignments, and take quizzes by the assigned due dates.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

to be announced

Lecture code: H918001

Course number		U-LAS06 10010 LE43									
Course title (and course title in English)	Contemporary Economics II-E2 Contemporary Economics II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Economics Professor, Alireza Naghavi						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Wed.3/Wed.4		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course is an introductory undergraduate course that teaches the fundamentals of macroeconomics and application of economics concepts. It provides a solid foundation for macroeconomic analysis and thinking that can last throughout their education and subsequent professional careers.											
[Course objectives]											
After completing this course, students should have developed a range of skills enabling them to understand economic concepts and use those concepts to analyze specific questions.											
By the end of this course, students should be able to understand economic growth, recession/booms, un-/employment, de-/inflation, and the financial system.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
Course Description:											
This course begins with an introduction to supply and demand and the basic forces that determine an equilibrium in a market economy. Next, it introduces a framework for learning about macroeconomics indicator, such as the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and the Consumer Price Index (CPI). We then turn our attention to specific economic problems such as recessions, unemployment, inflation, international trade etc. The final section of the course provides an opportunity of independent learning. It helps students to deeply understand basic tools of macroeconomics and the way to apply them to real world economic policy.											
Content Outline:											
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is Economics 2. Economic Methods and Questions 3. Optimization, Choice in the World of Scarcity 4. Equilibrium, Demand and Supply 5. Pricing Elasticity 6. The Macroeconomic Perspective 7. Inflation and The cost of Living 8. Economic Growth 9. Employment and Unemployment 10. Money and Banking 11. Monetary Policy and Bank Regulation 12. The International Trade and Capital Flows 13. Students' Conference on Selected Macroeconomic Topics (I) 											
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14. Students' Conference on Selected Macroeconomic Topics (II)

15. Feedback

Course Methodology:

The course will use primarily interactive lectures and case studies to help students develop knowledge of “real world” economics. Quizzes will be spread out over the term of the course. The last three lectures will be accompanied by group presentation, all students are required to participate. Group will be required to select a research topic a list of topics presented by the instructor.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Quizzes (6/10); Presentations (4/10);

[Textbooks]

Steven A. Greenlaw, David Shapiro, Timothy Taylor. 『Principles of Macroeconomics. 2e (2017)』 (Openstax) ISBN:9781947172388

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Mankiw, NG 『Principles of Macroeconomics. 8e (2018)』 (Cengage Learning)

Williamson, SD 『Macroeconomics. 5e (2014)』

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

- Prepare and review class contents (textbook).

- Complete and submit all assignments, and take quizzes by the assigned due dates.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

to be announced

Lecture code: H919001

Course number		U-LAS06 10011 LE44				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Management-E2 Introduction to Management-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Economics Program-Specific Senior Lecturer, CHUNG-MOYA, Emily	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Tue.1	Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course is designed to introduce students to the fundamental principles of managing business organizations. Students will be exposed to management concepts, models, contexts, and practices. They will learn to apply management theory and conduct research to critically analyze and creatively solve real-life management problems. They will also learn to make and evaluate managerial decisions while considering cultural and ethical issues in a diverse and internationalized world.

[Course objectives]

After the course, students should be able to:

- Understand and explain the main concepts, theories and approaches of management
- Evaluate and analyze concrete management phenomena, dilemmas and decisions
- Reason and apply the knowledge gained to a range of examples and situations

[Course schedule and contents)]

The course is taught via a 90-minute seminar each week (involving a short lecture, discussions, and/or student presentations), over a period of 15 weeks (i.e., 14 classes, plus one feedback session). The following overview of the weekly content may be subject to adjustments.

Week 1 - Introduction to the Course and Assessments

Week 2 - Introduction to business management, history, and trends

Week 3 - Understanding consumer behaviour

Week 4 - Product and brand management

Week 5 - Managing service products and customer service

Week 6 - Marketing management and communication

Week 7 - Managing servicescapes/retailscapes

Week 8 - Human resource management and leadership

Week 9 - Auditing and strategic management

Week 10 - Managing diversity and international business management

Week 11 - Managing company/business performance

Week 12 - Managing relationships and building loyalty. Customer complaints handling and recovery

Week 13 - Presentations

Week 14 - Revision / Exam Preparation

Week T.B.A. - Feedback

Total : 14 classes, plus 1 Feedback session

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Introduction to Management-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

Knowledge of management is not a requirement to enrol in this course. However, the classes will be delivered in English. Students should have adequate language proficiency to ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE in the class.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

- 30% Active Participation and Weekly Preparation/Homework Submissions

Students are expected to prepare for class by completing assigned tasks. They are also expected to actively participate in class discussions and share their thoughts and experiences in relation to topics discussed in class.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Four (4) unexcused absences or nonsubmissions would automatically result in a ZERO (0) for this assessment.

- 30% Final Presentation & Written Report

Students will conduct an ‘audit’ on a company in Kyoto and deliver their findings in a summary presentation and written report.

- 40% Final Exam

Students will sit an exam at the end of the semester during the official examination period where they will complete a set of essay and short answer questions on management topics covered during the semester.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

(Related URL)

<https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/34>(Principles of Management)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to spend at least 90 minutes outside of class each week on class preparation, readings, and review.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

By appointment via email

Lecture code: H919002

Course number		U-LAS06 10011 LE44				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Management-E2 Introduction to Management-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Economics Program-Specific Senior Lecturer, CHUNG-MOYA, Emily	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Tue.2	Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course is designed to introduce students to the fundamental principles of managing business organizations. Students will be exposed to management concepts, models, contexts, and practices. They will learn to apply management theory and conduct research to critically analyze and creatively solve real-life management problems. They will also learn to make and evaluate managerial decisions while considering cultural and ethical issues in a diverse and internationalized world.

[Course objectives]

After the course, students should be able to:

- Understand and explain the main concepts, theories and approaches of management
- Evaluate and analyze concrete management phenomena, dilemmas and decisions
- Reason and apply the knowledge gained to a range of examples and situations

[Course schedule and contents)]

The course is taught via a 90-minute seminar each week (involving a short lecture, discussions, and/or student presentations), over a period of 15 weeks (i.e., 14 classes, plus one feedback session). The following overview of the weekly content may be subject to adjustments.

Week 1 - Introduction to the Course and Assessments

Week 2 - Introduction to business management, history, and trends

Week 3 - Understanding consumer behaviour

Week 4 - Product and brand management

Week 5 - Managing service products and customer service

Week 6 - Marketing management and communication

Week 7 - Managing servicescapes/retailscapes

Week 8 - Human resource management and leadership

Week 9 - Auditing and strategic management

Week 10 - Managing diversity and international business management

Week 11 - Managing company/business performance

Week 12 - Managing relationships and building loyalty. Customer complaints handling and recovery

Week 13 - Presentations

Week 14 - Revision / Exam Preparation

Week T.B.A. - Feedback

Total : 14 classes, plus 1 Feedback session

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Introduction to Management-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

Knowledge of management is not a requirement to enrol in this course. However, the classes will be delivered in English. Students should have adequate language proficiency to ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE in the class.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

- 30% Active Participation and Weekly Preparation/Homework Submissions

Students are expected to prepare for class by completing assigned tasks. They are also expected to actively participate in class discussions and share their thoughts and experiences in relation to topics discussed in class. Four (4) unexcused absences or nonsubmissions would automatically result in a ZERO (0) for this assessment.

- 30% Final Presentation & Written Report

Students will conduct an ‘audit’ on a company in Kyoto and deliver their findings in a summary presentation and written report.

- 40% Final Exam

Students will sit an exam at the end of the semester during the official examination period where they will complete a set of essay and short answer questions on management topics covered during the semester.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

(Related URL)

[https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/34\(Principles of Management\)](https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/34(Principles of Management))

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to spend at least 90 minutes outside of class each week on class preparation, readings, and review.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

By appointment via email

Lecture code: H920001

Course number		U-LAS06 10012 LE44						
Course title (and course title in English)	Contemporary Management-E2 Contemporary Management-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Economics Program-Specific Senior Lecturer, CHUNG-MOYA, Emily			
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		
Days and periods	Tue.1	Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
This course explores modern challenges and opportunities faced by managers in today's dynamic business environment. It covers the evolution of management theories, strategies for effective leadership, and decision-making processes in the context of rapidly changing technological, social, and economic landscapes. Students will engage with current trends in management practices such as innovation, sustainability, diversity and inclusion, and globalization. Through case studies, group discussions, and interactive projects, participants will develop practical skills to address real-world business problems while embracing the principles of ethical and responsible management.								
[Course objectives]								
By the end of this course, students will be able to								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand different perspectives of managing organizations - Diagnose analytically and critically problems faced by managers - Provide constructive recommendations for improving organizational/company performance 								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
The course is taught via a 90-minute seminar-style session per week, over a period of 15 weeks. The following overview is subject to adjustments.								
Week 1 - Introduction to the Course and Assessments Week 2 - Exploring management trends Week 3 - Exploring consumer trends Week 4 - New product development and management Week 5 - Price and distribution management Week 6 - Marketing management and promotion Week 7 - Exploring modern servicescapes/retailscapes Week 8 - Human resource management and leadership Week 9 - Strategic management and business expansion Week 10 - Managing diversity, and international business management Week 11 - Managing relationships and building loyalty Week 12 - Customer complaints handling and recovery Week 13 - Final presentations Week 14 - Revision / Exam Preparation Week TBA - Feedback								
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Contemporary Management-E2(2)

Total:14 classes, 1 Feedback session

[Course requirements]

The seminars will be delivered in English. Students should have adequate language proficiency to actively participate in the class. Knowledge of management is not a requirement to enrol in this course.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

- 30% Active participation and weekly class preparation and homework submissions

Students are expected to prepare for class by completing assigned tasks. They are also expected to actively participate in class discussions and share their thoughts and experiences in relation to topics discussed in class. Four (4) unexcused absences or nonsubmissions would automatically result in a ZERO (0) for this assessment.

- 30% Presentation & Written Report

Students will develop a New Business Proposal and deliver their ideas in a summary presentation and written report.

- 40% Final Exam

Students will sit an exam at the end of the semester during the official examination period where they will complete a set of essay and short answer questions on topics covered during the semester.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to spend at least 90 minutes outside of class each week on class preparation, readings, and review.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

By appointment via email

Lecture code: H920002

Course number		U-LAS06 10012 LE44						
Course title (and course title in English)	Contemporary Management-E2 Contemporary Management-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Economics Program-Specific Senior Lecturer, CHUNG-MOYA, Emily			
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		
Days and periods	Tue.2		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
This course explores modern challenges and opportunities faced by managers in today's dynamic business environment. It covers the evolution of management theories, strategies for effective leadership, and decision-making processes in the context of rapidly changing technological, social, and economic landscapes. Students will engage with current trends in management practices such as innovation, sustainability, diversity and inclusion, and globalization. Through case studies, group discussions, and interactive projects, participants will develop practical skills to address real-world business problems while embracing the principles of ethical and responsible management.								
[Course objectives]								
By the end of this course, students will be able to								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand different perspectives of managing organizations - Diagnose analytically and critically problems faced by managers - Provide constructive recommendations for improving organizational/company performance 								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
The course is taught via a 90-minute seminar-style session per week, over a period of 15 weeks. The following overview may be subject to adjustments as deemed necessary.								
Week 1 - Introduction to the Course and Assessments Week 2 - Exploring management trends Week 3 - Exploring consumer trends Week 4 - New product development and management Week 5 - Price and distribution management Week 6 - Marketing management and promotion Week 7 - Exploring modern servicescapes/retailscapes Week 8 - Human resource management and leadership Week 9 - Strategic management and business expansion Week 10 - Managing diversity, and international business management Week 11 - Managing relationships and building loyalty Week 12 - Customer complaints handling and recovery Week 13 - Final presentations Week 14 - Revision / Exam Preparation Week TBA - Feedback								
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Contemporary Management-E2(2)

Total:14 classes, 1 Feedback session

[Course requirements]

The seminars will be delivered in English. Students should have adequate language proficiency to actively participate in the class. Knowledge of management is not a requirement to enroll in this course.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

- 30% Active participation and weekly class preparation/homework submissions

Students are expected to prepare for class by completing assigned tasks. They are also expected to actively participate in class discussions and share their thoughts and experiences in relation to topics discussed in class. Four (4) unexcused absences or nonsubmissions would automatically result in a ZERO (0) for this assessment.

- 30% Presentation & Written Report

Students will develop a New Business Proposal and deliver their ideas in a summary presentation and written report.

- 40% Final Exam

Students will sit an exam at the end of the semester during the official examination period where they will complete a set of essay and short answer questions on topics covered during the semester.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to spend at least 90 minutes outside of class each week on class preparation, readings, and review.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

By appointment via email

Lecture code: H946001

Course number	U-LAS06 10019 LE43						
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Game Theory-E2 Introduction to Game Theory-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Economics Program-Specific Senior Lecturer, LI CHEN		
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Mon.3/Mon.4		Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
Game theory is the study of strategic interactions among rational decision-makers, where the outcome for each participant depends not only on their own actions but also on the actions of others. It provides a framework for analyzing situations in which individuals or groups must make decisions that affect one another.							
A complete information game is a type of game in which all players have full knowledge of the rules, strategies, and payoffs of other participants, allowing them to make fully informed decisions.							
This course will cover standard undergraduate-level material on complete information games, including the fundamental concepts, the formalization of game models, and key solution concepts such as Nash equilibrium. Through this course, students will gain a foundational understanding of strategic behavior in economic, political, and social contexts.							
[Course objectives]							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an understanding of the models and solution concepts of complete information games. • Practice and acquire essential skills to analyze and solve application problems in complete information games. 							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
The lectures will be organized as follows.							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is game theory. 2. Introduction to normal-form games. 3. Dominance and strictly dominant strategy equilibrium. 4. Common knowledge of rationality and iterated elimination of strictly dominated strategies. 5. Nash equilibrium: Theory. 6. Nash equilibrium: Applications. 7. Mixed strategy. 8. Introduction to extensive form games. 9. Backward induction. 10. Subgame perfect equilibrium: Theory. 11. Subgame perfect equilibrium: Applications. 12. Bargaining game. 							
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Introduction to Game Theory-E2(2)

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- 13. Repeated game.
 - 14. Review lecture.
(Final examination.)
 - 15. Feedback.

[Course requirements]

Certain topics will assume a foundational understanding of derivatives and integrals.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Homework (25%)
Class participation (5%)
Final examination (70%)

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be assigned three problem sets as the homework.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hour by e-mail appointment.

Lecture code: H947001

Course number		U-LAS06 10020 LE43				
Course title (and course title in English)	Applied Game Theory-E2 Applied Game Theory-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Economics Program-Specific Senior Lecturer, LI CHEN	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Mon.3/Mon.4		Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Game theory is the study of strategic decision-making, where the outcome for each participant depends on their own actions as well as the actions of others. It provides a powerful framework for analyzing a wide range of competitive and cooperative scenarios.

In a complete information game, all players have full knowledge of the rules, strategies, and payoffs of others, allowing for fully informed decisions. In contrast, an incomplete information game involves uncertainty about some aspects of the game, such as the payoffs or strategies of other players, adding an additional layer of complexity to strategic reasoning.

This course will provide standard undergraduate-level knowledge of complete information games and an introduction to incomplete information games. We will cover the basic concepts, model formalization, and key solution concepts such as Nash equilibrium and Bayesian Nash equilibrium.

Throughout the course, we will explore various applications of these concepts in economics, politics, and other real-world scenarios.

[Course objectives]

- Develop an understanding of the models and solution concepts for both complete and incomplete information games.
- Practice and acquire essential skills to analyze and solve application problems related to complete information games.
- Gain a foundational understanding of the applications of incomplete information games.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The lectures will be organized as follows.

1. Static games of complete information: Normal-form games.
2. Dominance and iterated elimination of strictly dominated strategies.
3. Nash equilibrium: Theory.
4. Nash equilibrium: Applications.
5. Dynamic games of complete and perfect information.
6. Dynamic games of complete and perfect information: Applications.
7. Dynamic games of complete but imperfect information.

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Applied Game Theory-E2(2)

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- 8. Dynamic games of complete but imperfect information: Applications.
 - 9. Static games of incomplete information: Bayesian games.
 - 10. Bayesian Nash equilibrium: Theory.
 - 11. Bayesian Nash equilibrium: Applications.
 - 12. Introduction to dynamic games of incomplete information.
 - 13. Introduction to perfect Bayesian equilibrium.
 - 14. Perfect Bayesian equilibrium in signaling games.
 - (Final examination.)
 - 15. Feedback.

[Course requirements]

Certain topics will assume a foundational understanding of derivatives, integrals and expectation operation.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Homework (25%)
Class participation (5%)
Final examination (70%)

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Gibbons, R. 『Game Theory for Applied Economists.』 (Princeton University Press, 1992.) ISBN: 1400835887, 9781400835881

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be assigned three problem sets as the homework.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hour by e-mail appointment.

Lecture code: H927001

Course number		U-LAS06 10004 LE41				
Course title (and course title in English)	Law and Culture in Japan-E2 Law and Culture in Japan-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Kyoto University Not fixed	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

The purpose of this course is to provide an overview of Japanese legal system by introducing main fields, concepts and institutions of law. Through examples taken from everyday life in modern-day Japanese society, the course aims to set up a bridge between somewhat ambiguous legal concepts and their numerous concrete applications. Modern Japanese law is often categorized under the civil law tradition with six main codes, which were greatly influenced by Germany, to a lesser extent by France and also adapted to Japanese circumstances. After exploring the main fields of law and identifying corollaries in real life issues, at the end of this course the students will have a basic grasp on many legal relationships that they already had and will continue to encounter in modern-day Japanese society.

[Course objectives]

The course is intended to equip students with the basic framework to reflect upon various cultural phenomena from a legal perspective and also raise their legal awareness with respect to the daily interactions that they either personally have or observe through different means such as media.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Introduction, Methodology
2. The Concept of Law, Main Legal Traditions, Main Fields of Law
3. Modern Law of Japan: Periods of development and foreign influences
4. Public Law: Constitutional Law; Administrative Law
5. Civil Law: Law of Persons; Family Law
6. Civil Law: Property Law; Succession Law
7. Civil Law: Law of Obligations
8. Civil Law: Law of Obligations
9. Commercial and Corporate Law
10. Anti-Trust Law
11. Intellectual Property Law
12. Penal Law
13. Procedural Law
- <Final Exam>
14. Appraisal
15. Feedback

*In order to facilitate the progress of the students and especially considering the actual composition of the class, the instructor reserves the right to make slight adjustments on the weekly schedule.

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Law and Culture in Japan-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

Students must be proficient in English. However, supplementary explanation of technical terms will be given in simple English in class. Since the course is primarily about Japanese law, it is also desirable that the students are willing to explore legal concepts and institutions.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students are expected to have read the given materials in advance each week before the classes, so that they can actively engage in discussions where possible (30% of the final grade). There will be one final exam regarding the covered topics at the end of the semester (70% of the final grade).

[Textbooks]

Instead of a single textbook to be followed, handouts etc. will be distributed each week.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Wilhelm R#246hl (Ed.) 『History of Law in Japan Since 1868』 (Brill) ISBN:978-90-04-13164-4
Hiroshi Oda 『Japanese Law』 (Oxford University Press) ISBN:978-01-98-86947-4

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to have read the given materials in advance each week before the classes, as well as to review the covered topics afterwards.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: H928001

Course number		U-LAS06 20022 LE42									
Course title (and course title in English)	Japan's Political Economy-E2 Japan's Political Economy-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Law Professor, HIJINO KEN						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Tue.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This class presents an overview of Japan's post-war modern history and investigates select issues in its political economy. The class is organized into two parts: 1) an analysis of the politics, economics, and society in Japan's post-war history (1945-2020) and 2) an exploration of Japan's industrial relations, gender equality, demographic changes and inter-generational conflicts, centre-local relations, environmental issues et al. as analyzed through the interactions of political forces/institutions and market forces/economic institutions											
[Course objectives]											
The goal of this course is for students to begin to contemplate the interactions between politics, economics, society, and global contexts of a nation over time, i.e. historically. Another goal is for students to improve their English reading and writing skills through studying in English a subject that they may be familiar with in the Japanese language.											
[Course schedule and contents])											
1. Introduction: What is modern history? What is political economy? Why study Japan?											
Part one: Japan's post-war history 1990 to 2020											
2. Occupation-era Japan: democratization and demilitarization, the "reverse course" and the Yoshida doctrine (1947-51)											
3. Post-war economic miracle: economic and social transformations (1952-73)											
4. Political struggles and accommodation in the High-growth era (1952-73)											
5. End of the High-growth era: Nixon shocks and Oil shocks (1971-1980)											
6. Japan in the 1980s: conservative heyday and Bubble economy (1980-1990)											
7. Japan's lost decades: economic stagnation and social insecurity (1990-2020)											
8. Japan's lost decades: institutional reform and political transition (1990-2020)											
Part two: Special topics in Japan's post-war political economy (1945-2020)											
9. Industrial relations, employment structures, inequalities, and precarity											
10. Gender equality issues											
11. Inter-generational conflict and "silver democracy"											
12. Centre-local relations and rural depopulation											
13. Sustainability and environmental issues											
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Japan's Political Economy-E2(2)

14. Exam preparation

Total:14 classes and 1 feedback

[Course requirements]

This course does not require any prior knowledge on Japan's post-war history or political economy. Students will be expected to read about 20-30 pages of rigorous and academic, though not technical, English. Students will also be expected to write their assignments in English (although this may change according to the class level).

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students will be evaluated on short quizzes = 30 % and a final exam OR term paper (depending on student numbers) = 70 % for their grade.

[Textbooks]

Andrew Gordon 『A Modern History of Japan: from Tokugawa Times to the Present (Third Edition)』 (Oxford University Press) ISBN:978-0199930159 (other readings will be assigned accordingly)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to spend at least 2-3 hours reading and preparing for each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

I will not have fixed office hours, but students may contact me by email for appointments or questions about the course.

Lecture code: H948001

Course number		U-LAS06 20040 LE42				
Course title (and course title in English)	Democracy in Crisis-E2 :Government of, by, and for whom? Democracy in Crisis-E2 :Government of, by, and for whom?			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Law Professor,HIJINO KEN	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Mon.3	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Course goal: To learn to read critically and learn about democracy from quality articles/book reviews/journalism (Foreign Affairs, Economist, London Review of Books, New York Review of Books, etc.)

We consider the following questions about democracy

1. What is democracy? How is it under threat?
2. How does free-market capitalism/ globalization/ class, race, and territorial divisions affect the health and viability of democratic processes? Is there an alternative to democracy?
3. How might democracy end? Can it stop/survive climate change and other planetary catastrophes?

[Course objectives]

1. Critical reading: understanding what is said, how it is said, but also judging if arguments are logical and/or supported by adequate evidence, and comparing author's claims with others
2. Identifying arguments and evidence
3. Summarizing and presenting what you have learned to others
4. Connecting and comparing ideas (from other readings)
5. Improving English reading, writing and speaking abilities

[Course schedule and contents)]

Topics covered in 2025 AUTUMN

[subject to change depending on how the course fares]

What is democracy?

1. Introduction: what is democracy and democratic?
2. Democracy as expression of values and ideas
3. Democracy as institutions and processes
4. Democracy index
5. Autocracy or democracy?

How is it under threat?

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Democracy in Crisis-E2 :Government of, by, and for whom?(2)

- 6. Polarization and division
- 7. Apathy and indifference
- 8. Corruption
- 9. Populism
- 10. Poor representation: silver democracy / geographic imbalance

How can it be improved?

- 11. Lotto-cracy
- 12. Lowering vote age
- 13. Deliberative democracy
- 14. E-democracy
- 15. Local democracy

Total:14 classes and 1 feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Assessment Method

- Students will be evaluated on their weekly reading responses of about 500 words each (50% = 5% x 10) and a final term paper (50% of grade) which will be minimum 2,000 words as well as 200-word summary and separate citation/referencing
- I will accept assignment submissions in both Japanese or English.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

1. Read various articles and speeches about democracy and its challenges: approx.. 5,000 words every week
2. Each student prepares and submits a response to one of the articles/speeches in the readings for the week: write down three of the most important/interesting arguments in one article/speech and three questions for the class for discussion → submit to PandA assignment page
3. Reading time = 2-3 hours, preparing summary 60 minutes; expect total of 3-4 hours of extra-class preparation every week
4. You will also be assigned a final term paper that brings together the different topics covered in the class

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

I will not have fixed office hours, but students may contact me by email for appointments or questions about the course.

Lecture code: H929001

Course number		U-LAS06 20023 LE42						
Course title (and course title in English)	Japanese Politics-E2 Japanese Politics-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Law Professor, HIJINO KEN			
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Issues)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		
Days and periods	Tue.2		Target year	2nd year students or above	Eligible students	For all majors		
(Students of Faculty of Law cannot take this course as liberal arts and general education course. Please register the course with your department.)								
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
This is an introductory course on Japanese politics which considers the nature of Japan's political institutions from a comparative perspective. The course will analyze how variation in key political institutions (such as the electoral system) affects political outcomes in Japan and other democracies. The course is organized into three parts: 1) a brief survey of Japanese political history from the Meiji era to the present 2) a description and comparison of Japan's key political institutions 3) investigation into a number of political themes in post-war Japan.								
Along the way, students are introduced to basic social science methodologies of comparison to generate causal inferences as well as some basic analytical models used in comparative politics (such as the principal-agent and veto player model).								
[Course objectives]								
The goal of this course is for students to begin to contemplate how the preferences of voters, politicians, parties and interest groups are constrained and channeled by political institutions. Another goal is for students to improve their English reading and writing skills through studying in English a subject that they may be familiar with in the Japanese language.								
[Course schedule and contents]								
1. Introduction: What is politics? What are political institutions? Why compare?								
Part one: An overview of Japan's political history								
2. Why study Japan: cultural vs institutional explanations								
3. Political history: Meiji and post-war constitutions								
4. Ideology and cleavages in Japan's post-war political history								
Part two: Japan's political institutions in comparative perspective								
5. Electoral systems 1: comparative overview								
6. Electoral systems 2: From SNTV to MMM in Japan								
7. Party systems and organizations 1: comparative overview								
8. Party systems and organizations 2: Japanese parties and organizations								
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Japanese Politics-E2(2)

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- 9. Executives and bureaucracy 1: comparative overview
 - 10. Executives and bureaucracy 2: Japanese executive and bureaucracy
 - 11. Local government 1: comparative overview
 - 12. Local government 2: Japanese local government and decentralization

Part three: Themes in Japanese politics

- 13. Explaining the lack of populism in Japan: society, economy, or institutions?
- 14. New cleavages in Japan: class, inter-generational, multi-cultural divides?

Total: 14 classes and 1 feedback

[Course requirements]

Previous knowledge in Japanese politics, social sciences or political science will not be required for this class. Students will be expected to read about 20-30 pages of rigorous and academic, though not technical, English. Students will also be expected to write their assignments in English (although this may change according to the class level).

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students will be evaluated on pop quizzes = 30% and a final examination = 70% for their grade.

[Textbooks]

Rosenbluth and Thies 『Japan Transformed: Political Change and Economic Restructuring』

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Clark, Golder and Golder 『Principles of Comparative Politics, 2nd edition』 (Sage CQ Press) ISBN:978-1608716791

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to read and prepare for at least 2-3 hours per class each week.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

I will not have fixed office hours, but students may contact me by email for appointments or questions about the course.

Lecture code: H952001

Course number		U-LAS06 20045 LE42									
Course title (and course title in English)	Local Government in Comparative Perspective-E2 Local Government in Comparative Perspective-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Law Professor,HIJINO KEN						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Issues)							
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course introduces students to the universe of local government and local democracy. It asks students to think about why modern local governments exist at all, their designs and consequences, and potential in terms of contributing to challenges such as climate change, inequality, and globalization. We investigate these themes by looking primarily at the Japanese local government system but also in comparison to other local government systems elsewhere.											
[Course objectives]											
After taking this course, students should be able to explain the basic features of the origin and evolution of modern local government systems (both in federal and unitary systems), their institutional designs and consequences, and how their “performance” can be compared. Such knowledge should be grounded in empirical cases and examples including, but not limited to, Japan.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction and overview: modern states and local government 2. The historical origins of modern local government 3. Institutional designs: constitutional frameworks 4. Institutional designs: local government powers 5. Institutional design: local government finance 6. Institutional designs: local government electoral systems 7. Institutional designs: local government executive systems 8. Institutional designs: local government bureaucracy 9. Institutional designs: multilevel party politics 10. Discussion and presentations 11. Discussion and presentations 12. Discussion and presentations 13. Discussion and presentations 14. Discussion and presentations 											
Total:14 classes and 1 feedback											
[Course requirements]											
Students do not need to have any background in social sciences or political science, though this would be											
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Local Government in Comparative Perspective-E2(2)

helpful. Students should be able to read 30 or so pages of English texts weekly (supplemented by Japanese material for Japanese students), engage in discussion during class, and complete a final term paper with referencing of a minimum 2,500 words.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Biweekly class assignments (reading summaries and presentations): 50 per cent
Final term paper and/or examination: 50 per cent

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

There will be no textbook, but suitable articles and readings (around 30 pages per week in English with supplementary readings in Japanese) which will be assigned from handbooks and articles, each week.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Hijino, K. V. L. (2017). Local politics and national policy: Multi-level conflicts in Japan and beyond.

曾我謙吾 (2019) 日本の地方政府

ヒジノ、ケン (2015) 日本のローカルデモクラシー

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The student would be expected to spend some 2 hours a week reading and 1-2 hours preparing assignments for this class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

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Lecture code: H943001

Course number		U-LAS06 20036 LE38									
Course title (and course title in English)	International History 1900 to the Present-E2 International History 1900 to the Present-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Law Associate Professor,MURPHY, Mahon						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Wed.4		Target year	2nd year students or above		Eligible students	For all majors				
(Students of Faculty of Law cannot take this course as liberal arts and general education course. Please register the course with your department.)											
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
The outbreak of the First World War in 1914 ended the Concert of Europe which had dominated international relations in the nineteenth century. The fallout from this conflict created new and competing international orders which shaped the history of the rest of the twentieth century. Indeed, many of the issues facing us today can trace their origins to the First World War, such as war in Ukraine, conflict in the Middle East, and weaknesses in the international order. The main purpose of this course is to help us to understand the impact of the First World War on modern history. To do this the course is split in two sections; one dedicated to understanding the history of the First World War and one dedicated to connecting the war to events in the twentieth century and beyond.											
[Course objectives]											
This course has 3 main objectives											
1. To understand how the First World War shaped the history of the twentieth century. 2. To understand how events in the twentieth century impact us today. 3. To read and analyze English language primary source documents and academic articles.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
The course timetable will develop as follows:											
1 Intro: The World in the Nineteenth Century											
The First World War											
2 The Outbreak of War											
3 Home Front and Battle front											
4 The War in Palestine											
5 The Russian Revolution											
6 The War and Empire											
7 Creating a New International Order											
The Post-First World War											
8 The Birth of Fascism											
9 The Second World War											
10 Decolonization: Empire after WWII											
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11 The Cold War: Vietnam

12 Staying Neutral in The Cold War

13 1998: Africa's World War

14 Review: The Shadow of the Twentieth Century

15 Exam

16 Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation is based on the following:

Active participation in class 20%

Assignments 30%

End of Term exam 50%

- Those who are absent from four classes or more without good reason will not pass.

[Textbooks]

Students will be given primary source material and academic texts to prepare for each class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will read and answer questions on an academic article and a primary source document each week to prepare for in class discussion.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: H944001

Course number	U-LAS06 20037 LE38						
Course title (and course title in English)	An International History of East Asia 1839-1945-E2 An International History of East Asia 1839-1945-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Law Associate Professor,MURPHY, Mahon		
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)	Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Issues)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Wed.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
The purpose of this course is to introduce students to an international history of East Asia in the period from the Opium War to the end of the Second World War, focusing on China, Japan and Korea. It begins by looking at the impact of the arrival of Western imperialism in the mid-nineteenth century and the response to this in East Asia. It discusses the difficulties provoked by modernization and nationalism in the first-half of the twentieth century, taking in the outbreak of two world wars, the rise of communism, fascism and liberal internationalism. The course will focus throughout on the global transfer of ideas that helped to shape imperialism and revolution in East Asia.							
[Course objectives]							
This course has 3 main objectives:							
1. Gain a basic background in the history of modern East Asia. 2. Understand how East Asia interacted with nineteenth century ideologies such as Nationalism, Imperialism and Communism. 3. Read and analyze primary source documents and academic articles written in English.							
[Course schedule and contents])							
The Class will develop as follows:							
1. Introduction							
European Imperialism in East Asia							
2. The Opium War 1839 3. Rebellion in China 1854-1901 4. European images of Asia: The Yellow Peril							
Japanese Imperialism in East Asia							
5. The Meiji Empire 1868-1877 6. Imperial control of Korea 1868-1910 7. Opium and the Japanese Empire							

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An International History of East Asia 1839-1945-E2(2)

Revolution in East Asia

- 8. The Collapse of the Qing Empire 1911
- 9. The First World War and Empire in East Asia
- 10. The Guomindang, the Comintern, and the Chinese Communist Party

Empire and War

- 11. Japan Italy and Germany: A New World Order
- 12. The Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere 1940
- 13. War and the End of Empire in East Asia

- 14. Review
- 15. Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation is based on the following:

Active participation in class 20%

Assignments 40%

End of Term Paper 40%

- Those who are absent from four classes or more without good reason will not pass.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Each week students will read and answer questions on an academic article and a primary source document to prepare for in class discussion.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: H960001

Course number		U-LAS06 20051 LE41				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Political Science-E2 Introduction to Political Science-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Kyoto University Not fixed	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

No one can escape from the consequences of political decisions. However, politics is not just elections, prime ministers, presidents, and endless scandal. Instead, politics may be better thought of as the process of determining "who gets what, when, where, and how". This course introduces students to the basic concepts used and major perspectives of the scientific analysis of politics. Students will begin to think about politics like a social scientist, using the conceptual 'prisms' of power, institutions, and ideas. This introductory course will challenge students to reflect upon how political processes have impacted their lives and prepare them to identify the political arena as they begin their lives as adult members of a democratic society.

[Course objectives]

Students will learn the basic vocabulary and concepts for describing political phenomena. Students will develop an understanding of the main research approaches used in the empirical study of politics as well as major examples of their application.

Students will learn the basics of media literacy, such as identifying the sources of their information and reflecting on how the sources of their media consumption may impact how they view and think about the world.

Students will continue to practice strategies for reading college-level English-language materials and practice advanced literacy skills with the goal of reading professional-level texts with comfort. In this section, students will practice methods of deciphering less-familiar texts, consulting reference materials, and other strategies to efficiently engage with a variety of texts.

[Course schedule and contents)]

(15 sessions)

Topic 1 Power

1. Course Intro: What is Politics?
2. Legitimacy and Sovereignty
3. Political Violence
- 4 Political Violence Case Study: Ideas, Institutions, and Power in the Rwandan Genocide
5. Power in International Relations. Does Might Make Right?

Topic 2 Institutions

6. The Social Contract
7. The Constitution as a Foundational Institution

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- 8. Nationalism and the Development of the Nation-state
 - 9. Informal Institutions #8211 Studying Behavior
 - 10. Institutions and International Cooperation

Topic 3 Ideas

- 11. Soft Power, or Why Do Japanese Prime Ministers Wear Funny Costumes?
- 12. What was End of History? Globalization and the Triumph of Liberal Capitalism
- 13. What is Ideology? Do we live in a post-ideological moment?
- 14. The Search for New Alternatives
- 15. Course Conclusion #8211 Facing Contemporary Challenges to Governance.

[Course requirements]

College-level English proficiency is required. This is an introductory-level class and assumes no prior knowledge of political science or law.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Reading and Participation

Students are expected to read and prepare notes to discuss in class. Students will also be asked to bring at least one prepared question to class each period. There will be a range of opportunities to demonstrate active participation. 40pts

Students will be asked to submit four short reflections throughout the semester. For each reflection, they will discuss a term or theory introduced in class and relate it to examples from recent media or news events in English or Japanese. 20pts (4 x 5pts each)

In-person exams

Students will sit two in-person exams with a mixture of multiple choice, short answer, and essay questions. 40pts (2 x 20 pts each)

Total 100 pts

[Textbooks]

No textbook is required for the course.

Readings will be provided as handouts or through course e-reserve.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Rom, Hidaka, and Walker 『Introduction to Political Science』 (OpenStax Publishing,2022) (Students interested in additional reading may benefit from:)

Free open-source textbook: <https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/1179>

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should be prepared to spend 2-3 hours reading and studying each week. They will be asked to read assigned texts carefully, identify areas they do not understand or find issues with, and be prepared to discuss them in class.

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[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Open office hours will be held for four hours each week. I will share a link and QR code for students to make appointments ahead of time. Walk-ins will be accepted although appointments will be given priority. Students will be encouraged to come (alone or with a group of classmates) and make use of these hours as opportunities to discuss the course or associated topics. I will also respond to email inquiries within two working days.

Lecture code: H958001

Course number		U-LAS06 20049 LE41				
Course title (and course title in English)	State and Civil Society I-E2 State and Civil Society I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Kyoto University Not fixed	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Why is rice so expensive in Japan? How do Doctors without Borders send volunteer medical teams to over 80 countries? How have social media networks toppled governments and influenced elections across the globe? Associational life, also known as civil society, is a crucial feature of democratic societies, forming a link between private interests and the state. This course overviews the foundational theories of democratic rights, citizenship, and civil society while engaging with comparative examples from Japan and beyond. Examining the decline in associational participation observed worldwide since the late 20th century, this course concludes by challenging students to consider the relevancy of civil society as a concept in our rapidly changing society.

[Course objectives]

Students will learn the concepts and perspectives needed to begin developing a critical approach for thinking about the transformative role of civic participation, human rights, and non-governmental organizations in democratic societies. Students will learn the core theories used to study collective action. Students will develop strategies for reading college-level English-language materials and practice advanced literacy skills with the goal of reading at a level sufficient to engage with academic and journalistic texts for a professional audience. In this session, students will focus on how to distill complex arguments from texts, synthesize them with other ideas, and communicate them effectively.

[Course schedule and contents)]

(15 sessions)

Topic 1 What is Civil Society?

1. What is Civil Society? Why does it matter?
2. de Tocqueville on Democracy and Participation
3. What is the Public Sphere?
4. Gramscian Hegemony and Civil Society
5. Case Study: Thinking About Third Spaces in Student Life

Topic 2 Civil Society and the State

6. Between Contestation, Cooperation, and Co-option
7. When Civil Society is Co-opted by the State
8. State Capture #8211 Lobbying and Private Interest Advocacy
9. Civil Society and the Welfare State

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State and Civil Society I-E2(2)

10. Case Study: Japan Agriculture and the State

Topic 3 Civil Society in the 21st Century

11. The Decline of Associational Life

12. Social media, platforms: privatizing the public sphere?

13. Technology and transnational participation

14. Case Study: Natural Disasters and Japan's NPO Law

15. Review and looking towards State and Civil Society II

[Course requirements]

Proficiency in English is expected.

This course is an introductory course and does not assume any previous experience with political science or law.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Reading and Participation

Students are expected to read and prepare notes to discuss in class. Students will be offered a range of opportunities to demonstrate active participation. 30pts

Group-led discussion (students, sorted into groups, will be assigned a date on which to present the basic argument and their evaluation and critique of the reading as a group. 20pts

In-person exams

Students will sit two in-person exams with a mixture of multiple choice, short answer, and essay questions. Midterm 20pts Final 30pts

Total 100pts

[Textbooks]

No textbook is required for the course.

Readings will be provided as handouts or through course e-reserve.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Michael Edwards『Civil Society (4thed)』(Polity Press) ISBN:1509537341 (Students interested in additional reading may benefit from:)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should be prepared to spend 2-3 hours reading and studying each week. They will be asked to read assigned texts carefully, identify areas they do not understand or find issues with, and be prepared to discuss them in class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Open office hours will be held for four hours each week. I will share a link and QR code for students to make appointments ahead of time. Walk-ins will be accepted although appointments will be given priority. Students will be encouraged to come (alone or with a group of classmates) and make use of these hours as opportunities to discuss the course or associated topics. I will also respond to email inquiries within two working days.

Lecture code: H959001

Course number		U-LAS06 20050 LE41				
Course title (and course title in English)	State and Civil Society II-E2 State and Civil Society II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Kyoto University Not fixed	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Building on the concepts, theories, and questions introduced in State and Civil Society I, this course focuses on deepening students' understanding through engagement with three major themes: citizenship and inclusion, the public interest and challenges to collective action, and the relationship between civil society and the recent resurgence of populism across the democratic world. Students will also be introduced to comparative cases on these three main themes from authoritarian regimes, both to discuss how civil society functions differently across regime types, but also to explore democracy itself.

[Course objectives]

Students will strengthen their understanding of the concepts and perspectives for a critical approach for thinking about the transformative role of civic participation, human rights, and non-governmental organizations in democratic societies as well as their shortcomings in comparative perspective. Students will continue to practice strategies for reading college-level English-language materials and practice advanced literacy skills with the goal of reading professional-level texts with comfort. In this section, students will practice methods of deciphering less-familiar texts, consulting reference materials, and other strategies to efficiently engage with a variety of texts.

[Course schedule and contents)]

(15 sessions)

Theme 1 Citizenship and Inclusion

1. Course Introduction and Revisiting Civil Society
2. Citizenship and Inclusion: Who Belongs?
3. Marginalization and Advocacy
4. Gender, Race, and Intersectionality
5. Case Study: Civic Advocacy and Minority Rights in Japan

Theme 2 The Public Interest

6. What is the Public Interest?
7. The Logic of Collective Action
8. Polarization and Trust
9. Local Advocacy and the NIMBY Problem
10. Case Study: Nuclear Power in Japan and Abroad

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Theme 3 Populism and Civil Society

11. The Populist Challenge

12. Resisting Authoritarianism

13. Illiberal Civic Society?

14. Civil Society in “Hybrid Regimes”

15. Looking Forward: Civil Society after the End of History

[Course requirements]

Proficiency in English is expected.

This course is the second in a sequence of two classes. Students should have satisfactorily completed State and Civil Society I, or have equivalent knowledge from other introductory political science, law, or political sociology courses. Students may contact the instructor if they are uncertain about their suitability for the course.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Reading and Participation

Students are expected to read and prepare notes to discuss in class. Students will be offered a range of opportunities to demonstrate active participation. 30 pts

Group-led discussion (students, sorted into groups, will be assigned a date on which to present the assigned texts and discuss them with the group. Students will also be asked to share the strategies they used to engage with the texts, and to present on how they overcame any challenges while engaging with the texts. 20pts

In-person exams

Students will sit two in-person exams with a mixture of multiple choice, short answer, and essay questions.
Midterm 20pts Final 30pts

Total 100pts

[Textbooks]

No textbook is required for the course.

Readings will be provided as handouts or through course e-reserve.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Michael Edwards 『Civil Society (4thed)』 (Polity Press) ISBN:1509537341 (Students interested in additional reading may benefit from:)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should be prepared to spend 2-3 hours reading and studying each week. They will be asked to read assigned texts carefully, identify areas they do not understand or find issues with, and be prepared to discuss them in class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Open office hours will be held for four hours each week. I will share a link and QR code for students to make appointments ahead of time. Walk-ins will be accepted although appointments will be given priority. Students will be encouraged to come (alone or with a group of classmates) and make use of these hours as opportunities to discuss the course or associated topics. I will also respond to email inquiries within two

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working days.

Lecture code: N157001

Course number	U-LAS10 10002 LE55		
Course title (and course title in English)	Calculus with Exercises A Calculus with Exercises A	Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor, YIKAN LIU
Group	Natural Sciences	Field(Classification)	Mathematics(Foundations)
Language of instruction	English	Old group	Group B
Number of weekly time blocks	2	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)
Days and periods	Tue.2 • Wed.2	Target year	Mainly 1st year students
Eligible students	For science students		

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Calculus and linear algebra form the essential mathematical background necessary for understanding and developing modern science and technology. In this lecture, basics of calculus required for further pursuing of studies majored in science are explained.

Calculus with Exercises A strengthens the theoretical base of high school knowledge of differentiation and integration for real functions of one variable, and provides instructions on other more advanced methods of mathematical analysis.

[Course objectives]

The objective of this course is to learn and understand basic notions of differentiation and integration of functions of one variable and methods of mathematical analysis based on them, as well as to become able to apply this knowledge to solving problems.

In addition to learning the basic calculus, students can learn through this course how to discuss and present mathematical topics in English.

[Course schedule and contents])

This subject is composed of two interrelated parts: Lecture and Exercises. The exercises sessions will take place basically once in two weeks, their purpose being to deepen the students' understanding of the contents of the lecture sessions through active participation in problem solving and through regular submission of reports.

In the course outline below, the order in which the given items will be presented is not fixed and depends on the background and understanding of the enrollees.

1. Fundamental concepts (1 week)
Numbers, sets, mappings, basic notions of mathematical logic.
 2. Properties of real numbers and continuous functions (3-4 weeks)
Infimum and supremum of sets of real numbers, convergence of sequences, infinite series, limits of functions, definition and basic properties of continuous functions (intermediate value theorem, etc.).
 3. Differentiation of functions of one variable (4-5 weeks)
Differential coefficients, derivative, differentiation of composite functions and inverse functions, derivatives of higher order, Taylor expansion, the mean-value theorem and its applications (monotonicity, convexity, extrema), infinitesimals, calculation of approximations*.

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Calculus with Exercises A(2)

4. Integration of functions of one variable (3-4 weeks)

Riemann integral, integrability of continuous functions, definite integrals, the fundamental theorem of calculus, integration by parts and by substitution, improper integrals, length of curve*.

Moreover, topics related to

5. Important functions (1-3 weeks)

Exponential function, trigonometric functions, logarithm, inverse trigonometric functions, Gamma function*.

will be explained according to necessity at the corresponding place.

* denotes optional topics.

Total : 14 classes, 1 Feedback session

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students will be evaluated based on their performance in both the lecture and the exercises sessions.

* Lecture will be graded based mainly on the final examination.

* Exercises will be evaluated based mainly on submitted reports and participation in class.

The details of the evaluation system will be given by the lecturer in the first lecture.

Students who fail to pass the examination but reach a certain standard are eligible for reexamination.

[Textbooks]

A. M. Bruckner, J. B. Bruckner, B. S. Thomson 『Elementary Real Analysis』 (Prentice-Hall) (This book can be downloaded for free at <https://classicalrealanalysis.info/Free-Downloads.php>.)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

A. M. Bruckner, J. B. Bruckner, B. S. Thomson 『Elementary Real Analysis』 (This book can be downloaded for free at <https://classicalrealanalysis.info/Free-Downloads.php>.)

M. Spivak 『Calculus』 (Publish or Perish) ISBN:978-0914098911

N. L. Carothers 『Real Analysis』 (Cambridge University Press) ISBN:978-0521497565

E. Hewitt, K. Stromberg 『Real and Abstract Analysis』 (Springer) ISBN:978-0387901381

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

It is difficult to follow the lecture without regular study. Therefore, students are expected to devote an amount of time equivalent to the time of the lecture to solve report problems and to review the contents of previous lectures.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

It is advisable to attend the lecture "Linear Algebra with Exercises A" in parallel. Moreover, it is recommended to register for "Calculus with Exercises B" in the second semester.

There are no fixed office hours. If you wish to have a consultation, please feel free to contact the lecturer.

Lecture code: N158001

Course number		U-LAS10 10005 LE55									
Course title (and course title in English)	Calculus with Exercises B Calculus with Exercises B			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor, YIKAN LIU						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Mathematics(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	3				
Number of weekly time blocks	2	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Tue.2 • Wed.2		Target year	Mainly 1st year students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Calculus and linear algebra form the essential mathematical background necessary for understanding and developing modern science and technology. In this lecture, basics of calculus required for further pursuing of studies majored in science are explained.											
The course Calculus with Exercises B, after providing some more topics on functions of one variable that were not mentioned in "Calculus with Exercises A", explains differentiation and integration of functions of several variables.											
[Course objectives]											
The objective of this course is to learn and understand basic notions of differentiation and integration of functions of one and several variables and methods of mathematical analysis based on them, as well as to become able to apply this knowledge to solving problems.											
In addition to mastering the basic calculus, students can learn through this course how to discuss and present mathematical topics in English.											
[Course schedule and contents])											
This subject is composed of two interrelated parts: Lecture and Exercises. The exercises sessions will take place basically once in two weeks, their purpose being to deepen the students' understanding of the contents of the lecture sessions through active participation in problem solving and through regular submission of reports.											
In the course outline below, the order in which the given items will be presented is not fixed and depends on the background and understanding of the enrollees.											
1. Series and sequences of functions (3-4 weeks) Infinite series (convergence criteria, absolute and conditional convergence), power series (radius of convergence, termwise differentiation and integration), sequences and series of functions (uniform convergence, termwise differentiation and integration).											
2. Sets of points in a plane and in space (2-3 weeks) Distance, convergence of sequences of points, open sets, closed sets, properties of continuous functions.											
3. Differentiation of functions of several variables (4-5 weeks) Partial differential coefficients, total differentiability, tangential plane, gradient vector, differentiation of composite functions (chain rule), Jacobian matrix and determinant, implicit functions, inverse mapping,											
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Calculus with Exercises B(2)

Taylor's formula, extreme value problems, extreme value problems with constraints.

4. Integration of functions of several variables (4-5 weeks)

Multiple integrals, iterated integrals, calculation of area and volume, change of variables for multiple integrals, improper integrals.

Total : 14 classes, 1 Feedback session

[Course requirements]

Students must attend the course “Calculus with Exercises A” before taking “Calculus with Exercises B”. Moreover, students are expected to have a good knowledge of the course “Linear Algebra with Exercises A” .

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students will be evaluated based on their performance in both the lecture and the exercises sessions.

* Lecture will be graded based mainly on the final examination.

* Exercises will be evaluated based mainly on submitted reports and participation in class.

The details of the evaluation system will be given by the lecturer at the first lecture.

Students who fail to pass the examination but reach a certain standard are eligible for reexamination.

[Textbooks]

A. M. Bruckner, J. B. Bruckner, B. S. Thomson 『Elementary Real Analysis』 (Prentice-Hall) (The book can be downloaded for free at <https://classicalrealanalysis.info/Free-Downloads.php>.)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

A. M. Bruckner, J. B. Bruckner, B. S. Thomson 『Elementary Real Analysis』

M. Lovric 『Vector Calculus』 (John Wiley & Sons) ISBN:978-0-4717-25695

I. Kriz, A. Pultr 『Introduction to Mathematical Analysis』 (Birkhauser) ISBN:978-3-0348-0635-0

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

It is difficult to follow the lecture without regular study. Therefore, students are expected to devote an amount of time equivalent to the time of the lecture to solve report problems and to review the contents of previous lectures.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

It is desirable to take the course “Linear Algebra with Exercises B” in parallel.

There are no fixed office hours. If you wish to have a consultation, please feel free to contact the lecturer.

Lecture code: N159001

Course number		U-LAS10 10008 LE55						
Course title (and course title in English)	Linear Algebra with Exercises A Linear Algebra with Exercises A			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Professor, COLLINS, Benoit Vincent Pierre			
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Mathematics(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	3		
Number of weekly time blocks	2	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Mon.3 • Tue.2		Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For science students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
Calculus and linear algebra form the essential mathematical background necessary for understanding and developing modern science and technology. In this lecture, basics of Linear Algebra required for further pursuing of studies majored in science are explained.								
In the Linear Algebra A class, students will learn to manipulate concretely vectors, matrices, and systems of linear equations.								
[Course objectives]								
The goal of this class is to learn to manipulate concretely vectors, matrices, and systems of linear equations. In addition to learning linear algebra, students can learn how to discuss and present mathematical topics in English through this course.								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
This subject is composed of two interrelated parts: Lecture and Exercises. The exercises sessions will take place basically once in two weeks, their purpose being to deepen the students' understanding of the contents of the lecture sessions through active participation in problem solving and through regular submission of reports.								
In the course outline below, the order in which the given items will be presented is not fixed and depends on the background and understanding of enrollees.								
1. Fundamental concepts (1 week) -numbers, sets, mappings, basic notions of mathematical logic								
2. Vectors in the plane and 2x2 matrices (2 weeks) -matrix and vector calculus, matrix inverses, Cayley Hamilton theorem -linear transformations of the plane (rotation, reflections, etc) and matrices -linear systems of equations and matrices								
3. Concrete vector spaces and matrices (5-7 weeks) -vectors, vector calculus, linear span -matrices, matrix calculus (addition, scalar product, product) -examples of matrices (2-3 weeks) -elementary operations on matrices, rank, invertible matrices, inverse matrix -solving linear equations, structure of solutions (3-4 weeks)								
4. Determinant (4-6 weeks) -row/column substitution and signature; definition of determinant and properties (3-4 weeks)								
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Linear Algebra with Exercises A(2)

-computation of determinant, Cramer's rule, volume and determinant (1-2 weeks)

Total : 14 classes, 1 Feedback session

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students will be evaluated based on their performance in both the lecture and the exercises sessions.

* Lecture will be graded based mainly on the final examination.

* Exercises will be evaluated based mainly on submitted reports and participation in class.

The details of the evaluation system will be given by the lecturer at the first lecture.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Jim Hefferon 『Linear Algebra and Its Applications』

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Website:

<http://joshua.smcvt.edu/linearalgebra/>

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To be announced.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

It is advisable to attend the lecture "Calculus with Exercises A" in parallel.

Moreover, it is recommended to register for "Linear Algebra with Exercises B" in the second semester.

Students are welcome to ask questions during, at the beginning or at the end of the class.

The instructor encourages students to arrange an appointment with him if they have questions.

Lecture code: N160001

Course number		U-LAS10 10011 LE55									
Course title (and course title in English)	Linear Algebra with Exercises B Linear Algebra with Exercises B			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Professor, COLLINS, Benoit Vincent Pierre						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Mathematics(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	3					
Number of weekly time blocks	2	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Mon.3 • Tue.2		Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For science students					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Linear algebra is one of the fundamental and important parts of mathematics. With Linear Algebra A and B, students are expected to understand not only the fundamental concepts of vector spaces and linear mappings, but also the concrete treatments of matrices and systems of linear equations.											
[Course objectives]											
The objective of this course is to introduce linear algebra concepts such as vector spaces, linear mappings, matrices and systems of linear equations. In addition to learning linear algebra, students can learn how to discuss and present mathematical topics in English through this course.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
1. Abstract Vector Spaces (1--3) Basis, dimension, linear mappings and matrices, (4--5) Change of bases, subspaces, direct sums, kernel and image											
2. Euclidean Spaces (6--7) Inner product, orthogonal matrices, unitary matrices, (8--10) Orthonormal basis and orthogonal complements											
3. Eigenvalues and Diagonalization of Matrices (11--12) Eigenvalues and eigenvectors, eigenpolynomials, (13--14) Diagonalization of symmetric matrices by orthogonal matrices (diagonalization of Hermitian matrices by unitary matrices)											
The schedule is subject to change.											
Total : 14 classes, 1 Feedback session											
[Course requirements]											
Students are expected to understand Calculus with Exercises A and Linear Algebra with Exercises A.											
[Evaluation methods and policy]											
Students will be evaluated based on their performance in both the lecture and the exercises sessions. * Lecture will be graded based mainly on the final examination.											
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Linear Algebra with Exercises B(2)

* Exercises will be evaluated based mainly on submitted reports and participation in class.
The details of the evaluation system will be given by the lecturer at the first lecture.
Students who fail to pass the examination but reach a certain standard are eligible for reexamination.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To be announced.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

It is advisable to attend the lecture “Calculus with Exercises B” in parallel.

Students are welcome to ask questions during, at the beginning or at the end of the class.

The instructor encourages students to arrange an appointment with him if they have questions.

Lecture code: N168001

Course number		U-LAS10 10014 LE55						
Course title (and course title in English)	Mathematical Description of Natural Phenomena Mathematical Description of Natural Phenomena			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor, Chang, Kai-Chun			
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Mathematics(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Tue.3	Target year	Mainly 1st year students		Eligible students	For science students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
This course aims at bridging the gap between high school mathematics and college mathematics and enhancing students' understanding of the mathematical concepts essential for advanced courses in the Undergraduate School of Engineering. The course explores how physical phenomena in engineering - such as radioactive decay, the motion of a sprung mass, and the vibrations of a structure - are described mathematically, primarily through differential equations. Also, it covers methods for solving and interpreting these differential equations, while revisiting fundamental topics from Calculus and Linear Algebra that support these tasks.								
[Course objectives]								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the relationship between scientific observation and mathematics. • To understand how physical phenomena in engineering disciplines are described using differential equations, and how to solve and interpret these equations. 								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
* The lecture is designed to cover the following topics.								
1. Introduction - Describing phenomena, input-output system model, etc. [2 weeks]								
2. Basics of Calculus - Picture of Calculus, derivatives, basic rules, chain rule, implicit differentiation, inverse functions and their derivatives, etc. [4 weeks] - Exponential and logarithmic functions, their derivatives, characterizations of exponential functions, etc. [2 weeks]								
3. Differential equations and phenomenon descriptions - Radioactive decay, population growth/decay, mixed growth/decay [3 weeks] - Spring problems, equations of motion, simple harmonic motions, damped vibrations, etc. [3 weeks]								
4. Feedback [1 week]								
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Mathematical Description of Natural Phenomena(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Quizzes and exercises (50%) and final examination (50%)

[Textbooks]

Handwriting and handouts distributed in class or uploaded to the PandA course site

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

G. Strang 『Calculus, 2nd ed.』 (Wellesley-Cambridge Press)

W.F. Trench 『Elementary Differential Equations』 (Brooks/Cole)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to dedicate at least 2 hours to preview and review. More than half of this time is spent preparing for class and completing assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Any inquiry to the instructor: chang.kaichun.4z{at}kyoto-u.ac.jp. (replace {at} with @)

Lecture code: N174002

Course number		U-LAS10 10023 LE55									
Course title (and course title in English)	Quest for Mathematics I-E2 Quest for Mathematics I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer, Arseniy Aleksandrovich, Kuzmin						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Mathematics(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Tue.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
In the "Quest for Mathematics", complex numbers and their applications are introduced. At first, we will follow some of the steps of their invention and learn to understand their basic properties. These numbers are very important in many different fields, such as quantum mechanics or electric engineering. In this course we explore geometrical applications of complex numbers, geometrical transformations, and complex functions.											
[Course objectives]											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand the origins and importance of complex numbers - Understanding of the geometric representation of complex numbers - Learn the complex numbers arithmetic - Learn the relation between trigonometric and exponential functions - Acquire the ability to use complex numbers 											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
In this course the following topics are covered:											
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction and history of complex numbers. Geometric definition of complex numbers. 2. From geometric definition to Bombelli's "wild thought". The Argand plane and modern definitions. 3. Simple complex arithmetic and De Moivre's formula. 4. Equivalence of symbolic and geometric arithmetic. 5. Euler's formula: moving particle argument. 6. Euler's formula: power series argument. 7. Applications: trigonometry. 8. Applications: geometry. 9. Applications: calculus. 10. Applications: algebra. 11. Applications: vector operations. 12. Complex numbers and Euclidean geometry: transformations. 13. Motions and reflections. 14. Similarities and complex arithmetic. Spatial complex numbers. <p>14 lectures in total and one feedback class.</p>											
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Quest for Mathematics I-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

No knowledge of complex numbers is required to join this class. All necessary concepts are introduced during the lecture.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on:

10% attendance and participation

20% homework

20% quiz

50% final exam

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

John Stillwell 『Mathematics and its history』 (Springer) ISBN:978-1-4419-6052-8

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Preparation for lectures will include revision of class materials and homework assignments. The work during the semester is most important, it helps to build up the understanding. If you have no problems with homework, there will be no problem solving the tests.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N174003

Course number		U-LAS10 10023 LE55						
Course title (and course title in English)	Quest for Mathematics I-E2 Quest for Mathematics I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Kyoto University Not fixed			
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Mathematics(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		
Days and periods		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For liberal arts students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
This class is an introduction to calculus for those who did not study "Mathematics III (of the Japanese high school standard)".								
[Course objectives]								
The goal of the class is to solve problems of the same level with those in the entrance examination for science students. An additional goal of this course is to give a chance to the students to present and discuss mathematics in English.								
[Course schedule and contents])								
The course will cover the following topics, and each of them is read during 3-4 weeks:								
1. Limit of series and continuous functions 2. Differentiation of elementary functions (for example: sine, cosine, exponential etc.) 3. Brief introduction of the Riemann integral and differential equations 4. Applications.								
Total : 14 classes, 1 Feedback session								
[Course requirements]								
None								
[Evaluation methods and policy]								
The evaluation of the course will take into account the following criteria: -homework (40%) -presentation (20%) -final report (40%)								
[Textbooks]								
Peter D. Lax 『Calculus With Applications』 (Springer)								
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Quest for Mathematics I-E2(2)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

加古孝 『自然科学の基礎としての微積分』 (朝倉書店)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Exercises are given in class and students are required to solve them for clear understanding of the topics in class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

High school text book "Mathematics III (高等学校 数学 III)" based on the Japanese high school standard is useful to understand of the subject of the class.

Office hours are not assigned and it is advisable to make comments willingly during and after the class.

Lecture code: N175002

Course number		U-LAS10 10024 SE55									
Course title (and course title in English)	Quest for Mathematics II-E2 Quest for Mathematics II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences Senior Lecturer, UEDA FUKUHIRO						
Group	Natural Sciences			Field(Classification)	Mathematics(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)			Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester				
Days and periods	Thu.4		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
In this course, we will study certain topics in elementary number theory, including (but not limited to) divisibility, congruences, quadratic reciprocity, and quadratic forms. Some abstract algebra will be introduced in class as a tool of number theory.											
[Course objectives]											
The class is meant to help students of all disciplines improve their knowledges in number theory and enhance their mathematical sophistication.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
Below are the contents and schedules of the course. The lectures, as well as their orders, may be modified, depending on students' backgrounds and understanding of the course materials.											
(1) Introduction (1 week) -Some basics in set theory and logic, motivating examples and conjectures.											
(2) Divisibility (3 weeks) -The division algorithm, prime numbers; -The fundamental theorem of arithmetic.											
(3) Congruences (4 weeks) -Congruence relations; -Fermat's little theorem and Euler's generalization; -The Chinese Remainder theorem, Hensel's lemma;											
(4) Quadratic reciprocity (4 weeks) -Legendre symbols, the reciprocity law; -Gaussian integers, two squares theorem.											
(5) Binary quadratic forms (4 weeks) -The Jacobi symbols; -Equivalence of binary quadratic forms.											
(6) Feedback (1 week)											
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Quest for Mathematics II-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The evaluation consists of three weighted parts:

-Discussion performance in class (20%).

-Presentation (60%): Each student reviews a mathematical topic assigned by the instructor. Such a topic is typically a section from the textbook below.

-Report (20%): Your report covers the details of your presentation. Each student needs to email the report to the instructor no later than Friday of Week 15.

[Textbooks]

Andre Weil 『Number Theory for Beginners』 (Springer, 1979)

Ivan Niven, Herbert Zuckerman, Hugh Montgomery 『An Introduction to the Theory of Numbers.』 (Wiley, 1991.)

There is no need to purchase the textbooks. Several pdf versions of the books are available online for free.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Along with preparation and review, students are encouraged to form study groups.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N169001

Course number		U-LAS10 20002 LE55									
Course title (and course title in English)	Advanced Calculus I-Vector Calculus Advanced Calculus I-Vector Calculus			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor, QURESHI, Ali Gul						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Mathematics(Development)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Wed.5		Target year	2nd year students or above		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Based on the knowledge of Calculus with Exercises A/B and Linear Algebra with Exercises A/B , or Calculus A/ B and Liner Algebra A/B, this course explains calculus of multiple variables and vector calculus. The course introduces the concepts of motion and potential in more than 2 dimensions, which are based on partial differentiation and integration related with multiple dimensions (such as line integral and surface integral).											
[Course objectives]											
To learn basics of calculus in functions of two or more variables, which are used in many other courses in natural sciences (such as Physics) and engineering.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basic operations with vectors (5 Weeks) - Dot and cross products; derivatives and integration of Vector Valued Functions 2. Vectors in other coordinate systems (2 Weeks) - Frenet-Serret frame, Spherical and Cylindrical coordinate systems 3. Vector fields and potentials at n-dimensional Euclidean spaces (2 weeks) - Operations over the vector fields (gradient, curl and divergence), scalar potential and vector potential 4. Line integrals and surface integrals (5 Weeks) - Line integrals at 2-dimensional plane, surface integrals at 3-dimensional space, and integral theorems (Divergence theorem of Gauss, the Green's formula and the Stokes's theorem) 5. Feedback (1 Week) 											
[Course requirements]											
To understand Calculus with Exercises A/B and Linear Algebra with Exercises A/B, or Calculus A/B and Linear Algebra A/B.											
[Evaluation methods and policy]											
Weekly submission of class examples, class participation and homework (20%), Snap quizzes (15%), Final examination(65%)											
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Advanced Calculus I-Vector Calculus(2)

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Gilbert Strang et al. 『Calculus Vol. 3』 (OpenStax) (Book is available online at <https://openstax.org/details/books/calculus-volume-3>)

Joel R. Hass, Christopher E. Heil and Maurice D. Weir 『Thomas' Calculus, 14th ed.』 (Pearson)

Erwin Kreyszig 『Advanced Engineering Mathematics, 10th ed.』 (Wiley)

Frank Ayres Jr. and Elliott Mendelson 『Calculus, 6th ed.』 (McGraw-Hill)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are encouraged to do assigned homework related to the classes.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N170001

Course number	U-LAS10 20004 LE55				
Course title (and course title in English)	Advanced Calculus II-Differential Equations			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,QURESHI, Ali Gul
Group		Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)	Mathematics(Development)
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits 2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters 2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Wed.5		Target year	2nd year students or above	Eligible students For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Based on the knowledge of Calculus with Exercises A/B and Linear Algebra with Exercises A/B or Calculus A/ B and Liner Algebra A/B, this course explains ordinary differential equations. Starting from the basic solutions techniques (such as separation of variables and integrating factors) for differential equations, the course introduces the second order linear differential equations and their solution. Differential equations are studied in context of modelling of various physical situations (for example, vibrations, mixing problem, population dynamics, etc.).

[Course objectives]

To learn the different types of differential equations and their solution methods.

[Course schedule and contents])

1. Elementary methods of solution (6 weeks)
 - Separation of variables, linear first order differential equations, total differential equations (exact differential equations) and integrating factors
 2. Existence and uniqueness of the solution of initial value problems (4 weeks)
 - Space of continuous functions and its properties (normed spaces, completeness), iterated approximation, Cauchy-Lipschitz's theorem and the connection of solution
 3. Linear differential equations (4 weeks)
 - Space of solutions of homogeneous equations, variation of parameters, exponential function for matrices and Wronskian determinant.
 4. Feedback (1 week)

[Course requirements]

To understand Calculus with Exercises A/B and Linear Algebra with Exercises A/B or Calculus A/B and Linear Algebra A/B.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Weekly submission of class examples, class participation and homework (20%), Snap quizzes (15%), Final examination(65%).

Continue to Advanced Calculus II-Differential Equations(2) ↓ ↓ ↓

Advanced Calculus II-Differential Equations(2)

[Textbooks]

Erwin Kreyszig 『Advanced Engineering Mathematics, 9th ed.』 (Wiley, 2006)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Joel R. Hass, Christopher E. Heil and Maurice D. Weir 『Thomas' Calculus, 14th ed.』 (Pearson)

Gilbert Strang et al. 『Calculus Vol. 2 and Vol. 3』 (OpenStax) (Books are available online at <https://openstax.org/details/books/calculus-volume-2> and <https://openstax.org/details/books/calculus-volume-3>)

Richard Bronson and Gabriel Costa 『Differential Equations, 4th ed.』 (McGraw-Hill)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are encouraged to do assigned homework related to the classes.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

The content of this course is independent of Advanced Calculus I in the 1st semester.

Lecture code: N106001

Course number	U-LAS10 20006 LE55				
Course title (and course title in English)	Advanced Linear Algebra Advanced Linear Algebra			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor, Chang, Kai-Chun
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)	Mathematics(Development)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters
Days and periods	Fri.2	Target year	Mainly 2nd year students	Eligible students	For science students
[Overview and purpose of the course]					
Linear Algebra is a fundamental tool commonly used in many fields, not only in mathematics but also in the natural sciences, engineering, and more. This course builds on the contents in "Linear Algebra A/B" courses (majorly provided for 1st-year students) and explores advanced concepts of linear algebra, such as orthogonality, diagonalization, Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) of matrices, Jordan canonical form, and their applications to real-world problems.					
[Course objectives]					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To acquire an understanding of advanced concepts in linear algebra, such as orthogonality, diagonalization, and SVD of matrices. To understand and apply linear algebra concepts to solve real-world problems. 					
[Course schedule and contents)]					
1. Review of linear algebra [2 weeks] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Big picture, rank, dimension, LU/LDU factorization, Gauss-Jordan elimination, etc. - vector spaces, subspaces, nullspace, complete solutions, four subspaces and their dimensions and orthogonality, etc. 					
2. Orthogonality and its applications [4 weeks] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Orthogonality and orthogonality complement, projections, least square approximations, orthogonal bases, Gram-Schumidt process, etc. 					
3. Eigenvalues, eigenvectors, and their applications [4 weeks] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eigenvalues and eigenvectors, diagonalization, matrix power, singular value decomposition (SVD) and their application to difference equations, differential equations and Markov process, etc. 					
4. Jordan canonical form [3 weeks] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimal polynomials, generalized eigenvectors, Jordan canonical form, and their applications. 					
5. Optional topics [1 week] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - numerical solutions, complex vectors and matrices, other applications, etc. 					
6. Feedback [1 week]					
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Advanced Linear Algebra(2)

[Course requirements]

Suggested prerequisites: Calculus A/B and Linear Algebra A/B, or Calculus with Exercises A/B and Linear Algebra with Exercises A/B.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Quizzes or assignments (50%); final examination (50%)

[Textbooks]

Handouts distributed in class or uploaded to PandA

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Strang, G. (2009) 『Introduction to Linear Algebra. 5th ed.』 (Wellesley-Cambridge Press)

Lipschutz, S. and Lipson, M. (2012) 『Linear Algebra, 6th ed.』 (McGraw-Hill)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to dedicate at least 2 hours per week to preview and review. More than half of this time is spent preparing for class and completing assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Any inquiry to the instructor: chang.kaichun.4z{at}kyoto-u.ac.jp. (replace {at} with @)

Lecture code: N176001

Course number		U-LAS10 20023 LE55					
Course title (and course title in English)	Elementary Probability-E2 Elementary Probability-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Kyoto University Not fixed		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Mathematics(Development)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester	
Days and periods		Target year	Mainly 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students	

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Probability theory is indispensable for understanding and describing phenomena influenced by randomness, as arise across the natural and social sciences. Furthermore, it is one of the foundations of mathematical statistics. This lecture course will provide a fundamental introduction to the modern theory of probability.

[Course objectives]

1. To understand fundamental notions in probability theory such as events, random variables, independence, conditional probability, expectation, variance and correlation.
2. To understand when and how typical distributions, such as the normal distribution and Poisson distribution, appear, and mathematical treatments of those distributions.
3. To understand limit theorems, such as law of large numbers and central limit theorem. In particular, to understand when and how those theorems can be applied.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Introduction to the mathematical theory of probability (2 to 3 weeks): probability spaces, events, independence and conditional probability.
2. Introduction to the notion of random variables and related properties (4 weeks): random variable, distribution, expectation, variance, covariance, correlation, independence of random variables and Chebyshev's inequality
3. Important examples of distributions (3 weeks); Bernoulli distribution, binomial distribution, Poisson distribution, geometric distribution, uniform distribution, normal distribution, exponential distribution.
4. Limit theorems (3 to 4 weeks): law of large numbers, central limit theorem.
5. Random walks and Markov chains (supplementary).

A total of 14 lectures and one feedback class will be given.

[Course requirements]

(Eligible students) mainly the sciences of the second grade. Students are required good understanding of both calculus and linear algebra.

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Elementary Probability-E2(2)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The evaluation of the course will mainly take into account of the result of final examination, but will also include homework and presentation elements.

The details of the evaluation system will be given by the lecturer at the first lecture.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Strongly recommend to solve exercises given in class to have a deeper understanding of contents of lectures.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours are by appointment.

Lecture code: N162001

Course number		U-LAS10 20010 LE55					
Course title (and course title in English)	Function Theory of a Complex Variable-E2 Function Theory of a Complex Variable-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Kyoto University Not fixed		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Mathematics(Development)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester	
Days and periods		Target year	Mainly 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students	

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Based upon knowledge of calculus, this is an introductory course to the function theory of one complex variable (i.e. introduction of complex analysis), and its goal is to understand fundamentals about holomorphic functions and meromorphic ones, which are dealt through the Cauchy's integral formula. The purpose of this course is not only to understand rigorous theories but to obtain some skills about the residue calculus. The theory for complex functions are not only beautiful in a mathematical sense but also very useful in applied fields e.g. physics, engineering and medical sciences etc. Almost all the mathematical theories in this course are rigorously dealt with, and some examples related with physics are also explained. An additional goal of this course is to give a chance to the students to present and discuss mathematics in English.

[Course objectives]

The goal is to understand fundamentals about holomorphic functions and meromorphic ones, which are dealt through the Cauchy's integral formula. In addition to learning modern mathematics and proofs, students can also learn how to discuss and present mathematical topics in English through this course.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The course will cover the following topics, and each of them is read in 2 or 3 weeks:

1. complex numbers, the complex number plane and the Riemann sphere
2. differential of complex functions; holomorphic functions and the Cauchy- Riemann equation etc.
3. power series and analytic functions
4. integral; the Stieltjes integral and Cauchy's integral formula
5. fundamental theories for holomorphic functions
6. singularities and residue; the Laurent expansion and the residue calculus.

Total : 14 classes, 1 Feedback session

[Course requirements]

(Eligible students) mainly the sciences of the second grade

Students are required good understanding of both calculus and linear algebra.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The evaluation of the course will take into account the following criteria:

-homework (40%)

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-presentation (20%)
-final report (40%)

[Textbooks]

Not Specified

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Donald Sarason 『Complex Function Theory』 (AMS: American Mathematical Society)

Elias Stein, Rami Shakarachi 『Complex Analysis』 (Princeton University Press)

磯祐介 『複素関数論入門』 (サイエンス社) ISBN:978-4-7819-1326-1

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The students are requested to solve exercises given in class by themselves even though they are not assigned as homework.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

This class is an English class for the classes of 「関数論」, and their syllabuses are the same to one another.

Office hours are not assigned and it is advisable to make comments willingly during and after the class.

Lecture code: N161001

Course number		U-LAS10 20017 LE55									
Course title (and course title in English)	Honors Mathematics A-E2 Honors Mathematics A-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor, YIKAN LIU						
Group	Natural Sciences			Field(Classification)	Mathematics(Development)						
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Tue.3	Target year	Mainly 1st year students		Eligible students	For science students					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course provides opportunities to learn mathematics in more depth for highly motivated students. It supplements and combines Calculus A and Linear Algebra A, while takes these basic courses as starting point to treat more advanced related topics.											
[Course objectives]											
In addition to learning advanced mathematics and proofs, students can learn how to discuss and present mathematical topics in English through this course.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
Below is a list of themes that may be covered. The actual topics of the lecture will be determined upon investigating the interests and level of the participating students. The selected topics will be covered during 15 lectures, including one feedback session.											
1. Topics on set theory (tentatively 6 ~ 8 weeks) 1.1 Sets and their operations 1.2 Sets and maps 1.3 Order Relations 1.4 Equinumerous sets and cardinality 2. Fundamental fractional calculus (tentatively 3 ~ 5 weeks) 2.1 Some special functions and their properties 2.2 Riemann-Liouville integral operator 2.3 Caputo and Riemann-Liouville derivatives 3. Numerical linear algebra (tentatively 3 ~ 5 weeks) 3.1 Normed linear spaces and matrix norms 3.2 QR decomposition and singular value decomposition 3.3 Linear least square problems											
[Course requirements]											
Calculus A and Linear Algebra A. Students are strongly encouraged to take Calculus B and Linear Algebra B in parallel (or prior) to this course.											
[Evaluation methods and policy]											
The evaluation of the course will take into account the following criteria: (1) homework and presentation of students during the lectures (about 50%) (2) final examination (about 50%)											
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Honors Mathematics A-E2(2)

The method of evaluation will be made precise at the first lecture.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Paul R. Halmos 『Naive set theory』 (Springer, 1974) ISBN:978-0-387-90092-6

Other references will be announced during the class according to the selected topics.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

As in every mathematics courses, students should read notes carefully and repeatedly after the class, solve exercise problems and try to find alternative proofs, counterexamples, etc. After many hours of such practice, one may get an intuitive understanding of the materials covered.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students are welcome to ask questions during or at the end of the class.

There are no fixed office hours. If you wish to have a consultation, please feel free to contact the lecturer.

Lecture code: N165001

Course number		U-LAS10 20018 LE55									
Course title (and course title in English)	Honors Mathematics B-E2 Honors Mathematics B-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Professor, COLLINS, Benoit Vincent Pierre						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Mathematics(Development)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Tue.3		Target year	Mainly 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course provides opportunities to learn mathematics in more depth for highly motivated students. It supplements Calculus A, B and Linear Algebra A, B, and takes these basic courses as starting point to treat more advanced related topics. Through this course, students can also learn how to read, listen to, discuss and present mathematical arguments in English.											
[Course objectives]											
One of the goals of this course is to help students get used to rigorous proofs of mathematical statements and abstract notions in mathematics. These two features are central to and represent the power of modern mathematics, because rigorously proven facts form unshakeable building blocks of far-reaching theories, and an abstract notion is applicable to various different situations as far as they share a key property. If the number of students permits, the course will be interactive. In particular, an additional goal of this course is to provide a chance for the students to discuss mathematics in English.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
Below is a list of themes that may be covered. The actual topics of the lecture will be determined upon investigating the interests and level of the participating students.											
1. Finite groups (tentatively 4 weeks) 1.1 Definition, basic notions, class formula 1.2 Symmetric and alternating groups 1.3 Elementary graph theory, Cayley graphs											
2 Representation of finite groups (tentatively 4 weeks) 2.1 Matrix algebras, representations 2.2 Character formulas 2.3 Examples (symmetric group, $SL_2(F_p)$)											
3 Matrix groups -- complex and real cases (tentatively 4 weeks) 3.1 Unitary and orthogonal groups 3.2 Matrix decompositions, properties of groups 3.3 Notions of Lie algebras, representations of groups											
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3.4 Characters, invariants.

4. Orthogonal functions and Fourier series (tentatively 3 or 4 weeks)

4.1 Orthonormal system of functions

4.2 Space of continuous functions on the circle and its completion

4.3 Fourier series

4.4 Notions of convergence of the Fourier series

4.5 Fourier series and Fourier transform

OR

5. Linear programming (tentatively 3 or 4 weeks)

5.1 Introduction to optimization with constraints

5.2 Basic properties of convex sets and convex functions

5.3 Duality

5.4 The simplex method and Karush-Kuhn-Tucker conditions

Total : 14 classes, 1 Feedback session

[Course requirements]

Calculus A, B and Linear Algebra A, B.

Familiarity with materials covered in Honors Mathematics A may be helpful.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The evaluation of the course will take into account the following criteria:

(1) homework and presentation of students during the course (about 40%)

(2) final examination (about 60%)

Details will be discussed with students during the first classes.

[Textbooks]

Not fixed

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

As in every math course, students should read notes carefully and repeatedly after the class, solve exercise problems and try to find alternative proofs, counterexamples, etc.

After many hours of such practice you may get an intuitive understanding of the materials covered.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students are welcome to ask questions during or at the end of the class.

The schedule of office hours will be announced in the first lecture.

Lecture code: N804001

Course number		U-LAS11 10002 LE55						
Course title (and course title in English)	Introductory Statistics-E2 Introductory Statistics-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Assistant Professor, VEALE, Richard Edmund			
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Data Science(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Fri.3	Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
Statistical methods are used throughout science, but there is often a wide gap between basic statistics courses and how statistical methods are applied in the scientific literature. This course intends to narrow this gap by introducing students to basic statistical concepts and by providing insight into how these concepts are used in the "real" scientific world. This will entail descriptive statistics, inferential statistics, and data visualization. Real-world examples will be drawn from the behavioral and life sciences, medicine, and epidemiology. The language of instruction in this course is English which will help to understand the statistical terminology in the scientific literature.								
[Course objectives]								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To acquire basic statistical knowledge and the ability to conduct basic statistical analysis. - To be able to critically read scientific reports and to judge their quality in terms of statistical methodology. 								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Introduction 2) Data collection: Survey sampling 3) Data collection: Experiments and clinical trials 4) Data editing and summary 5) 2 by 2 tables: Chi-square tests 6) Tests for independence: Fisher's exact tests 7) Risk ratios and odds ratios 8) Tests of difference of two proportions 9) Random sampling, randomization, and sample size calculations 10) Probability distributions and limit theorems 11) Tests of two means 12) Correlations and regressions 13) How to use statistics correctly? 14) Further studies 15) Feedback 								
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Introductory Statistics-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class attendance and active participation (30 points), written reports as homework (50 points) and 5 random in-class (open-note) quizzes, the lowest of which will be dropped (20 points). The quizzes and reports are to test whether the students have achieved the course goals. Students who are absent more than four times will not be credited.

[Textbooks]

Not used

Lecture notes will be provided during the course.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Klein, Dabney 『The cartoon introduction to statistics』 (Hill and Wang Pub) ISBN: 0809033593

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To achieve the goals of the course, students should review the lecture material and do exercises that are provided as homework in class.

To complete the exercises students will be required to install, register, and use JMP Student Edition on their own computers. Details will be given in class.

The time necessary for review should be in the range of around 3 hours per class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No fixed office hours, but students are welcome to arrange appointments by email.

Lecture code: N804002

Course number		U-LAS11 10002 LE55					
Course title (and course title in English)	Introductory Statistics-E2 Introductory Statistics-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Life and Medical Sciences Associate Professor,VANDENBON, Alexis		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Data Science(Foundations)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester	
Days and periods	Mon.2		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Statistics is arguably the most important science in the world, because every other field of science depends upon it. Nowadays, science is becoming increasingly driven by large amounts of data. The key problem is how to extract knowledge from this data. Statistical analysis is a necessary step in solving this problem. This course will introduce the theory behind basic statistics and practical applications. Especially, we will cover observational studies, experiments, the normal distribution, confidence intervals, hypothesis testing, and linear regression.

[Course objectives]

Students will learn about basic concepts in statistics, and learn to apply them on real datasets. Students will develop a feeling for critical thinking when faced with data, be able to make hypotheses, and suggest relevant ways to test them.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Lectures 1 and 2. Introduction to statistics and data analysis. Statistics in the context of the general process of investigation. Introduction to numerical and categorical data. Simple ways of visual inspection (scatter plots, histograms, etc) and summary statistics.

Lecture 3 and 4. Probability. Formal introduction to probability, probability distributions, independent and dependent variables, and conditional, marginal, joint probability, and random variables.

Lecture 5. Distributions of random variables. Introduction to the normal distribution and its properties.

Lectures 6 and 7. Foundations for inference. We will discuss the principles of parameter inference, and the reliability of parameter estimates, including standard errors and confidence intervals. We will also introduce hypothesis testing and p-values based on these principles.

Lectures 8 and 9. The Central Limit Theorem and inference for numerical data. Practical applications, and the t-test.

Lectures 10 and 11. Inference for categorical data. We examine proportions, their confidence intervals, hypothesis testing, and comparison.

Lecture 12. Introduction to linear regression. We will cover line fitting, residuals, correlation, and least squares regression. The assumptions, interpretation, and weaknesses of linear regression will be introduced.

Lecture 13. Multiple and logistic regression. We expand the principles of simple linear regression to cases with many predictors (multiple regression), and cases where the outcomes are binary categorical (logistic regression).

Lecture 14. Review of course material.

<Final examination>

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Introductory Statistics-E2(2)

Lecture 15. Feedback

[Course requirements]

At the beginning of the course, you do not need the knowledge of concepts such as standard deviation or statistical distributions, which will be covered in class. A high school level understanding of mathematics is required.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will be based on a final examination (50%) and small assignments (50%).

[Textbooks]

Diez, Cetinkaya-Rundel, and Barr 『OpenIntro Statistics (Fourth Edition)』 (OpenIntro, Inc.) ISBN:978-1943450077 (The course lectures will follow the content of this textbook. Please note that this textbook is also freely (legally) available for download at <https://www.openintro.org/book/os/>)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The course will follow a textbook. At the end of each lecture I will specify the sections to read before the next lecture.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No fixed office hours. Students are requested to make appointments directly or by email.

Lecture code: N815001

Course number		U-LAS11 10010 LE55									
Course title (and course title in English)	Mathematical Statistics-E2 Mathematical Statistics-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences Associate Professor,Croydon, David Alexander						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Data Science(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Thu.1		Target year	Mainly 2nd year students	Eligible students	For science students					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course will develop the theory of statistical inference, which has applications across the natural and social sciences, and beyond. It will focus on the key topics of parameter estimation and hypothesis testing. As well as presenting the theoretical justification for various techniques covered, it will also be a goal to show how these can be applied in examples.											
[Course objectives]											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand the basic concepts of, and mathematical justification for, point estimation and hypothesis testing - To be able to apply key techniques of statistical inference in applications 											
[Course schedule and contents])											
The following indicates possible topics that will be covered and the approximate schedule, though the precise details may vary depending on the students' proficiency level and background.											
(1) Review of probability theory [3 weeks] Outcomes and events, probability spaces, conditional probability, independence, random variables, probability mass functions, probability density functions, expectation and variance, multivariate distributions, common families of distributions											
(2) Point estimates [5 weeks] Parameterized statistical models, statistics and estimators, sampling distribution, bias, mean-squared error, maximum likelihood estimates (computation and properties), confidence intervals, point estimation for linear models											
(3) Hypothesis testing [4 weeks] Null and alternative hypotheses, likelihood ratio tests, methods of evaluating tests, goodness-of-fit tests, tests for comparing mean and variance of two samples, tests for independence, p-values											
(4) Applications [2 weeks] Example applications will be explored in exercise sheets covering the main aspects of the course, and the solutions of these will be discussed in class.											
Total: 14 classes and 1 week for feedback.											
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Mathematical Statistics-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

No statistical knowledge will be assumed. However, some basic calculus (e.g. finding the maximum of a function using differentiation) will be helpful.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

There will be 3 exercise sheets throughout the course, for which students will be expected to return work and present some of their answers in class. This will account for 30% of the final mark. The remaining 70% will be based on a final exam.

[Textbooks]

There will be no set textbook for the course, as the lectures will contain all the material needed for the homework and exam. However, students might find the books listed in the reference section useful as additional reading. (All of these references contain much more than will be covered in the course.)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Casella and Berger 『Statistical Inference』 (Duxbury, 2002)

McKean, Hogg and Craig 『Introduction to Mathematical Statistics』 (Pearson, 2020)

Rossi 『Mathematical Statistics: An Introduction to Likelihood Based Inference』 (Wiley, 2018)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The lecturer will present the basic concepts in class, upon which exercise sheets will be set. The time required to complete these exercise sheets will vary from assignment to assignment and student to student, but the lecturer estimates that they will take 4-5 hours each.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N815002

Course number		U-LAS11 10010 LE55									
Course title (and course title in English)	Mathematical Statistics-E2 Mathematical Statistics-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences Associate Professor,Croydon, David Alexander						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Data Science(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Thu.1		Target year	Mainly 2nd year students	Eligible students	For science students					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course will develop the theory of statistical inference, which has applications across the natural and social sciences, and beyond. It will focus on the key topics of parameter estimation and hypothesis testing. As well as presenting the theoretical justification for various techniques covered, it will also be a goal to show how these can be applied in examples.											
[Course objectives]											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand the basic concepts of, and mathematical justification for, point estimation and hypothesis testing - To be able to apply key techniques of statistical inference in applications 											
[Course schedule and contents])											
The following indicates possible topics that will be covered and approximate schedule, though the precise details may vary depending on the students' proficiency level and background.											
(1) Review of probability theory [3 weeks] Outcomes and events, probability spaces, conditional probability, independence, random variables, probability mass functions, probability density functions, expectation and variance, multivariate distributions, common families of distributions											
(2) Point estimates [5 weeks] Parameterized statistical models, statistics and estimators, sampling distribution, bias, mean-squared error, maximum likelihood estimates (computation and properties), confidence intervals, point estimation for linear models											
(3) Hypothesis testing [4 weeks] Null and alternative hypotheses, likelihood ratio tests, methods of evaluating tests, goodness-of-fit tests, tests for comparing mean and variance of two samples, tests for independence, p-values											
(4) Applications [2 weeks] Example applications will be explored in exercise sheets covering the main aspects of the course, and the solutions of these will be discussed in class.											
Total: 14 classes and 1 week for feedback.											
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Mathematical Statistics-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

No statistical knowledge will be assumed. However, some basic calculus (e.g. finding the maximum of a function using differentiation) will be helpful.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

There will be 3 exercise sheets throughout the course, for which students will be expected to return work and present some of their answers in class. This will account for 30% of the final mark. The remaining 70% will be based on a final exam.

[Textbooks]

There will be no set textbook for the course, as the lectures will contain all the material needed for the homework and exam. However, students might find the books listed in the reference section useful as additional reading. (All of these references contain much more than will be covered in the course.)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Casella and Berger 『Statistical Inference』 (Duxbury, 2002)

McKean, Hogg and Craig 『Introduction to Mathematical Statistics』 (Pearson, 2020)

Rossi 『Mathematical Statistics: An Introduction to Likelihood Based Inference』 (Wiley, 2018)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The lecturer will present the basic concepts in class, upon which exercise sheets will be set. The time required to complete these exercise sheets will vary from assignment to assignment and student to student, but the lecturer estimates that they will take 4-5 hours each.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N809001

Course number		U-LAS11 10009 LE55						
Course title (and course title in English)	Basic Data Analysis-E2 Basic Data Analysis-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Life and Medical Sciences Associate Professor,VANDENBON, Alexis			
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Data Science(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Mon.4	Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
Nowadays, research in many fields of science is increasingly dependent on large amounts of data. The key problem is how to turn this data into new knowledge. This course covers a wide variety of data analysis and machine learning approaches. The course starts with an introduction of the basic concepts in machine learning. After that, we will introduce regression and classification methods, including linear models, tree-based methods, support vector machines, neural networks, deep learning, and principal component analysis.								
[Course objectives]								
Students will learn about basic concepts in data analysis and statistical learning, such as regression and classification problems, and supervised and unsupervised machine learning. Students will become familiar with strengths and weaknesses of several approaches, and learn how to apply them on real datasets.								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
Lectures 1 to 3. Introduction to data analysis and machine learning: We will discuss data analysis in the context of scientific investigation. Using several examples, the concepts of supervised and unsupervised learning, regression and classification problems, and assessment of model accuracy will be introduced.								
Lectures 4 and 5. Linear regression: Introduction to linear regression as a simple supervised learning approach. We will cover simple and multiple linear regression, discuss how to interpret models, and compare linear regression with K-nearest neighbors.								
Lectures 6 and 7. Classification methods. We will introduce classification methods, including logistic regression, linear discriminant analysis, and quadratic discriminant analysis. We will discuss the differences between them, and their strong and weak points.								
Lectures 8 and 9. Model assessment: We will introduce several approaches for evaluating the accuracy of models, including cross-validation and bootstrapping.								
Lecture 10. Tree-based methods: Focussing on decision trees, we will introduce tree-based methods for regression and classification. After that, we will cover more advanced methods, such as Bagging, Random Forests, and Boosting.								
Lecture 11. Support Vector Machines (SVMs): We will introduce maximal margin classifiers, and use this as a base to exploring SVMs.								
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Lecture 12: Neural networks and deep learning.

Lecture 13: Unsupervised learning: Introduction to unsupervised learning problems. We will introduce Principal Component Analysis, K-means clustering, and hierarchical clustering.

Lecture 14. Review of course material.

<Final examination>

Lecture 15. Feedback

[Course requirements]

The course is intended for students who have a basic understanding of statistics.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will be based on a final examination (50%) and small quizzes (50%).

[Textbooks]

James, Witten, Hastie and Tibshirani 『An Introduction to Statistical Learning: with Applications in R』 (Springer) ISBN:978-1071614174 (The course lectures will follow the content of this textbook (Edition 2). Please note that this textbook is also freely (legally) available for download at <https://www.statlearning.com.>)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The course will follow the textbook. I will specify the sections that will be covered and the sections that will be skipped.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No fixed office hours. Students are requested to make appointments directly or by email.

Lecture code: N816001

Course number		U-LAS11 20002 LE55					
Course title (and course title in English)	Second Course in Statistics-E2 Second Course in Statistics-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences Associate Professor,Croydon, David Alexander		
Group	Natural Sciences			Field(Classification)	Data Science(Development)		
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester	
Days and periods	Thu.2		Target year	Mainly 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors	

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This second course in statistics provides an in-depth introduction to regression, which is the area of statistics in which a dependent variable is modelled as a linear function of one or more predictor variables, together with a random error. Regression has applications across scientific research, engineering, and various other fields, and it will be an additional goal of the course to explore some of these. Whilst some knowledge of introductory statistical theory might be helpful, the course is intended to be self-contained.

[Course objectives]

- To gain a mathematical foundation in regression analysis
- To understand how to interpret and evaluate a linear model
- To develop skills in using statistical software (R)
- To be able to apply simple linear regression, multiple linear regression, and generalized linear models in examples

[Course schedule and contents)]

The following indicates possible topics that will be covered and approximate schedule, though the precise details may vary depending on the student's proficiency level and background. Moreover, in addition to the mathematical content, applications will be considered throughout the course.

(1) Simple linear regression [7 weeks]

Definition of the model, parameter estimation, model interpretation and evaluation

(2) Multiple linear regression [4 weeks]

Estimators for such models, tests for significance of regression, tests on individual regression coefficients and subsets of coefficients, confidence intervals on regression coefficients, polynomial regression

(3) Generalized linear models [3 weeks]

Link functions and linear predictors, parameter estimation, model analysis, specific examples of generalized linear models including logistic regression and Poisson regression

Total: 14 classes and 1 week for feedback

[Course requirements]

Whilst not essential, it will benefit students if they have previously taken an introductory statistics course. In

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order to complete the assignments, students will be asked to download and use the free statistical software R (and RStudio). No previous knowledge of statistical computing/programming will be assumed.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

There will be regular (approximately fortnightly) exercise sheets throughout the course, for which students will be expected to return work and present some of their answers in class. This will account for 70% of the final mark. The remaining 30% will be based on a final exam.

[Textbooks]

There will be no set textbook for the course, as the lectures will contain all the material needed for the homework and exam. However, students might find the books listed in the reference section useful as additional reading. (All of these references contain much more than will be covered in the course.)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Bingham and Fry 『Regression: Linear Models in Statistics』 (Springer, 2010)

Montgomery, Peck and Vining 『Introduction to Linear Regression Analysis』 (Wiley, 2012)

Moore, McCabe and Craig 『Introduction to the Practice of Statistics』 (Macmillan, 2021)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The lecturer will present the basic concepts in class, upon which assignments will be set. The time for these might vary from assignment to assignment, and student to student, but the lecturer estimates these to take 2-3 hours each.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N813002

Course number		U-LAS11 20005 SE55									
Course title (and course title in English)	Data Analysis Practice I-E2 Data Analysis Practice I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences Associate Professor,Martin Robert						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Data Science(Development)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2					
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Wed.4		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
The world around us, is filled with numbers (data) that range over many scales of space and time and that describe its organization. In biology, traditionally, data feature parts lists and partial views of the connections between those parts. However, there is also a vast amount of quantitative (numerical data) that is accumulating, whether from sequences of DNA, concentrations of various biomolecules, or other types of data.											
The ability to handle, process, explore, and visualize data are important skills for all students. While in this course many examples will be derived from biology, the mindset and basic analysis workflows are widely applicable in any domain of science, engineering and beyond.											
In this course you will learn how to use R, RStudio, and the Tidyverse packages to clean, process, manipulate, explore, and visualize data.											
[Course objectives]											
By the end to this course participants should be able to:											
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Perform basic data processing and analysis using R- Find and describe different forms of (biological) data- Elaborate specific questions about the data- Clean and process raw data- Transform data- Draw various types of plots to interpret from its results- Gain insight into data- Develop analysis workflows- Effectively communicate the results of data analysis											
[Course schedule and contents]											
Week 1 Guidance and introduction											
Week 2 What is data? Getting started with R											
Week 3 Workflow demonstration											
Week 4-5 Importing and cleaning up data											
Week 6-7 Data transformation											
Week 8 Data visualization											
Week 9 Digging deeper into R using dplyr											
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Data Analysis Practice I-E2(2)

Week 10 Dealing with specific data (strings, dates, etc.)
Week 11 Getting to grips with ggplot - producing publication-quality figures
Week 12 Working with single variables
Week 13 Exploring relationships among variables
Week 14 Looking back and looking forward
Week 16 Feedback

[Course requirements]

This course is for beginners in data analysis and R and there is no specific science or math requirement.

Students should bring a computer to class to complete in-class exercises and tutorials as well as homework assignments.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

20 % Class attendance/ participation
60 % In-class exercises and homework assignments
20 % Project and presentation

[Textbooks]

Owen L. Petchey, Andrew P. Beckerman, Natalie Cooper, and Dylan Z. Childs 『Insights from Data with R : An Introduction for the Life and Environmental Sciences』 (Oxford University Press USA, 2021)
The textbook listed above will be the main resource for the course but students are not required to buy it.
Kyoto University Library has some digital license available.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Wickham and Grolemund 『R for data science』 (O'Reilly Media, 2017)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Out of class activities will mainly be for assigned readings and homework assignments and for working on a project. Students should expect to spend about 1-2 hours per week preparing for the class and completing assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Announced during class.

Lecture code: N814001

Course number		U-LAS11 20006 SE55									
Course title (and course title in English)	Data Analysis Practice II-E2 Data Analysis Practice II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Associate Professor,PATAKY, Todd						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Data Science(Development)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Fri.3		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course aims to provide students with practice using a variety of data analysis techniques, in a manner that emphasizes data analysis reporting. These data analysis techniques include: descriptive statistics, classical hypothesis testing and machine learning. We will focus on how to organize and present analysis results from relatively complex dataset. No prior knowledge of statistics or data science is required. Computer programming experience is useful but not required.											
[Course objectives]											
This course provides an understanding of data analysis methods and how to organize and report data analysis results. Students will learn the basics of data science, statistics and computer programming. Students will learn how to organize and report data analysis results in a concise, information-dense manner. Students will learn how to use the Python programming language (python.org), Jupyter Notebooks (jupyter.org) and Markdown (markdownguide.org). The semester-long goal of this course is to produce a Final Project, which involves (1) analysis of a real-world dataset using several analysis techniques, and (2) creation of a full report of your findings, in a user-friendly format, similar to real-world report that you might one day produce for a data analysis customer.											
[Course schedule and contents])											
The following weekly topics will be covered:											
1) Jupyter I: Introduction 2) Python I: Basics 3) Python II: Visualizing Data 4) Python III: Getting Data 5) Python IV: Parsing Data 6) Jupyter II: Organizing Code 7) Classical Stats I: Descriptive Statistics & Correlation 8) Classical Stats II: Hypothesis Testing 9) Classical Stats III: Meaning of Probabilities 10) Machine Learning I: Classification 11) Machine Learning II: Clustering 12) Jupyter III: Organizing Reports 13) Machine Learning III: Regression 14) Machine Learning IV: Preprocessing & Dimensionality Reduction											
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Data Analysis Practice II-E2(2)

15) Feedback

Total: 14 lectures + 1 feedback week

[Course requirements]

There are no specific requirements for this class. However, students must be willing to work with open-source software, which is relatively poorly documented compared to commercial software. The class instructor will help with problems, but students are also encouraged to find solutions to their problems through internet searches.

Additionally, skills in the following would be helpful:

- Computer programming: Python experience (or experience with any other language)
- HTML editing: Markdown (or any other high-level HTML-generation language)
- Statistics: basic hypothesis testing, basic machine learning, etc.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students are expected to produce all in-class demonstrations independently, and to independently complete regular assignments.

Evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

- Assignments (80%) [10 @ 8% each]
- Final Project (20%)

TOTAL: 100%

Note that several of the assignments pertain directly to the Final Project. The Final Project will consist of a cumulation of work done throughout the semester.

[Textbooks]

An open, electronic textbook will be electronically distributed to students and will be used in all classes. All other necessary materials will also be distributed electronically and will be discussed in class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Joel Grus 『Data Science from Scratch: First Principles with Python』 (O'Reilly Media) ISBN:978-1491901427 (Lectures will loosely follow this textbook's content. This textbook is OPTIONAL, but will be useful for reviewing concepts and for independent study.)

"Data Science from Scratch" is a useful reference book, but is not required for this class. Lecture notes and all other materials will be made available electronically.

(Related URL)

<https://github.com/joelgrus/data-science-from-scratch>(Software (data and code) for "Data Science from Scratch" by Joel Grus)

<https://www.jupyter.org>(Jupyter will be used extensively for both lectures and assignments.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

This course has a variety of out-of-class assignments (including a Final Project) and no exam. Students who

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do not pay attention to the lecture content during class will likely have difficulties completing the assignments.

The lecture content will be made available prior to the lecture. It is recommended that students review this content prior to the lecture.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

OFFICE HOURS:

Immediately before / after class or by appointment (pataky.todd.2m @ kyoto-u.ac.jp)

Lecture code: N208001

Course number		U-LAS12 10002 LE57									
Course title (and course title in English)	Fundamental Physics A Fundamental Physics A			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor, QURESHI, Ali Gul						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Thu.4		Target year	Mainly 1st year students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Lectures on the topics of physics (classical mechanics) that are common and necessary to all students who study natural sciences.											
[Course objectives]											
To acquire knowledge of basic concepts of physics such as motion, energy, gravitation, and the related laws of these topics.											
[Course schedule and contents])											
1. Kinematics, velocity and acceleration, components of polar coordinates (3 weeks) 2. Laws of motion, equations of motion and application (3 weeks) 3. Law of conservation, work and energy, angular momentum, momentum (3 weeks) 4. Motion due to a central force, planetary motion under the gravitation of the sun (3 weeks) 5. Motion of a system of particles (2 weeks) 6. Feedback (1 week)											
[Course requirements]											
This course is intended mainly for students who studied physics at high school. Those who did not study physics are recommended to take "Elementary Course of Physics A".											
[Evaluation methods and policy]											
Weekly submission of class examples, class participation and homework (20%), Snap quizzes (15%), Final examination(65%)											
[Textbooks]											
Not used											
[References, etc.]											
(Reference book)											
William Moebs et al. 『University Physics Vol.1』 (OpenStax) (Book is available at https://openstax.org/details/books/university-physics-volume-1)											
Raymond A. Serway, John W. Jewett jr., 『Physics for scientists and engineers with modern physics』 (Brooks/Cole Cengage Learning) ISBN:978-1133947271											
Marcelo Alonso, Edward Finn 『Physics』 (Addison-Wesley) ISBN:0201565188											
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Fundamental Physics A(2)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are advised to refer to the class handouts and readings provided in the classes. Homework is assigned to strengthen the learning of the topics covered in class, therefore, it is advised to students to do their homework regularly and carefully.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours will be provided during the first lecture.

Lecture code: N261002

Course number		U-LAS12 10003 LE57					
Course title (and course title in English)	Fundamental Physics A-E2 Fundamental Physics A-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer,Lim, Sunghoon		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Foundations)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2	
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester	
Days and periods	Tue.2		Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For science students	

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course introduces the terminology and fundamental concepts of classical mechanics. It covers law of conservation involving energy and momentum and mathematical modeling of a system of particles.

[Course objectives]

The goal of this course is to learn the concepts of analytic method for solving equations of motions which are the most common and important mathematical models in science and engineering and to develop an ability to apply the theories to solve a real world physics problem.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Vectors, kinematics, and circular motion (3 weeks)
2. Newton's laws of motion and circular motion dynamics (3 weeks)
3. Momentum and conservation of momentum (2 weeks)
4. Potential energy and conservation of energy (3 weeks)
5. System of particles and rigid body dynamics (3 weeks)
6. Final examination (1 week)
7. Feedback session (1 week)

[Course requirements]

Basic knowledge of high school physics is required for effective lesson.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and homework (30%), Participation (20%), and final examination (50%)

[Textbooks]

Study guides will be given in every lecture.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

David Halliday, Robert Resnick, and Jearl Walker 『Fundamentals of Physics 10th Edition』 (Wiley)
ISBN:111823071X

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Study guides and simple assignments will be provided every week, to help you expand your knowledge.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Questions can be sent by email, and will be answered electronically.

Lecture code: N261001

Course number		U-LAS12 10003 LE57				
Course title (and course title in English)	Fundamental Physics A-E2 Fundamental Physics A-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Life and Medical Sciences Assistant Professor,KIM, Young Kwan	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Wed.4	Target year	Mainly 1st year students		Eligible students	For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Focusing on classical mechanics, this lecture will introduce basic but important concepts in physics which are widely applied in other fields of natural sciences. Although prior knowledge of high school level physics will be advantageous, it is not absolutely necessary. Basic concepts and laws of classical mechanics will be introduced and expanded upon systematically.

[Course objectives]

- 1) To understand basic concepts of Newtonian mechanics and how to apply them to various physical phenomena.
- 2) To nurture problem-solving skills in physics.
- 3) To develop abilities to relate classroom knowledge to observations in their daily physical phenomena.

[Course schedule and contents)]

In dealing with the following topics, particular attention will be given to their application in different fields of natural sciences and engineering.

1) KINEMATICS (3 weeks)

In this lecture, we will learn about vector description of motion, and how to systematically derive differential equations (including kinematic equations) of motions. Focus will be on kinematic description of representative motions such as projectile and circular motions without considering the masses, forces and energies involved.

2) NEWTON'S LAWS OF MOTION (3 weeks)

Newton's laws of motion form the core of classical mechanics and are the foundation of modern physics. As such, in this topic, we will dive into classical Newtonian mechanics, which is based on Newton's laws of motion. We will learn how to apply them to solve common problems related to representative force problems in nature.

3) MOMENTUM, WORK AND ENERGY (3 weeks)

This chapter will dig deeper into important concepts in physics, such as linear momentum, work-energy theorem, conservative/nonconservative forces, and potential energy. We will learn principles of conservation of linear momentum and energy by extending the Newton's laws. Touching on specific examples, emphasis will be placed on systematic derivation and application of these important concepts.

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Fundamental Physics A-E2(2)

4) GRAVITATION (2 weeks)

One of the goals of physics is to understand the gravitational force. Newton's law of gravitation and gravitational potential energy will be explained and applied to relevant examples in dynamics. We will obtain deeper understanding of gravitation that we take for granted.

5) ROTATIONAL MOTION (3 weeks)

In this lecture, we will explore rotational motion and dynamics of rigid bodies. We will discuss the relationships between angular variables and translational variables. By introducing a concept of moment of inertia, we will learn rotational kinetic energy and apply Newton's 2nd law to rotational problems.

6) EXAM (1 week)

7) FEEDBACK (1 week)

[Course requirements]

Knowledge of high school physics will be advantageous but not a requirement.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Regular assignments: 25%; End-term examination: 75%

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

David Halliday, Robert Resnick and Jearl Walker 『Fundamentals of Physics 12th Edition』 (Wiley)
ISBN: 978-1-119-77351-1

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are encouraged to study introductory mathematics textbooks and other materials to ensure that they are comfortable with basic mathematical concepts such as calculus (differentiation and integration) which is useful for deriving equations of motion.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hour will be announced during class.

Lecture code: N209001

Course number		U-LAS12 10005 LE57									
Course title (and course title in English)	Fundamental Physics B Fundamental Physics B			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor, QURESHI, Ali Gul						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Thu.4		Target year	Mainly 1st year students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
The objective of this course is to introduce fundamental concepts of physics relating with electricity and magnetism.											
[Course objectives]											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . To understand the basic concepts of electricity and magnetism . To be able to relate and appreciate the role of these concepts in many natural phenomenon . To learn about the working of inventions (such as motors, generators, etc.) based on applications of these concepts. 											
[Course schedule and contents])											
1)- Introduction to Electric fields, electric charge, Coulomb's law, Electric Flux, Gauss's law, Electric Potential, Equipotential lines and electric fields.(3 weeks)											
2)- Capacitance and capacitors: Capacitors connected in parallel and series, Equivalent Capacitance (2 weeks)											
3)- Electric Current, Ohm's Law, Resistors in parallel and series, Equivalent resistance, Kirchhoff's rules (3 weeks)											
4)- Introduction to Magnetic Fields, Torque on a Current Loop, charged particle in uniform magnetic field, Magnetic flux (2 weeks)											
5)- Electromagnetic Induction: Faraday's Law, Lenz's law, generators (2 weeks)											
6)- Maxwell's Equations and Electromagnetic Waves (2 weeks)											
7)- Feedback (1 week)											
[Course requirements]											
This course is intended mainly for students who studied physics at high school.											
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Fundamental Physics B(2)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Weekly submission of class examples, class participation and homework (20%), Snap quizzes (15%), Final examination(65%).

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Samuel J. Ling et al. 『University Physics, Vol. 2』 (OpenStax) (The book is available online at <https://openstax.org/details/books/university-physics-volume-2>)

Serway, R.A & Jewett, J.W. Jr. (2011) 『Physics for Scientists and Engineers With Modern Physics』 (Brooks/Cole Publishers) ISBN:978-1133947271

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are advised to go through the class handouts and the readings suggested in the class for each topic. Homework is assigned to strengthen the learning of the topic covered in the class, therefore, it is advised to the students to do homework regularly and carefully.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N264002

Course number		U-LAS12 10006 LE57						
Course title (and course title in English)	Fundamental Physics B-E2 Fundamental Physics B-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer,BANERJEE, Amit			
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group B	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		
Days and periods	Tue.3	Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For science students			
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
This course aims to introduce the fundamental concepts of classical electromagnetic theory, which plays a fundamental role in many areas of science and engineering.								
After learning the concepts introduced in this course, students will be able to (a) understand fundamental properties of electromagnetic fields and their governing equations in the language of vector calculus, (b) solve problems involving electromagnetic fields and motion under their influence, (c) mathematically and intuitively understand the concept of electromagnetic wave, and (d) advance their mathematical skills, particularly regarding vector calculus and 2D/ 3D polar coordinate systems.								
[Course objectives]								
(1) To explain fundamental concepts of electromagnetic theory, (2) To encourage practical problem solving and teach necessary mathematical tools, (3) To appreciate the foundational role of these concepts in theoretical and applied physics, (4) To provide a solid foundation for students to acquire advanced knowledge on the subject in future.								
[Course schedule and contents])								
1. Introduction to electromagnetic theory and review of vector (2 weeks)								
2. Electrostatics: Coulomb's law of electrostatic interaction; superposition principle; continuous charge distributions; electrostatic field; divergence and curl of electrostatic fields; Gauss's law; electrostatic potential, work and energy in electrostatics (5 weeks)								
3. Magnetostatics: Lorentz force law; interaction between electric current and magnetic field; continuity equation; steady current; Biot-Savart law and Ampere's law; divergence and curl of magnetostatic fields; concept of vector potential; current loop and magnetic dipole (3 weeks)								
4. Electrodynamics: electromotive force; electro-magnetic induction and inductors; electric current, resistor, capacitor, and Kichhoff's law; DC, AC circuits (2 weeks)								
5. Electromagnetic wave: Maxwell's correction to Ampere's law; Maxwell's equations and electromagnetic wave propagation (2 weeks)								
5. Feedback (1 week) - - - - - Continue to Fundamental Physics B-E2(2) ↓ ↓ ↓								

Fundamental Physics B-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

Basic understanding of high-school physics and calculus. Some understanding of vector analysis will be helpful.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation procedure: active participation (10%), one assignment (40%), and take-home type final examination conducted via Panda (50%)

[Textbooks]

David J. Griffiths 『Introduction to Electrodynamics』 (Cambridge University Press) ISBN:978-1108420419

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Following study materials and working on assignment / homework

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

To be discussed during lectures.

Lecture code: N264003

Course number	U-LAS12 10006 LE57				
Course title (and course title in English)	Fundamental Physics B-E2 Fundamental Physics B-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,Jorge Luis Puebla Nunez
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)	Physics(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters 2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Thu.3		Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course will explain the fundamentals of electrostatics and magnetostatics to students. Problems will be solved during the lectures to understand the concepts better.

[Course objectives]

- Understand the fundamental laws of electrostatics and magnetostatics.
- Understand the concepts better by applying the laws and concepts to solve problems.

[Course schedule and contents)]

- Overview of the course, introduction to vector calculus (1 week)
- Coulomb's law, electric field, electrostatic potentials (2 weeks)
- Gauss's law (1 week)
- Electric field around conductors (1 week)
- Electrostatic capacitance (2 weeks)
- Electrostatic energy and force (2 weeks)
- Boundary-value problems (2 weeks)
- Electric current (1 week)
- Magnetic field of moving charges (2 weeks)
- Feedback (1 week)

[Course requirements]

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[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on participation (20%), mid-term examination (30%), and final examination (50%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

David J. Griffiths 『Introduction to Electrodynamics』 ISBN:978-0321856562

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are required to do their homework. When trouble is encountered during homework, please refer to the recommended textbook or ask the instructor.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours: Anytime by email, and appointments should be made via email.

Lecture code: N256001

Course number		U-LAS12 10008 EE57						
Course title (and course title in English)	Elementary Experimental Physics-E2 Elementary Experimental Physics-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Professor,WENDELL,Roger Graduate School of Science Associate Professor,LEE, Shiu Hang Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer,Lim, Sunghoon Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies			
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group B	Number of credits 2		
Number of weekly time blocks	2	Class style	Experiment (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		
Days and periods	Fri.3 • 4		Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For science students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
Natural sciences are the product of experimental investigation and theoretical interpretation. In this course, students will learn to use various measurement instruments to perform experiments in topics including atomic, laser, particle, and low temperature physics.								
Basic topics in experimental physics will be covered, enabling students to get a deeper understanding of the natural sciences. In addition, techniques for processing and analyzing experimental data will be mastered. Finally, students will learn how to write scientific reports and present their results orally.								
[Course objectives]								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learn physics by carrying out experiments and discussing in an open setting - Learn basic skills for processing and analyzing experimental data. - Learn how to keep a laboratory notebook, and write up experimental reports. - Learn to give a scientific presentation explaining the results of an experiment. 								
Students will be evaluated on these skills on the basis of their experimental reports and contributions to in-class discussions.								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
The first week will be an introduction to the course and its experiments. Thereafter, classes will be divided into Experimental and Discussion sessions.								
Experiments will be performed during the Experimental sessions and group discussions of those results and related physics topics will be held in the subsequent Discussion session.								
Experiments available in this course include:								
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Measurement of the magnetic field of a coil using a Hall element 2. Thermionic emission experiment 3. Experiments with lasers 4. Measuring the wavelength of light using diffraction gratings 5. Franck-Hertz experiment 								
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Elementary Experimental Physics-E2(2)

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- 6. Measurement of Planck's constant
 - 7. Radiation in the Natural World
 - 8. Measurements of Atomic Spectra
 - 9. Coupled Oscillation Studies
 - 10. Electrical Resistance Measurements

Students will perform six experiments from this list and give one oral presentation about one of them.

The class will meet 15 times, including the feedback session.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on in-lab experimentation, experimental reports (6), and one oral presentation. Details will be explained in class.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

Information about the English language textbook specific to the experiments in the course will be provided during the first lecture.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

Additional information will be provided during class as necessary.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should read the textbook ahead of each experimental session.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students are encouraged to ask questions during the experimental sessions, and are welcome to contact instructors by email outside of class hours.

Students should make sure to attend the first lecture to receive further information about the course and its textbook.

If you decide to take the course, you must have accident insurance such as “Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Ed. & Rsch.(学生教育研究災害傷害保険)” .

Lecture code: N277001

Course number		U-LAS12 10034 LE57									
Course title (and course title in English)	Thermodynamics-E2 Thermodynamics-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Senior Lecturer, DECHANT, Andreas						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Wed.3		Target year	Mainly 1st year students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
<p>This course provides a comprehensive overview of equilibrium thermodynamics. What makes thermodynamics at the same time appealing but also a little bit mysterious, is that its laws are universal: All macroscopic physical objects that we can observe in our daily lives must obey the laws of thermodynamics. Apart from introducing the various thermodynamic laws and relations and learning how to apply them to different physical systems, we will also understand why thermodynamics is so universal.</p> <p>The first part introduces the basic concepts of thermodynamics such as thermodynamic systems, environment and state variables. We will formulate the first law of thermodynamics, which relates heat and work through internal energy, and the second law of thermodynamics, which characterizes irreversibility using entropy.</p> <p>In the second part, the various thermodynamic potentials, such as free energy, are introduced and applied to concrete examples by viewing energy and entropy as thermodynamic functions. Here we will also study the Maxwell relations, which provide a connection between different physical quantities.</p> <p>The third part will deal with phase transitions and phase equilibria. We will understand how to describe a liquid changing into a gas, and under which conditions both liquid and gas can exist at the same time.</p>											
[Course objectives]											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding heat and entropy and how they appear in the laws of thermodynamics. - Being able to apply thermodynamics to describe physical processes. - Understanding why thermodynamics is so fundamental for many everyday phenomena. 											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
<p>Week 1-8: Fundamental principles of thermodynamics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - System, environment, and boundary - States, processes, and equilibrium: the zeroth law - Heat, work, and energy: the first law - Irreversibility and entropy: the second law - Carnot heat engine and efficiency <p>Week 9-11: Thermodynamic potentials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State variables and differentials - Energy and entropy revisited - Free energy, enthalpy and all the others - Maxwell relations - Selected applications <p>Week 12-14: Phase transitions</p>											
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Thermodynamics-E2(2)

- Phases and Gibbs' rule
- Phase transitions, critical exponents, and scaling

Week 15 : Final written examination

Week 16 : Feedback

[Course requirements]

Students are recommended to attend a basic course on mechanics (物理学基礎論A or similar) before taking this lecture. The necessary mathematical details (mainly multi-variable calculus) will be provided in class.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The final score will be determined by weekly assignments (50%) and the final written examination (50%). The total score will be on a scale from 0 to 100 and students will need at least 60 points to pass.

[Textbooks]

C.J. Adkins 『Equilibrium thermodynamics』 (Cambridge University press) ISBN:0521274567

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be asked to complete and hand in assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Most communications between the instructor and students will be carried out using PandA, where you can also find announcements and the assignments. Students can also contact the instructor directly via e-mail, or during the office hour on Thursday from 15:00-16:00.

Lecture code: N255001

Course number		U-LAS12 10012 LE57				
Course title (and course title in English)	Elementary Course of Physics A-E2 Elementary Course of Physics A-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor,PETERS,Robert	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Mon.3	Target year	All students		Eligible students	For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course gives an introduction to classical mechanics in English. Using simplified models, we will describe the motion of particles and learn the physical meaning of force, energy, work, and potential. In particular, we will study Newton's laws and apply them to several simple systems. After this, I will introduce the concepts of work, energy, and potential and explain how to solve problems in classical mechanics using these concepts.

In principle, this course is given in English. However, if there are parts that the students cannot understand in English, I can and will explain those in Japanese.

このコースでは古典力学を英語で学ぶ。簡単なモデルを用いて粒子の運動を記述し、力、エネルギー、仕事、ポテンシャルの物理的意味を学ぶ。特にニュートンの法則を学び、いくつかの簡単な系に応用する。その後、仕事、エネルギー、ポテンシャルの概念を紹介し、これらの概念を用いた古典力学の問題の解き方を説明する。

原則として授業は英語で行う。ただし、英語で理解できない部分があれば、日本語で説明することも可能。

[Course objectives]

- Learning the fundamentals of classical mechanics (Newton's laws, work, energy)
- Being able to solve problems in classical mechanics
- 古典力学の基礎（ニュートンの法則、仕事、エネルギー）
- 古典力学の問題を解く

[Course schedule and contents)]

In principle, the course will be offered as the following plan. However, there may be changes depending on the progress of the course.

The course will be adapted to the level of the students!

- 1-2. Introduction to necessary mathematics: curves and coordinate systems
3. Definition of position, velocity, and acceleration
- 4-5. Introduction to Newton's laws and simple applications
6. Friction

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- 7. Curved motion
- 8.-9. Oscillations
- 10. Work
- 11-12. Energy and potential
- 13-14. Central forces and the Kepler problem

<<Final examination>>

- 15. Feedback

授業は、原則として以下のプランで行う。ただし受講者のレベルに合わせて授業を進めるので、状況により変更する場合がある。

- 1-2. 必要な数学入門：曲線と座標系
- 3. 位置、速度、加速度の定義
- 4-5. ニュートンの法則の紹介と簡単な応用
- 6. 摩擦
- 7. 曲線運動
- 8.-9. 振動
- 10. しごと
- 11-12. エネルギーとポテンシャル
- 13-14. 中心力とケプラー問題

最終試験

- 15. フィードバック

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Worksheets/reports (40%) + examination (40%) + attendance and participation (20%)

ワークシート/レポート(40%) + 試験(40%) + 出席と参加の状況(20%)

[Textbooks]

I will provide lecture notes.

講義ノートを提供する。

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Revision of the course by doing the worksheets

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours: After the course

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Elementary Course of Physics A-E2(3)

Furthermore, I will provide lecture notes to help students understand the lecture.

Although no specific knowledge about physics is needed to take this course, basic skills in differential and integral calculus are expected.

The worksheets will give students an opportunity to practice their English skills in science.

講義ノートを提供する。

オフィスアワーは 講義終了後

なお、講義の理解に役立つ講義ノートを配布する。

物理学に関する特別な知識は必要ないが、微分積分に関する基本的なスキルが求められる。

Lecture code: N211001

Course number		U-LAS12 10015 LE57									
Course title (and course title in English)	Advanced Dynamics Advanced Dynamics			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,KIM SUNMIN						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Tue.3		Target year	Mainly 1st year students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course deals with the mechanics of rigid body based on Newton's mechanics. Description of motion of rigid bodies and related applications will be explained in detail.											
[Course objectives]											
To understand various dynamic topics comprehensively based on many practical examples and problems											
[Course schedule and contents])											
The main topics in this lecture are as follows; (Each items will be covered by 2-3 weeks)											
1. Curvilinear motion of a particle [1 week] - Rectangular components, normal and tangential components, cylindrical components											
2. Planer motion of a rigid body [2 weeks] - Translation, rotation about a fixed axis, relative motion analysis using rotating axes											
3. General motion of a rigid body [2 weeks] - The time derivative of a vector in a rotating reference frame											
4. Force and energy of a rigid body [3 weeks] - Mass moment of inertia, equations of motion, principle of work and energy, conservation of energy											
5. Impulse and momentum of a rigid body [3 weeks] - Linear and angular momentum, impact, principle of impulse and momentum, conservation of momentum											
6. Three dimensional motion analysis [3 weeks] - Moments and products of inertia, equations of motion, gyroscopic motion											
7. Final Examination											
8. Feedback [1 week]											
[Course requirements]											
Having taken the course "Fundamental Physics A" is recommended.											
[Evaluation methods and policy]											
Evaluation is based on assignments (40%) and written tests (final exam: 60%).											
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Advanced Dynamics(2)

[Textbooks]

Not used

Some handout materials will be provided during the class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

R. C. Hibbeler 『Dynamics』 (Prentice Hall) ISBN:978-0-13-291127-6 (very well organized textbook with abundant examples)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Self-review is strongly recommended after each lecture.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No specific office hour. Email communication is preferred through [kim.sunmin.6x@kyoto-u.ac.jp].

Lecture code: N276001

Course number		U-LAS12 10033 LE57									
Course title (and course title in English)	Advanced Dynamics-E2 Advanced Dynamics-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer,BANERJEE, Amit						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Tue.4		Target year	Mainly 1st year students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course aims to introduce advanced concepts of classical mechanics. After learning the content of this course, students will be able to apply Newtonian mechanics to solve advanced problems of classical mechanics, including but not limited to: (a) rotation of rigid bodies, (b) motion under central forces, for example, planetary motion, (c) motion observed from non-inertial frames, etc. Students are also expected to be able to advance their mathematical skills, particularly regarding vector calculus and 2D/ 3D polar coordinate systems by studying the concepts of this course.											
[Course objectives]											
(1) To build upon the ideas learnt in Fundamental physics A, (2) To be able to understand advanced concepts of dynamics of rigid bodies, (3) To develop the ability to tackle practical problem solving.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
1. Brief review of Cartesian, Spherical and Cylindrical coordinate systems, vector analysis and coordinate transformation, Newton's laws, inertial and non-inertial frames, conservation of energy and momentum, collision problems, distributed systems and center of mass (5 weeks)											
2. Central forces, angular momentum, planetary motion and Kepler's laws (2 weeks)											
3. Motion observed from non-inertial frames; fictitious forces (2 weeks)											
4. Simple motion of Rigid bodies, angular momentum, rotation along fixed axis, moment of inertia (2 weeks)											
5. General motion of rigid bodies, inertia tensor and principal axes, Euler's equations of rigid body rotation; precession and nutation, Free symmetric top, Euler angles, heavy symmetric top (3 weeks)											
6. Feedback (1 week)											
[Course requirements]											
Completion of Fundamental Physics A is required.											
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Advanced Dynamics-E2(2)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on active participation (10%), one assignments (40%), take-home type final examination conducted via Panda (50%).

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Following study materials and working on assignments

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Will be discussed in the class.

Lecture code: N207001

Course number	U-LAS12 10017 LE57						
Course title (and course title in English)	Physics of Wave and Oscillation Physics of Wave and Oscillation			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,KIM SUNMIN		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)	Physics(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Thu.4		Target year	Mainly 2nd year students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
This course deals with fundamentals of oscillations and waves which commonly relate to various fields in nature such as dynamic motion as well as electromagnetic phenomenon.							
[Course objectives]							
To understand the basic concepts of wave and oscillation with its mathematical description method							
[Course schedule and contents])							
The course contents are as follows:							
1) Introduction to the wave and oscillation phenomena 2) Equation and solution of simple harmonic motion 3) The solution of simple harmonic motion (continued) 4) Resistance and damped oscillation 5) Damped oscillation and forced vibration 6) Forced vibration and resonance 7) Coupled vibration and normal mode coordinates 8) Normal mode of a multi-degree-of-freedom system 9) Vibration of multiple rigid bodies 10) Vibration of an elastic body 11) Vibration of a string 12) Fourier series 13) Wave equation and solution, Sinewave 14) Waves superposition and interference <<Final Examination>> 15) Feedback							
[Course requirements]							
Having taken the course "Fundamental Physics A & B" is recommended.							
----- Continue to Physics of Wave and Oscillation(2) ↓ ↓ ↓							

Physics of Wave and Oscillation(2)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation is based on assignments (40%) and written tests (final exam: 60%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

Lecture notes will be provided during the class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Walter Fox Smith 『Wave and Oscillations』 (Oxford University Press) ISBN:978-0-19-539349-1 (very well organized context to deliver the basic concept of wave and oscillations)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Self-review is strongly recommended after each lecture.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No specific office hour. Email communication is preferred through [kim.sunmin.6x@kyoto-u.ac.jp].

Lecture code: N275001

Course number		U-LAS12 10032 LE57									
Course title (and course title in English)	Physics of Wave and Oscillation-E2 Physics of Wave and Oscillation-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer,BANERJEE, Amit						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Fri.4	Target year	Mainly 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Through theoretical explanations and (some) experimental demonstrations, this course will enable students to grasp, explain, and apply the fundamental concepts of oscillation and wave related phenomena in physical systems.											
[Course objectives]											
Physics of oscillation and wave related phenomenon is a fundamental tool for understanding nature and many branches of modern technology. In my opinion, it is also one of the most 'fun' topics in physics to study!											
In this course, we will begin our study with the simplest situation involving oscillation of one particle and slowly build up a comprehensive theoretical understanding of complex vibrations and wave. Also, whenever possible, we will test these theories through experimental demonstrations.											
My primary objectives in this course are:											
(1) to clearly explain the fundamental theoretical concepts of oscillation and wave related phenomena in physical systems, (2) to show experimental verification of these concepts wherever possible, (3) to elaborate the technological significance of these concepts, (4) to motivate practical problem solving.											
[Course schedule and contents])											
1. Oscillation of a single particle: simple harmonic motion, equation of motion and its solution, potential and kinetic energies; damped harmonic oscillator and Quality factor; damped-forced vibration and the phenomenon of resonance; superposition principle. (5 weeks)											
2. Coupled oscillators: coupled oscillation of two particles; normal modes; 3 coupled oscillators; N-coupled oscillators. (5 weeks)											
3. Waves: wave equation and its solutions; longitudinal and transverse waves; normal modes of a string under tension; standing and travelling waves; Fourier decomposition of plucked strings' vibration; dispersion, group and phase velocities. (4 weeks)											
4. Feedback. (1 week)											
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Physics of Wave and Oscillation-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

Basic knowledge of trigonometry and Newton's laws are required. Some understanding of complex numbers will be helpful.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation procedure: active participation (10%), one assignment (40%), and take-home type final examination conducted via Panda (50%)

[Textbooks]

A. P. French 『Vibrations and Waves』 (CBS Publishers & Distributors) ISBN:8123909144, 9788123909141 (The M.I.T. Introductory Physics Series, 2003)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Following study materials and working on assignment / homework

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Will be discussed in class

Lecture code: N251001

Course number		U-LAS12 10019 LE57									
Course title (and course title in English)	Advanced Course of Electromagnetism-E2 Advanced Course of Electromagnetism-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer,Lim, Sunghoon						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Tue.1		Target year	Mainly 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Based on the knowledge you gained from the Fundamental Physics B course, this course will expand your understanding of electromagnetic theory. After a review of the basics of classical electromagnetism up-to Maxwell's equations, we will explore the subjects of electromagnetic wave propagation, interference and diffraction, as well as the derivation of electric and magnetic properties in substances and their boundaries.											
[Course objectives]											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow the historical progression in our understanding of electromagnetic laws. - Understand the meaning of physical properties in electromagnetism. - Apply the laws electromagnetism to solve practical problems. 											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mathematics review: Coordinate systems, fields, gradient, divergence, curl [2 week]. 2. Electrics review: Coulomb's force, dipoles, electric potential, Gauss's law [2 weeks]. 3. Magnetics review: Ampere's law, Faraday's law [2 weeks]. 4. AC circuits: Resistive, inductive, and capacitive load [1 week]. 5. Maxwell's equations: Electromagnetic radiation, interference, diffraction [4 weeks]. 6. Electromagnetic properties in substances and at boundaries [2 weeks]. 7. Finite element analysis for electromagnetism and its applications [1 weeks]. 											
Final examination [1 week].											
Feedback session [1 week].											
[Course requirements]											
Fundamental Physics B course.											
[Evaluation methods and policy]											
Evaluation will be based on:											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Class Participation (20%): Student participation will be asked in solving problems and discussing theories and their application. - Homework (30%): Typical problems will be assigned, which you can solve by applying the laws and methods learnt during lectures. - Final examination (50%): You will be tested with a series of problems that combine previously studied cases and original cases. 											
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Advanced Course of Electromagnetism-E2(2)

[Textbooks]

Study guides will be provided every week, to help you expand your knowledge. The study guides closely match the week's topic, providing in-depth explanations, problem solving strategies, and summaries of key points.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

David Griffiths 『Introduction to Electrodynamics』 (Pearson) ISBN:129-202-142-X (Amazon link: <http://www.amazon.co.jp/Introduction-Electrodynamics-4th-David-Griffiths-ebook/dp/B00HR7MXAY>)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

For smooth progress of the class, I recommend that students refer to the reference book or textbooks on 'Fundamental Physics' to understand the terminologies related to class in advance. Students can review the contents of the class using the lecture notes, and take-home assignments will be given to help them understand.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Questions can be sent by email, and will be answered either electronically or by appointment (depending on the case).

Lecture code: N260003

Course number		U-LAS12 10026 LE57					
Course title (and course title in English)	Physics for All-E2 Physics for All-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Senior Lecturer, DECHANT, Andreas		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Foundations)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester	
Days and periods	Wed.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For liberal arts students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course introduces physics to students from non-physics majors. Students will learn about the basics of classical physics-mechanics and electrodynamics. While the main purpose of this course is to gain an intuitive understanding of elementary physics, another major objective is to learn the art of problem solving: How can we use what we learned to tackle problems that we have not encountered before? Physics, with its combination of fundamental concepts and concrete problems, provides a unique opportunity to acquire this crucial skill.

[Course objectives]

- Understand the basics of mechanics and electrodynamics and where they appear in everyday situations.
- Become familiar with the underlying mathematical concepts.
- Learn how to solve problems in a systematic way.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Week 1: Observation, measurement, and units

Here, we will learn how to observe physical laws in the world around us. We will introduce different physical quantities, their units and how to measure them.

Week 2-4: Motion in one, two and three dimensions

In this section, we will learn how to use calculus to describe the motion of objects, first along a straight line and then along paths in three-dimensional space.

Week 5-6: Newton's laws of motion

This section deals with forces acting on physical objects. We will discuss Newton's three laws and learn how to apply them to predict whether and how objects will move under the influence of forces.

Week 7-9: Momentum and energy

We will introduce the concepts of momentum and energy and discuss how the fact that they do not change during the motion of objects helps us to predict the flight of rockets and the outcomes of collisions.

Week 10-11: Oscillations and periodic motion

Oscillations, like the swinging of a pendulum, shape our daily lives in many ways, the most obvious being the earth's orbit around the sun; in physics, they are equally important and fundamental for understanding many phenomena. In this section, we will learn why periodic motion is so universal and how we can describe it

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using differential equations.

Week 12-14: Electrodynamics

In the final part of this course, we will learn about electric and magnetic fields and how they can be used to describe the motion of charged objects. The goal of this section is to understand the physical basis of electricity, which is so crucial for our daily lives.

Week 15 : Final written examination

Week 16 : Feedback

[Course requirements]

Students should be familiar with high-school level mathematics (algebra, calculus and vectors). Having taken a physics course in high school is helpful but not required.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The final score will be determined by weekly exercise sheets (50%) and the final written examination (50%). Students need at least 60% in total to pass.

[Textbooks]

H.D. Young and R.A. Freedman 『University Physics with Modern Physics』 (Pearson) ISBN:978-0135216118

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be asked to complete and hand in assignments on a weekly basis.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hour: Wed. 15:00-16:00

Lecture code: N260004

Course number		U-LAS12 10026 LE57						
Course title (and course title in English)	Physics for All-E2 Physics for All-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Life and Medical Sciences Assistant Professor,KIM, Young Kwan			
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		
Days and periods	Wed.4		Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
The lecture will focus on enabling students, especially from non-physics majors, to grasp basic concepts and principles of physics, and to learn how to apply them to understand the physical world around us. Particular focus will be on problem solving in mechanics, which will be presented systematically so that students gain a deeper understanding of mathematical and logical treatment of familiar physical problems.								
[Course objectives]								
1) To introduce students with little physics background to basic but important concepts in physics. 2) To nurture students' problem solving ability in physics. 3) To impact a deeper understanding of familiar physical phenomena.								
[Course schedule and contents])								
The following topics will be introduced from the basics, assuming that students have little prior knowledge of physics.								
1) VECTORS IN MOTION (2 weeks) Here we will learn about vectors and how to use them to describe motion in terms of position, displacement, velocity and acceleration.								
2) KINEMATICS (3 weeks) We will learn how to use vectors to describe kinematics, such as linear, projectile and circular motions, and also be able to derive the kinematic equations of motion when given displacement, velocity and a constant acceleration.								
3) NEWTON'S LAWS OF MOTION (3 weeks) Newton's laws of motion are at the core of classical mechanics and the foundation of modern physics. In this topic, you will explore the relationships between force and acceleration described in Newton's laws and practice using them to solve common problems involving motion in nature.								
4) MOMENTUM, WORK AND ENERGY (4 weeks) In this chapter, we will introduce important physical quantities such as momentum, work and energy. By extending the Newton's laws, we will learn the principle of conservation of linear momentum and the work-energy theorem. Concepts of potential energy and kinetic energy and the law of conservation of mechanical energy will be introduced.								
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5) GRAVITATION (2 weeks)

One of the goals of physics is to understand the gravitational force. Newton's law of gravitation and gravitational potential energy will be explained and applied to relevant examples in dynamics. We will obtain deeper understanding of gravitation that we take for granted.

6) EXAM (1 week)

7) FEEDBACK (1 week)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Regular assignments: 25%; End-term exam: 75%

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

There are no required textbooks or reference books for purchase. If needed, please refer to the book below that is available in the Kyoto University Library.

David Halliday, Robert Resnick and Jearl Walker, "Fundamentals of Physics 10th Edition extended", Wiley, ISBN 978-1-118-23072-5

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are encouraged to spare enough time for review of previous lectures and read ahead in preparation for future lectures.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hour will be announced during class.

Lecture code: N260005

Course number	U-LAS12 10026 LE57						
Course title (and course title in English)	Physics for All-E2 Physics for All-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer, Tam Willy Nguyen			
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)	Physics(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Thu.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
Physics is the foundation of our understanding of the natural world. This course introduces the fundamental principles of mechanics and electrodynamics, emphasizing both intuitive understanding and mathematical reasoning. Designed for first-year students, including those from non-physics majors, it focuses on problem-solving skills and real-world applications.							
Through interactive lectures, practical examples, and mathematical exercises, students will develop a physicist's way of thinking, learning how to analyze and describe natural phenomena using physics.							
[Course objectives]							
By the end of this course, students will be able to:							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Understand fundamental principles of mechanics and electrodynamics and their role in everyday life. Apply mathematical reasoning to describe and predict physical behavior. Develop problem-solving skills to tackle unfamiliar physics problems systematically. Recognize real-world applications of physics, from simple motions to advanced technologies. 							
[Course schedule and contents])							
Week 1: Introduction to Physics							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course overview and expectations - The scientific method and its application in physics - Basic mathematical tools (algebra and trigonometry review) 							
Weeks 2-3: Kinematics							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion in one dimension: displacement, velocity, and acceleration - Motion in two dimensions: projectile motion - Utilizing vectors in physics 							
Weeks 4-5: Newton's Laws of Motion							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First, second, and third laws - Applications and problem-solving strategies - Friction, tension, and normal forces 							
Weeks 6-7: Work and Energy							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work done by a force 							
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- Kinetic and potential energy
- Conservation of energy principles

Weeks 8-9: Momentum and Collisions

- Linear momentum and impulse
- Conservation of momentum
- Elastic and inelastic collisions

Weeks 10-11: Rotational Motion

- Angular velocity and acceleration
- Torque and rotational dynamics
- Conservation of angular momentum

Weeks 12-13: Oscillations and Waves

- Simple harmonic motion
- Energy in oscillations
- Wave properties and types

Weeks 14-15: Electromagnetism Basics

- Electric forces and fields
- Basic circuits and Ohm's law
- Magnetic fields and forces

Week 16: Final Review and Examination

[Course requirements]

Students should be familiar with high-school level mathematics, including algebra, basic calculus, and vectors. Prior experience with physics in high school is helpful but not required. The course will introduce concepts step by step to accommodate students with varying backgrounds.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Assignments will be given regularly to assess students' understanding of lecture content.

Evaluation:

- Assignments: 40%
- Final Exam: 50%
- Class Participation: 10% (includes attending lectures, engaging in discussions, and contributing to problem-solving activities, either individually or in small groups). Active listening and thoughtful questions are also valued.

Students need at least 60% in total to pass the course.

[Textbooks]

H.D. Young and R.A. Freedman 『University Physics with Modern Physics, 15th Edition』 (Pearson)
ISBN:978 (0135159552)

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[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

- Assignments will be given weekly, reinforcing key concepts and problem-solving techniques.
- Students are expected to review lecture notes and attempt practice problems before the next class.
- Reading relevant textbook sections in advance is recommended to enhance understanding and class engagement.
- Preparing for the final exam will require consistent revision throughout the course.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N253001

Course number		U-LAS12 10021 LE57									
Course title (and course title in English)	A Guide to Modern Physics A-E2 A Guide to Modern Physics A-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Professor,WENDELL,Roger						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Foundations)						
Language of instruction		English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks		1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester				
Days and periods	Tue.3		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course will gently introduce topics from classical (Newtonian) mechanics, thermodynamics, and touch on ideas in modern physics, such as relativity. Prior knowledge of physics is not required and students from any major will be able to follow the course.											
Lectures will be discussion-oriented, with several examples and in-class demonstrations. There will be many opportunities for students to improve their scientific English abilities.											
[Course objectives]											
The object of the course is to understand fundamental concepts in modern physics and learn about how to describe the natural world with science.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
Lectures will introduce students to various topics in fundamental physics.											
1) Topics in classical Mechanics: Velocity, Acceleration, Momentum, Forces, Gravity, Equations of Motion											
2) Topics in thermodynamics: Heat, Work, Entropy, Carnot Cycle											
3) Topics in Light and Waves Wave nature of light, Refraction, Interference, Optics											
4) Topics in Modern Physics Basic Quantum Mechanics, Special Relativity											
We will spend 3 to 4 weeks on each of the topics above, choosing those most suitable for enrolled students. Each topic will be presented in a clear and simple format without use of advanced mathematics.											
There will be a total of 15 lectures total, including the feedback session.											
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A Guide to Modern Physics A-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

No prior physics experience is required. We might introduce differentiation and integration in some cases, but these will be explained in simple terms.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Student's comprehension of the course material will be evaluated based on participation in in-class discussions (20 points) and reports (80 points).

[Textbooks]

We won't use a single textbook, but the lecturer will provide materials relevant for each topic.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

In order to get the most from the lectures, students need to review material from the previous lecture for discussion. Homework will be due two weeks from the date it is assigned and students are encouraged to bring questions during the intervening week to improve their understanding of the assignment.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students interested in improving their scientific English and learning something about physics are encouraged to join this course.

Lecture code: N278001

Course number	U-LAS12 10035 LE57						
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Solid State Physics-E2 Introduction to Solid State Physics-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,Jorge Luis Puebla Nunez		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)	Physics(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits 2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters 2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Thu.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students For science students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
Take the students from the states of matter and the forces that hold matter to the introduction to basic concepts in solid state physics such as crystals structures, lattice vibrations and electron distributions in solids.							
[Course objectives]							
Familiarize students with basic concepts of solid-state materials, particularly semiconductors and metals. The concepts are the required background to more advance lectures.							
[Course schedule and contents])							
Introduction to Solid State Physics (Lecture 1 to Lecture 2)							
Crystal structures (Lecture 3 to Lecture 5)							
Wave diffraction of the reciprocal lattice (Lecture 6 to Lecture 7)							
Crystal binding and elastic constants (Lecture 8 to Lecture 9)							
Phonons (Lecture 9 to Lecture 10)							
Free electron and Fermi gas (Lecture 11)							
Energy bands (Lecture 12 to Lecture 13)							
Summary of the course (Lecture 14)							
Feedback (Lecture 15)							
[Course requirements]							
None							
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[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on participation (20%), lecture problems (30%), and final exam (50%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Bibliography:

- Introduction to Solid State Physics by Charles Kittel (Main reference)
- Solid State Physics by Philip W. Anderson
- Physical Theory of Crystal Lattices by Lev D. Landau and Evgeny M. Lifshitz (Advanced reference)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Review of the lectures is strongly recommended.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N272001

Course number		U-LAS12 10031 LE57				
Course title (and course title in English)	Fundamentals of Materials I-E2 Fundamentals of Materials I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor, GAO, Si	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Thu.2	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This is the first half of a two-semester course Fundamentals of Materials. The purpose of this course is to give a concise but comprehensive introduction covering all major classes of materials to the students majored in physical engineering. The characteristics of all main classes of materials - metals, polymers and ceramics, as well as their physical properties, are explained with reference to real-world examples. In the first semester we will firstly introduce the elements and atomic structure, and then mainly focus on the structure and mechanical properties of metallic materials.

[Course objectives]

Students are expected to have a broad understanding of fundamental aspects of metallic materials, such as atomic microstructure, microstructures and mechanical properties of metallic materials by taking this course.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Week 1. Introduction to materials and materials science
 Week 2. Atomic structure and interatomic bonding
 Week 3. Structure of crystalline solids
 Week 4-5. Imperfections in solids
 Week 5. Diffusion
 Week 6-7. Mechanical properties of metals
 Week 8. Strengthening mechanisms in crystalline materials
 Week 9. Failure of materials
 Week 10. Phase diagrams
 Week 11. Phase transformations
 Week 12-13. Engineering alloys
 Week 14. Characterization techniques of the materials

A total of 14 lectures and one feedback class will be given.

[Course requirements]

None

Continue to Fundamentals of Materials I-E2(2) ↓ ↓ ↓

Fundamentals of Materials I-E2(2)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and class participation [50%]

Homework assignments [50%]

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

William D. Callister, David G. Rethwisch, 『Materials Science and Engineering: An Introduction』 (John Wiley & Sons Inc) ISBN:1118319222

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Assignment (Quiz) are set for the review after class. The necessary time for assignments is around 1.5 hours for each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N273001

Course number	U-LAS12 10029 LE57				
Course title (and course title in English)	Fundamentals of Materials II-E2 Fundamentals of Materials II-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor, GAO, Si	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)	Physics(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters
Days and periods	Mon.2	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For science students
[Overview and purpose of the course]					
This is the second half of a two-semester course Fundamentals of Materials. The purpose of this course is to give a concise but comprehensive introduction covering all major classes of materials to the students majored in physical engineering. The characteristics of all main classes of materials, metals, polymers and ceramics, as well as their physical properties, are explained with reference to real-world examples. In the second semester we will mainly focus on the structure and physical properties of ceramics, polymers and composites. Electrical, thermal, magnetic and optical properties of materials will also be introduced.					
[Course objectives]					
By taking this course the students are expected to have a broad understanding of fundamental aspects regarding to the processing and properties of ceramics, polymers and composites.					
[Course schedule and contents)]					
Week 1-2. Structures and properties of ceramics Week 3. Applications and processing of ceramics Week 4-5. Polymer structures Week 6. Characteristics, applications and processing of polymers Week 7-8. Composites Week 9. Corrosion and degradation of materials Week 10. Electrical properties Week 11. Thermal properties Week 12. Magnetic properties Week 13. Optical properties Week 14. Economic, environmental, and societal issues in materials science and engineering					
A total of 14 lectures and one feedback class will be given.					
[Course requirements]					
None					
----- Continue to Fundamentals of Materials II-E2(2) ↓ ↓ ↓					

Fundamentals of Materials II-E2(2)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and class participation [50%]

Homework assignments [50%]

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

William D. Callister, David G. Rethwisch, 『Materials Science and Engineering: An Introduction』 (John Wiley & Sons Inc) ISBN:1118319222

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Assignment (Quizes) are set for the review after class. The necessary time for assignments is around 1.5 hours for each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N257001

Course number		U-LAS12 20002 LE57									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Statistical Physics-E2 Introduction to Statistical Physics-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor,PETERS,Robert						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Development)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Wed.4		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
<p>This course gives an introduction to statistical physics. In particular, I will introduce the probability concept in physics and the microcanonical and canonical ensembles.</p> <p>Furthermore, this course aims to derive and understand the laws of thermodynamics, starting from a microscopic view. Among the subjects covered is the statistical interpretation of temperature and entropy.</p>											
<p>In principle, this course is given in English. However, if there are parts that the students cannot understand in English, I can and will explain those in Japanese.</p>											
<p>このコースでは統計物理学の入門を行う。特に、物理学における確率の概念、ミクロカノニカルアンサンブルとカノニカルアンサンブルを説明する。</p> <p>さらにこのコースでは、ミクロな視点から熱力学の法則を導き出し、理解することを目指す。また、温度とエントロピーの統計的解釈についても学ぶ。</p>											
<p>このコースは原則として英語で行われる。ただし、英語で理解できない部分があれば、日本語で説明することも可能。</p>											
[Course objectives]											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding the connection between microscopic Hamiltonian and macroscopic properties - Understanding the laws of thermodynamics and the thermodynamic potentials starting from statistical physics 											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 微視的なハミルトニアンと巨視的な特性との関連を理解する。 - 統計物理学から始まる熱力学の法則と熱力学ポテンシャルの理解 											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
<p>In principle, the course will be offered as the following plan. However, there may be small changes depending on the progress of the course.</p>											
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1: Probability and rules for large numbers 2: Ideal gas and its velocity distribution function 3. Microcanonical ensemble and entropy 4: Laws of thermodynamics 5-6: Two-level system and the ideal gas in the microcanonical ensemble 											
<p>Continue to Introduction to Statistical Physics-E2(2) ↓↓</p>											

Introduction to Statistical Physics-E2(2)

- 7-8: Equilibrium between systems
- 9: Canonical ensemble and free energy
- 10: Applications of the canonical ensemble
- 11: Different ensembles and thermodynamics potentials
- 12-13: Relations between thermodynamic derivatives
- 14: Fluctuations and expectation values

<<Final examination>>

- 15: Feedback

本コースは、原則として以下のプランで実施する。ただし、進行状況により若干の変更がある場合がある。

- 1 : 確率と大数の法則
- 2 : 理想気体とその速度分布関数
- 3. マイクロカノニカルアンサンブルとエントロピー
- 4 : 热力学の法則
- 5-6: ミクロカノニカルアンサンブルにおける2レベル系と理想気体
- 7-8: システム間での平衡
- 9: カノニカルアンサンブルと自由エネルギー
- 10: カノニカルアンサンブルの応用
- 11: 様々なアンサンブルと熱力学ポテンシャル
- 12-13: 热力学的導関数間の関係
- 14: ゆらぎと期待値

最終試験

- 15 : フィードバック

[Course requirements]

Basic Knowledge of calculus and classical mechanics.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Worksheets/reports (40%) + examination (40%) + attendance and participation (20%)

ワークシート/レポート(40%) + 試験(40%) + 出席と参加の状況(20%)

[Textbooks]

I will provide lecture notes.

講義ノートを提供する。

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Revision of the course by doing the worksheets

ワークシートによる復習

Continue to Introduction to Statistical Physics-E2(3) ↓↓↓

Introduction to Statistical Physics-E2(3)

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours: After the course

Furthermore, I will provide lecture notes which help to understand the lecture.

The worksheets will give students an opportunity to practice their English skills in science.

講義ノートを提供する。

オフィスアワーは 講義終了後

なお、講義の理解に役立つ講義ノートを配布する。

Lecture code: N254001

Course number		U-LAS12 20006 LE57						
Course title (and course title in English)	Analytic Dynamics-E2 Analytic Dynamics-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor,PETERS,Robert			
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Development)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Tue.3		Target year	Mainly 2nd year students	Eligible students	For science students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
<p>After a review of Newton's mechanics, I will introduce the Lagrangian formalism for solving problems in theoretical mechanics. This course focuses on a comprehensive derivation and understanding of Lagrangian mechanics, i.e., the Euler-Lagrange equations.</p> <p>The main goal is that every student will be able to use the Euler-Lagrange equations to solve problems in classical mechanics.</p>								
<p>In principle, this course is given in English. However, if there are parts that the students cannot understand in English, I can and will explain them in Japanese.</p>								
<p>ニュートン力学の復習の後、ラグランジュ形式の解析力学を講義する。このコースでは、ラグランジュ力学、すなわちオイラー・ラグランジュ方程式の導出と包括的な理解を目的としている。目標はすべての学生がオイラー・ラグランジュ方程式を使って古典力学の問題を解くことができるようになることである。</p>								
<p>この講義は原則として英語で行う。ただし、英語で理解できない部分があれば、日本語で説明することも可能。</p>								
[Course objectives]								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to understand and be able to use the Lagrangian formalism. <p>目標は、ラグランジュ形式論を理解し、使えるようになります。</p>								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
<p>This course will cover the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to Lagrangian mechanics - Application of Lagrangian mechanics to more complex examples - Introduction to the Hamiltonian formalism 								
<p>In principle, the course will be offered as the following plan. However, there may be small changes depending on the progress.</p>								
<p>(Introduction to Lagrangian mechanics) 1-2 Review of Newton's mechanics 3 Derivation of the Lagrangian equations</p>								
<p>----- Continue to Analytic Dynamics-E2(2) ↓ ↓ ↓</p>								

Analytic Dynamics-E2(2)

4-5 Simple applications of the Lagrangian equations

6-7 Lagrangian multiplier

8-9 Introduction to variational calculus and its application to mechanics

(Complex examples)

9-12 Coupled Oscillations

(Introduction to the Hamiltonian formalism)

13-14 Hamiltonian formalism

<<Final examination>>

15. Feedback

If there is time left, there will be an additional chapter about central forces.

このコースで扱うのは以下のトピックである：

- ラグランジュ力学入門
- ラグランジュ力学の複雑な例への応用
- ハミルトン形式論の紹介

この講義は以下の計画で実施する予定である。ただし、進捗状況により若干の変更がある可能性もある。

(ラグランジュ力学入門)

1-2 ニュートン力学の復習

3 ラグランジュ方程式の導出

4-5 ラグランジュ方程式の簡単な応用

6-7 ラグランジュの未定乗数法

8-9 変分法の導入と力学への応用

(複雑な例)

9-12 連成振動

(ハミルトン形式入門)

13-14 ハミルトン形式

最終試験

15. フィードバック

時間があれば、中心力についての章を追加する。

[Course requirements]

-understanding of kinematics and Newton's mechanics

-knowledge of differentials and integrals

前提とする知識

-ニュートン力学

-微分と積分

Continue to Analytic Dynamics-E2(3) ↓ ↓ ↓

Analytic Dynamics-E2(3)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Worksheets/reports (40%) + examination (40%) + attendance and participation (20%)
ワークシート/レポート(40%) + 試験(40%) + 出席と参加の状況(20%)」

[Textbooks]

Besides book recommendations, I will upload lecture notes.

教科書のほか、講義ノートをアップロードする

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Revision of the course by doing the worksheets

ワークシートによる復習

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours: After the course

Furthermore, I will provide lecture notes to help students understand the lecture.

The worksheets will give students an opportunity to practice their English skills in science.

オフィスアワーは講義終了後

さらに、講義の理解に役立つ講義ノートを提供する。

また、ワークシートにより、理科の英語力を高める。

Lecture code: N270001

Course number	U-LAS12 20020 LE57				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Quantum Physics-E2 Introduction to Quantum Physics-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer, Arseniy Aleksandrovich, Kuzmin
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)	Physics(Development)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters
Days and periods	Tue.4		Target year	Mainly 2nd year students	Eligible students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Quantum mechanics is one of the most successful theories in physics. It describes the physics of the microscopic world: molecular, atomic and subatomic processes. At first, we will follow the history of the quantum mechanics, and start with the black body radiation. The necessity of quantization arises from the failure to describe the black body radiation using classical physics. We will then examine the experimental evidences of the particle-wave duality. The Schrodinger equation is then introduced to describe simplest quantum systems. This course aims to show the necessity of quantum mechanics and to give listeners tools to describe the basic quantum systems.

[Course objectives]

To understand the fundamental concepts of quantum mechanics.
To learn mathematical methods which describe quantum objects.

[Course schedule and contents)]

In this course the following topics are covered:

1. Brief overview of relativistic energy and momentum. When classical physics was not enough anymore.
2. Black body radiation. Classical and quantum approaches.
3. Quantum properties of electro-magnetic radiation: photoelectric effect, Bothe experiment, Compton effect.
4. Rutherford model of atom.
5. Bohr model of atom.
6. Wave properties of particles: De Broglie's wave hypothesis.
7. Experimental conformations of De Broglie's hypothesis. Uncertainty principle.
8. Wave function and Schrodinger equation.
9. Particle in the infinite potential well.
10. One dimensional quantum system: harmonic oscillator.
11. Quantum tunneling of particles through potential barriers.
12. Physical states and operators.
13. Postulates of quantum mechanics.
14. Quantization of angular momentum.
15. lectures in total and one feedback class

----- Continue to Introduction to Quantum Physics-E2(2) ↓↓↓

Introduction to Quantum Physics-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

It is desirable to take introduction to physics A and B courses. Knowledge of mechanics and wave theory is welcome.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on:

30% homework, attendance, and participation

20% quiz

50% final exam

[Textbooks]

I. V. Savelyev 『Physics, a general course (vol. 3)』 (Mir Publishers) ISBN:5-03-000900-0

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Preparation for lectures will include revision of class materials and homework assignments. Detailed instructions will be given during the class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N274001

Course number		U-LAS12 20022 LE57				
Course title (and course title in English)	Soft Matter Physics-E2 :From Condensed Matter to Life Soft Matter Physics-E2 :From Condensed Matter to Life			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Senior Lecturer, BRANDANI, Giovanni • Bruno	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Development)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Wed.5		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Soft matter is a broad term used to describe substances that are neither solid nor liquid. These include many materials that we encounter daily in our life, such as soap, rubber, and ice-cream, but also much of the components of life itself, such as chromosomes and membranes. In this course, we will use the tools of physics to understand how simple components can lead to the complex behavior observed in soft materials and living systems. More specifically, we will see why the properties of soft materials change over time and depending on how the material is manipulated; learn about the physics of polymers and the origin of rubber elasticity; and understand how small molecules can self-assemble into more complex structures. The students will also have many opportunities to apply the theory of soft matter to answer interesting questions in biology. For example, how can proteins adopt their unique folded structure that let them perform their function so well? How difficult is for cells and viruses to organize their long genome into a compact space? How do membranes transform and make complex life possible?

[Course objectives]

To recognize the various types of soft materials around us and in living organisms.

To explain the key properties of soft materials using simple theoretical arguments based on thermodynamics.

To explore the science of life from the perspective of soft matter physics.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Schedule:

1. Introduction to the course
2. Introduction to thermodynamics and statistical physics
3. Colloidal suspensions and the role of entropy in the state of matter
4. Interactions between colloidal particles
5. The response of materials to stress: visco-elasticity and glasses
6. Polymers and their conformation in space
7. The physics of DNA and applications to genome organization
8. The protein folding problem
9. Formation of gels and the origin of rubber elasticity
10. Multi-component fluids: mixed or unmixed?
11. The dynamics of phase separation (also, why it is difficult to make stable emulsions)
12. Understanding crystallization
13. Self-assembly and membranes
14. Extra topic / exam preparation

Continue to Soft Matter Physics-E2 :From Condensed Matter to Life(2) ↓↓↓

Soft Matter Physics-E2 :From Condensed Matter to Life(2)

15. Final exam

16. Feedback

* 15 lectures per semester, the semester yields two credits (including classes for feedback). Note: the above class numbers do not include examinations.

[Course requirements]

Course open to all students, but a basic knowledge of classical mechanics is helpful.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Class attendance and participation (50%), final exam (50%)

[Textbooks]

Richard A. L. Jones. 『Soft Condensed Matter』 (Oxford University Press) ISBN:9780198505891

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are encouraged to take notes during class and to review them afterwards.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Please feel free to contact me by email at brandani@biophys.kyoto-u.ac.jp

Lecture code: N269001

Course number		U-LAS12 20019 LE57				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Plasma Science-E2 Introduction to Plasma Science-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer, Arseniy Aleksandrovich, Kuzmin	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Development)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Tue.3	Target year	Mainly 1st year students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Plasma is diverse and very abundant. Almost 99% of the visible matter in the observable Universe is in the state of plasma. It is everywhere in Space and on Earth, naturally occurring and produced in laboratories or used in factories. Stars, nebulas, Auroras, sparks, arc welding, thermonuclear reactors - this is just a beginning of a big list of various plasmas.

In this course the so-called fourth state of matter - plasma, will be introduced. We will start with a brief overview of possible plasmas and will define it. Next, we'll go into some details about plasma description. There are various approaches to describe plasma, they depend on the plasma kind. We will mainly focus on a single particle approach. If you are not familiar with some mathematics or physics, I will introduce the necessary concepts in class. So any humanities students are welcome.

After we finish with a more formal descriptions, we will review some of the cosmic plasmas: our Sun, solar wind, and Auroras.

Then I will introduce some of technological plasma applications and will focus on explanation of a magnetic confinement of plasma for energy generation.

[Course objectives]

The goal of this course is to introduce listeners to the "forth state of matter" - plasma.

To understand what is plasma and what are its properties.

To learn the role of plasma in the cosmic phenomena.

To learn about scientific and technological applications of plasma.

To understand basic idea of the fusion energy research.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Kinds of plasma, definitions of plasma.
2. Gas discharges: we'll follow an electron and discover the fundamentals of ionization, excitation, and other phenomena important in gas discharges and more.
3. Laboratory plasma and how to make one: breakdown of gases.
4. Laboratory plasma: glow, arc and corona discharges.
5. Technological applications of plasma.
6. Cosmic plasma: star formation and start structure.
7. From Sun to Earth: solar corona, solar wind, and Aurora.

Continue to Introduction to Plasma Science-E2(2) ↓↓

Introduction to Plasma Science-E2(2)

8.The ultimate energy source on Earth: thermonuclear fusion.

15 lectures in total and one feedback class.

1-2 lessons will be held for each item.

[Course requirements]

At the beginning of the course, you do not need the knowledge of Mathematics and Physics. Some grasp of Mathematics and Physics is important, however, the essential knowledge for the course will be provided as needed in class.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on:

10% attendance and participation

20% homework

20% quiz

50% final exam

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

John Wesson 『Tokamaks』 (Clarendon Pres - Oxford) ISBN:0-198-50922-7

Syun-Ichi Akasofu 『Exploring the secrets of the aurora』 (Springer) ISBN: 0-387-45094-7

A. C. Phillips 『The physics of stars』 (John Wiley & Sons) ISBN:0-471-94057-5

Markus Aschwanden 『Physics of the solar corona』 (Springer) ISBN:3-540-30765-6

Francis F. Chen 『Introduction to Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion』 (Springer) ISBN: 978-3-319-22308-7

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Preparation for lectures will include revision of class materials and homework assignments. Detailed instructions will be given during the class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N248001

Course number		U-LAS12 20017 LE57				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Cosmology-E2 Introduction to Cosmology-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics Associate Professor, Antonio De Felice	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Development)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

The aim of this lecture is to introduce the basic concepts of modern cosmology. Our current understanding about the history of the universe is explained so that one can capture how observational data are interpreted with the aid of the law of physics in an elementary way. For this purpose, the development of the basic theories of physics necessary to describe modern cosmology will be reviewed in a less rigorous way. The lecture is supposed to be interactive.

[Course objectives]

Students will be able to understand how to approach the study of cosmology in a mathematical and physical way.

They will be introduced to the problems of modern cosmology, and to the methods cosmologist use to try to solve them.

The discussion will tend to link cosmology to other fields in physics, e.g. thermodynamics, (some notions of) particle physics.

[Course schedule and contents)]

- I. Introduction and Historical backgrounds
- II. The Role of the Speed of Light in Special Relativity
- III. Newtonian Gravity and General Relativity
- IV. Homogeneous Universe Model based on General Relativity and Discovery of the Expanding Universe
- V. Tips of Thermodynamics
- VI. Nucleosynthesis in the Early Universe
- VII. Prediction and Discovery of Cosmic Microwave background
- VIII Shortcoming of the Big-Bang Cosmology
- IX. Inflationary universe
- X. Inevitable Quantum fluctuation
- XI. Structure Formation of the Universe
- XII. Inflation Again in the Present Universe?

In total, at most 14 classes will be offered (one for each week of the semester) plus one feedback meeting with the students.

----- Continue to Introduction to Cosmology-E2(2) ↓ ↓ ↓

Introduction to Cosmology-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation method: 25%: mid term exam; 75%: final exam. No homework is given during the whole duration of the course.

[Textbooks]

Antonio De Felice 『Lecture notes』 (given in the class as a pdf file)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Michael Rowan-Robinson 『Cosmology』 (Clarendon Press, Oxford, 2011)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The students will be provided with the lecture notes of the course [as a pdf file in PandA and on kulasis]. They are supposed to study them, not only to review the work done in previous lectures but also to prepare for the upcoming ones.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours: 2hrs per week to be decided with the students [usually taking place on Fridays at noon]. E-mail will be provided, so that the students can contact the teacher at any time.

Lecture code: N249001

Course number		U-LAS12 20004 LE57									
Course title (and course title in English)	Theory of Special Relativity-E2 Theory of Special Relativity-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics Associate Professor, Antonio De Felice						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Physics(Development)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
The aim of this lecture is to introduce the basic concepts of Einstein's theory of relativity. First, the theory of special relativity will be explained in detail. After this, the basics of general relativity will be introduced in an elementary way. The lecture is supposed to be interactive.											
[Course objectives]											
The students will learn the formalism needed to study special/general relativity. They will learn a geometrical intuition in the theory of relativity.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
I. Introduction and Historical backgrounds II. Einstein's Principle of Relativity III. Special Relativity and Lorentz Transformation IV. Relativistic Mechanics V. Interesting Examples of Lorentz Transformation VI. Maxwell Equation and Lorentz Invariance VII. Relativistic Momentum and Energy II: Four Vectors and Transformation Properties VIII. General Relativity											
In total, at most 14 classes will be offered (one for each week of the semester) plus one feedback meeting with the students.											
[Course requirements]											
Fundamental Physics A (recommended), Fundamental Physics B (recommended)											
[Evaluation methods and policy]											
Evaluation method: 25%: mid term exam; 75%: final exam. No homework is given during the whole duration of the course.											
[Textbooks]											
Antonio De Felice 『Lecture notes (given in the class as a pdf file)』											
[References, etc.]											
(Reference book)											
Hans C. Ohanian, Remo Ruffini 『Gravitation and Spacetime』 (Cambridge University Press, 2013) Hans Stephani 『Relativity』 (Cambridge University Press, 2004)											
Continue to Theory of Special Relativity-E2(2) ↓↓											

Theory of Special Relativity-E2(2)

Wolfgang Pauli 『Theory of Relativity』 (Dover Publications, 1958)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The students will be provided with the lecture notes of the course [as a pdf file in PandA and on kulasis]. They are supposed to study them, not only to review the work done in previous lectures but also to prepare for the upcoming ones.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

2 hours of office hours per week to be decided with students [usually taking place on Fridays at noon]. E-mail will be provided, so that the students can contact the teacher at any time.

Lecture code: N371001

Course number	U-LAS13 10002 LE60				
Course title (and course title in English)	Essentials of Basic Physical Chemistry- E2 Essentials of Basic Physical Chemistry-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute of Advanced Energy Associate Professor,ARIVAZHAGAN RAJENDRAN
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Chemistry(Foundations)
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters
Days and periods	Wed.3		Target year	All students	Eligible students
				For science students	

[Overview and purpose of the course]

We learn about the structure, properties and reactions of matters for the base of physical chemistry. Contents are covered by following fields of the structure and properties of the atom and molecules, quantum chemistry, thermodynamics, and chemical reactions. Aim of this course is the understanding of these concepts.

[Course objectives]

The aim of this class is to understand the basic principles of physical chemistry for beginners.

[Course schedule and contents])

1. Basics and units of chemistry
 2. Structure and property of the atom: Bohr's atomic model
 3. Structure and property of the atom: Electronic waviness and orbit function
 4. Structure and property of the atom: Electron configuration and periodic table
 5. Structure and property of the atom: Ionization energy and electron affinity
 6. Molecules: Covalent bonds (s and p-bonds), hybrid orbitals
 7. Molecules: Coordinate bond
 8. Molecules: Ionic bonds, van der Waals force, and hydrogen bond
 9. Thermodynamics: 1st & 2nd law of thermodynamics and phase diagram
 10. Chemical equilibrium: Equilibrium constant and Le Chatelier's principle
 11. Chemical equilibrium: A rate equation and reaction mechanism
 12. Oxidation and reduction: Oxidation state and battery
 13. Acid and base: Definition and dissociation equilibrium
 14. Acid and base: Neutralization titration, hydrolysis, and buffer solution
 15. Assignment which is considered as a term examination
 16. Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

Continue to Essentials of Basic Physical Chemistry-E2(2) ↓↓↓

Essentials of Basic Physical Chemistry-E2(2)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Results will be evaluated by the submission of homework written in English (30%), attendance and discipline (20%), and assignment which is considered as a term examination (50%).

[Textbooks]

Peter Atkins and Julio de Paula 『Atkins' Physical Chemistry, 10th Edition』 (Oxford University Press)
ISBN:978-0-19-969740-3

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

I recommend that the students should review the points to be learned.

The students, who have not studied high-school physics, can take this lecture, it is desired that they should make up for the knowledge lacked by self-study and inquiry to the teacher after lectures or in office hour.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours are set at 15:00-17:00 in every Friday.

Lecture code: N365003

Course number	U-LAS13 10004 LE60				
Course title (and course title in English)	Basic Physical Chemistry (thermodynamics)-E2 Basic Physical Chemistry (thermodynamics)-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute of Advanced Energy Associate Professor,ARIVAZHAGAN RAJENDRAN
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)	Chemistry(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters
Days and periods	Thu.3		Target year	All students	Eligible students
				For science students	

[Overview and purpose of the course]

We learn about the thermodynamics in the state-change of matter, also in the chemical reactions. Contents of the lecture covers the following fields of change of state, thermodynamic laws, definition of the quantities (enthalpy, entropy, free energy, chemical potential), chemical equilibrium, and reaction kinetics. Aim of this course is the understanding of these concepts.

[Course objectives]

The aim of this class is to understand the basic principles of thermodynamics.

[Course schedule and contents])

1. Change of the system and quantity of state
 2. Thermal energy and work
 3. 1st law of thermodynamics: Change of internal energy and enthalpy
 4. Chemical reaction and thermal energy
 5. Interpretation of internal energy in molecular level
 6. Change of state of the ideal gas
 7. 2nd law of thermodynamics: Entropy
 8. Entropy change in the change of state
 9. 3rd law of thermodynamics: Conversion from heat to work
 10. Gibbs energy
 11. Change of the Gibbs energy when temperature and pressure change
 12. Chemical potential
 13. Change of state and chemical potential change of matter
 14. Chemical equilibrium and rate of chemical reaction
 15. Assignment which is considered as a term examination
 16. Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

Continue to Basic Physical Chemistry (thermodynamics)-E2(2) ↓ ↓ ↓

Basic Physical Chemistry (thermodynamics)-E2(2)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Results will be evaluated by the submission of homework written in English (30%), attendance and discipline (20%), and assignment which is considered as a term examination (50%).

[Textbooks]

Yunus A. Cengel and Michael A. Boles 『Thermodynamics: An Engineering Approach, 8th Edition in SI Units』 (McGraw-Hill Education) ISBN:978-981-4595-29-2

Peter Atkins and Julio de Paula 『Atkins' Physical Chemistry, 10th Edition』 (Oxford University Press) ISBN:978-0-19-969740-3

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

I recommend that the students should review the points to be learned.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours are set at 15:00-17:00 in every Friday.

Lecture code: N365002

Course number	U-LAS13 10004 LE60						
Course title (and course title in English)	Basic Physical Chemistry (thermodynamics)-E2 Basic Physical Chemistry (thermodynamics)-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer,Nguyen Thanh Phuc		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)	Chemistry(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Wed.1		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
Physical chemistry is the discipline that studies the basic concepts and principles of the formation of molecules and substances, the nature and characteristics of chemical bonds and molecular structures, chemical equilibrium, and reaction rates.							
This course is designed as introductory physical chemistry, specifically aims to learn and understand the principles and applications of thermodynamics. The knowledge learned from this course will be the foundation for learning all areas of chemistry, including advanced-level physical chemistry, organic chemistry, and inorganic chemistry.							

[Course objectives]

- To understand important thermodynamic quantities including the entropy and the free energies
 - To understand the laws of thermodynamics
 - To understand the phases of substances and the associated phase transitions
 - To be able to apply thermodynamics to physical and chemical equilibria

[Course schedule and contents])

The following topics will be covered. The order of topics and subtopics and the number of weeks allocated to each topic is subject to change, depending on the students' understanding.

1. Introduction to thermodynamics [1 week]
 2. Basic concepts of thermodynamics [1~2 weeks]
The system, the surrounding, thermodynamic states, state functions, work, heat, heat capacity
 3. Gas, ideal and real gases [1~2 weeks]
 4. Spontaneous processes and thermodynamic equilibrium [2~3 weeks]
The second law of thermodynamics, entropy, the Gibbs free energy
 5. Phase and phase transitions [1~2 weeks]
 6. Thermodynamics of chemical equilibrium [2~3 weeks]
 7. Examples of chemical equilibrium [2~3 weeks]
 8. Chemical Kinetics [1 week]
 9. Final paper (report)
 10. Feedback [1 week]

Total : 14 classes, 1 Feedback session

Continue to Basic Physical Chemistry (thermodynamics)-E2(2) ↓ ↓ ↓

Basic Physical Chemistry (thermodynamics)-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The evaluation will be based on a final paper (report) (86 points) and class attendance and active participation (14 points).

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

D. W. Oxtoby, H. P. Gillis, L. J. Butler 『Principles of Modern Chemistry, 8th Edition』 (Cengage Learning)
ISBN:1305079116

P. Atkins, J. D. Paula, J. Keeler 『Atkins' Physical Chemistry, 11th Edition』 (Oxford University Press)
ISBN:0198769865

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are responsible for the preparation and review of each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

It is advisable to ask questions and make comments willingly during the class.

Instructor: Nguyen Thanh Phuc (email: nthanhphuc@moleng.kyoto-u.ac.jp)

Office hour: appointment by email (Katsura campus, A4-205)

Lecture code: N366003

Course number	U-LAS13 10006 LE60		
Course title (and course title in English)	Basic Physical Chemistry (quantum theory)-E2 Basic Physical Chemistry (quantum theory)-E2	Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer,Nguyen Thanh Phuc
Group	Natural Sciences	Field(Classification)	Chemistry(Foundations)
Language of instruction	English	Old group	Group B
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)
Days and periods	Wed.1	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students
		Eligible students	For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Physical chemistry is the discipline that studies the basic concepts and principles of the formation of molecules and substances, the nature and characteristics of chemical bonds and molecular structures, chemical equilibrium, and reaction rates.

This course is designed as the introductory physical chemistry, specifically aims to learn and understand the principles of quantum mechanics and its applications to the formation of atoms and molecules, the basic constituents of substances. The knowledge learned from this course will be the foundation for learning all areas of chemistry, including advanced-level physical chemistry, organic chemistry, and inorganic chemistry.

[Course objectives]

- To understand the principles of quantum mechanics
 - To understand the descriptions of atoms and molecules based on quantum mechanics
 - To be able to use quantum mechanics to solve for the electronic wavefunctions in atoms and molecules
 - To understand the description of chemical bonds based on the concept of molecular orbitals

[Course schedule and contents])

The following topics will be covered. The order of topics and subtopics and the number of weeks allocated to each topic is subject to change, depending on the students' understanding.

1. Introduction to quantum mechanics [1 week]
The breakdown of classical mechanics and the birth of quantum mechanics
 2. Quantum mechanical principles [1~2 weeks]
Energy quantization, wave-particle duality, the Born interpretation of the wavefunction
 3. Examples of Schrodinger equation [1~2 weeks]
A particle in a box, tunneling, vibrational and rotational motions
 4. Hydrogen atom [1~2 weeks]
Atomic orbitals and their energies
 5. Multi-electron atoms [1~2 weeks]
Electron spin, the Pauli exclusive principle, the periodic table
 6. Diatomic and polyatomic molecules [1~2 weeks]
Molecular orbitals, linear-combination-of-atomic-orbital (LCAO) approximation
 7. Chemical bonds [1~2 weeks]
Covalent and ionic bonds
 8. Interactions between molecules [1~2 weeks]

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9. Final paper (report)

10. Feedback [1 week]

Total : 14 classes, 1 Feedback session

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The evaluation will be based on a final paper (report) (86 points) and class attendance and active participation (14 points).

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

P. Atkin, J. D. Paula, J. Keeler 『Atkin's Physical Chemistry, 11th Edition』 (Oxford University Press)

ISBN:0198769865

D. W. Oxtoby, H. P. Gillis, L. J. Butler 『Principles of Modern Chemistry, 8th Edition』 (Cengage Learning)

ISBN:1305079116

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are responsible for the preparation and review of each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

It is advisable to ask questions and make comments willingly during the class.

Instructor: Nguyen Thanh Phuc (email: nthanhphuc@moleng.kyoto-u.ac.jp)

Office hour: appointment by email (Katsura campus, A4-205)

Lecture code: N366004

Course number		U-LAS13 10006 LE60						
Course title (and course title in English)	Basic Physical Chemistry (quantum theory)-E2 Basic Physical Chemistry (quantum theory)-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute of Advanced Energy Associate Professor,ARIVAZHAGAN RAJENDRAN			
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Chemistry(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		
Days and periods	Wed.3		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For science students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
We learn about the basics of quantum theory from the chemistry point of view. At first, we learn about the properties of electromagnetic waves and De Broglie wave of matter. Once we understand the wave particle duality, we move to the fundamental atomic models such as Bohr atomic model. Then we learn about the quantization of energy, the wave function and orbitals of atoms, and Schrödinger wave equation. We solve the Schrödinger wave equation to get an insight on the absorption and vibrational spectra of molecules. We then study the wave function and atomic spectra of hydrogen atom, and spin of electron in detail. Finally, we learn about the application of quantum chemistry in various fields.								
[Course objectives]								
The aim of this class is to understand the basic principles of quantum chemistry.								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Property of the electromagnetic wave Bohr's atomic model De Broglie wave of matter Time independent Schrödinger wave equation Time dependent Schrödinger wave equation One dimensional potential wells One dimensional harmonic oscillation Wave equation of hydrogen atom Wave function and energy eigenvalue of hydrogen atom Angular momentum and Zeeman effect Spin of electron Spin-orbit interaction Term symbols and revised Zeeman effect Application of quantum chemistry Assignment which is considered as a term examination Feedback 								
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Basic Physical Chemistry (quantum theory)-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Results will be evaluated by the submission of homework written in English (30%), attendance and discipline (20%), and assignment which is considered as a term examination (50%).

[Textbooks]

Donald A. McQuarrie 『Quantum Chemistry, 2nd Edition』 (University Science Books) ISBN:978-1-891389-50-4

Peter Atkins and Julio de Paula 『Atkins' Physical Chemistry, 10th Edition』 (Oxford University Press)
ISBN:978-0-19-969740-3

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

I recommend that the students should review the points to be learned.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours are set at 15:00-17:00 in every Friday.

Lecture code: N368002

Course number	U-LAS13 10008 LE60		
Course title (and course title in English)	Basic Organic Chemistry I-E2 Basic Organic Chemistry I-E2	Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,Juha Lintuluoto
Group	Natural Sciences	Field(Classification)	Chemistry(Foundations)
Language of instruction	English	Old group	Group B
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)
Days and periods	Thu.2	Target year	Mainly 1st year students
		Eligible students	For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

For natural science chemistry students (1st year class (T17-T22) designated in the Department of Chemical Science and Technology, Faculty of Engineering). This course will serve as an entrance to systematically study organic chemistry, which is essential for understanding useful substances such as pharmaceuticals, pesticides, fragrances, and materials at the molecular level. This course gives the opportunity to learn English while studying chemistry, an important skill for chemists. This course covers the Basic Organic Chemistry I 「基礎有機化学I」 course held for classes T17-22 in Japanese.

[Course objectives]

Learn the basics of organic chemistry as a molecular science and form the basis for learning advanced organic chemistry.

The comprehension goals for individual lecture items are described in the Course schedule and Contents.

[Course schedule and contents])

Using designated textbook, lectures will be given on topics 1-7 below. One feedback class will be held for this course to make 15 lessons in total.

1. Explanation on how to proceed with the lectures and an overview of organic chemistry (1 lesson)

- ## 2.Covalent bonding and shapes of molecules (3 Lessons)

Describing electronic structure of atoms, covalent bonds and molecular polarities. Understanding of molecular structures using valence bond and molecular orbital methods and resonance.

- ### 3. Alkanes and cycloalkanes (2 Lessons)

The IUPAC names, structure, conformation, and physical properties of alkanes and cycloalkanes will be described.

- ## 4. Acids and Bases (3 Lessons)

Bronsted-Lowry acids and bases, acid dissociation constants, pK_a , the relative strengths of acids and bases, the equilibrium of the acid-base reactions, reaction coordinate diagrams, molecular structure and acidity, and Lewis acids and bases are described.

- ## 5.Alkenes: Bonding and properties (1 Lesson)

The structure, character of the alkenes, and physical properties of alkenes will be described.

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6.Reaction mechanisms (1 Lesson)

How to describe and understand the reaction mechanisms of organic reactions.

7.Alkene reactions (4 Lessons)

The reaction mechanisms, reaction selectivity, and thermodynamics of electrophilic addition reactions to alkenes, oxidation reactions and reduction reactions of alkenes will be described.

[Course requirements]

This course is suitable for Chemical Science and Technology students from groups 1T17-1T22.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The course be conducted based on normal points (attendance and participation, homework and efforts, 20 points in total) and final exam (80 points).

[Textbooks]

Brown, Iverson, Anslyn, Foote 『Organic Chemistry』 (Cengage Learning) ISBN:978-0-357-45186-1 (9th Edition, Chapters 1-2, 4-6)

村上正浩監訳 『ブラウン有機化学（上）』 (東京化学同人) ISBN:978-4807907793

Japanese version of Brown, Iverson, Anslyn, Foote is also OK.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Imposing homework for review and requesting submission

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N368003

Course number		U-LAS13 10008 LE60				
Course title (and course title in English)	Basic Organic Chemistry I-E2 Basic Organic Chemistry I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Chemical Research Assistant Professor,SINGH, Vaibhav Pal	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Chemistry(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Tue.4	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course is intended for Japanese and international students registered in natural science majors who are interested in learning chemistry in English.

Basic Organic Chemistry I explains the fundamental concepts of organic chemistry, aiming to help students understand the structures and properties of organic compounds. This course can be taken alone or in combination with Basic Organic Chemistry II.

[Course objectives]

Students will be able to analyze the structure of organic compounds and predicting their properties based on their bonding, atomic orbitals, hybridization state, intermolecular forces and resonance structures.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The semester will be divided as follows:

Week 1: Introduction to Organic Chemistry

Week 2: Atomic Orbitals

Week 3: Molecular Representations

Week 4: Geometry of Compounds

Week 5: Intermolecular Forces

Week 6: Resonance

Week 7: Mid-term Exam

Week 8: Acids and Bases (Part 1)

Week 9: Acids and Bases (Part 2)

Week 10: IUPAC (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry) Nomenclature (Part 1)

Week 11: IUPAC Nomenclature (Part 2)

Week 12: Conformations of Alkanes and Cycloalkanes

Week 13: Amino Acids and Proteins

Week 14: Classification and Structures of Carbohydrates

Week 15: Final Exam

Week 16: Feedback

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Basic Organic Chemistry I-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

This course can be taken alone or in combination with Basic Organic Chemistry II.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class attendance and active participation (30%), mid-term exam (30%) and final examination (40%).

[Textbooks]

David Klein 『Organic Chemistry』 (Wiley) ISBN:1118452283 (not mandatory)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Handouts will be provided at the beginning of each lecture.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should review the course materials after each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Teaching Approach:

The new concepts are introduced in a skill-building format with practice problems (in class) and exercises (in class) to help students master the course material (no homework).

Lecture code: N369002

Course number		U-LAS13 10009 LE60					
Course title (and course title in English)	Basic Organic Chemistry II-E2 Basic Organic Chemistry II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,Juha Lintuluoto		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Chemistry(Foundations)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2	
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester	
Days and periods	Thu.2		Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For science students	

[Overview and purpose of the course]

The purpose is to provide the basics of organic chemistry for science students. Specifically, lectures and exercises are undertaken on the physical properties, synthetic methods, and basic reactivity of unsaturated compounds, and alkyl halides which are important organic compounds as basic raw materials for the chemical industry.

All Department of Chemical Science and Technology students (groups T17-T22) who passed Basic Organic Chemistry I course can take this course (Thu 2), which covers the corresponding Japanese course (基礎有機化学II). If the time overlaps with the Physical Chemistry Class, consult the course instructors directly.

This course gives the opportunity to learn English while studying chemistry, an important skill for chemists.

[Course objectives]

Students will acquire the basics of organic chemistry, which is essential for fully understanding more deeply organic chemistry and to prepare for the second year studies.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Lectures will be given on the basics of organic compounds and reactions, and the naming of organic compounds in Chapter 3 and Chapters 7 to 9 of the textbook described below.

The items and contents of the lectures are as follows.

Chapter 3 Stereoisomerism and Chirality: 3 lectures

Chapter 7 Alkynes: 3 lectures

Chapter 8 Haloalkanes, Halogenation, and Radical Reactions: 3 Lectures

Chapter 9 Nucleophilic Substitution Reaction and β - Elimination Reaction: 3 lectures

Organic Compound Nomenclature: 2 lectures

Feedback: 1 lecture

[Course requirements]

This course is suitable for Department of Chemical Science and Technology students from groups T17-T22 who passed Basic Organic Chemistry I course.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Exercises during the lecture and report submissions will be set as normal points (maximum 10 points) and added to the results of the regular examination (maximum 90 points). A total of maximum 100 points will be

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given, and 60 points or more will result passed grade.

[Textbooks]

Brown, Iverson, Anslyn, Foote 『Organic Chemistry』 (Cengage Learning) ISBN:978-0-357-45186-1 (9th Edition, Chapters 3, 7-9)

村上正浩監訳 『ブラウン有機化学（上）』 (東京化学同人) ISBN:978-4807907793

Japanese version of Brown, Iverson, Anslyn, Foote is also OK.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Prepare for the lessons based on the lesson plan. In addition, after the lecture, answer the report assignments and review the exercises in the textbook to deepen your understanding.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N369001

Course number		U-LAS13 10009 LE60					
Course title (and course title in English)	Basic Organic Chemistry II-E2 Basic Organic Chemistry II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Chemical Research Assistant Professor,SINGH, Vaibhav Pal		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Chemistry(Foundations)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2	
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester	
Days and periods	Tue.4		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For science students	

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course is intended for Japanese and international students registered in natural science majors who are interested in learning chemistry in English.

Basic Organic Chemistry II explains the fundamental concepts behind the reactivity of organic compounds. This course can be taken alone or in combination with Basic Organic Chemistry I.

[Course objectives]

Students will be able to describe basic organic reaction mechanisms (nucleophilic substitutions, eliminations and electrophilic additions) and apply this knowledge to predict the major product in organic reactions, such as those involving hydrocarbons, alcohols, alkyl halides and alkenes.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The semester will be divided as follows:

- Week 1: General Concepts and Stereoisomerism
- Week 2: Enantiomers and Optical Activity
- Week 3: Resonance (Review)
- Week 4: Chemical Reactivity
- Week 5: Substitution Reactions (Part 1)
- Week 6: Substitution Reactions (Part 2)
- Week 7: Mid-term Exam
- Week 8: Alkene and Elimination Reactions (Part1)
- Week 9: Alkene and Elimination Reactions (Part 2)
- Week 10: Substitution vs. Elimination
- Week 11: Addition Reactions (Part 1)
- Week 12: Addition Reactions (Part 2)
- Week 13: Synthesis
- Week 14: Review of the Main Concepts
- Week 15: Final Exam
- Week 16: Feedback

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[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class attendance and active participation (30%), mid-term exam (30%) and final examination (40%).

[Textbooks]

David Klein 『Organic Chemistry』 (Wiley) ISBN:1118452283 (not mandatory)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Handouts will be provided at the beginning of each lecture.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should review the course materials after each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Teaching Approach:

The new concepts are introduced in a skill-building format with practice problems (in class) and exercises (in class) to help students master the course material (no homework).

Lecture code: N374001

Course number		U-LAS13 10012 EE60									
Course title (and course title in English)	Fundamental Chemical Experiments-E2 Fundamental Chemical Experiments-E2				Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies 基礎化学実験授業担当教員 Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer, LANDENBERGER, Kira Beth Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor, Juha Lintuluoto Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer, Nguyen Thanh Phuc Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor, Yi Wei Graduate School of Engineering Professor, Cathy McNamee Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor, ZHU, Tong					
Group	Natural Sciences			Field(Classification)		Chemistry(Foundations)					
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	2	Class style	Experiment (Face-to-face course)			Year/semesters	2025 • First semester				
Days and periods	Wed.3 • 4/Fri.3 • 4		Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For science students					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
The purpose of this laboratory class is to practice the basic identification and synthesis of chemical compounds as well as to learn the underlying principles involved.											
[Course objectives]											
Students will gain understanding in basic chemical concepts by actual hands-on work performing fundamental analysis of chemical compounds.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
Registration information: https://www.z.k.kyoto-u.ac.jp/zenkyo/guidance											
1. General Guidance [2 times] The aims and contents of the experiments, how to make laboratory notes and reports, and how to use experimental instruments, labware and reagents safely.											
2. Qualitative Inorganic Analysis Experiments [4 times] (1) Basic Reactions of Fe ³⁺ and Al ³⁺ (3rd Analytical Group). (2) Basic Reactions of Ag ⁺ , Pb ²⁺ , Cu ²⁺ and Bi ³⁺ (1st and 2nd Analytical Groups). (3) Basic Reactions of Ni ²⁺ , Co ²⁺ , Mn ²⁺ and Zn ²⁺ (4th Analytical Group). (4) Analysis of an Unknown Sample Containing Some Cations.											
3. Volumetric Analysis Experiments [4 times] (1) Chelatometric Titration: Quantitative Determinations of Ca ²⁺ and Mg ²⁺ in tap water. (2) Iodometry: Quantitative Determination of NaClO in Bleach. (3) Oxidation Reaction Rate: Measurement of a Pseudo-first-order Reaction Rate Constant. (4) Adsorption of Oxalic Acid by Activated Carbon.											
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4. Experiments in Organic Chemistry [4 times]

- (1) Qualitative Analysis of Organic Compounds.
- (2) Structure and Property of Organic Compounds: Azo Dyes and Fluorescent Dyes.
- (3) Organic Synthesis I: Acetylation of 4-Methoxyaniline.
- (4) Organic Synthesis II: Nitration and Hydrolysis.

5. Feedback [1 time]

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grades will be based on submitted reports and performance during of a total of 12 hands-on chemical experiments.

[Textbooks]

『Fundamental Chemistry Experiments』 (This textbook will be delivered at the class.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Preparation for each experiment should be done in advance. Understand the principles involved, and summarize these beforehand in the experimental notes regarding the reagents, equipment, and procedures and methods to be used.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

- For the registration of the class, please see *1 below.
- Detailed information of the registration will be given at the homepage “KULASIS” in the beginning of April.
- Attend the first class, the course guidance will be given there.
- When you decide to take the class, you must have your own safety glasses as well as obtain the insurance for study and research “学生教育研究災害傷害保険”. (Safety glasses can be purchased at the COOP Shop “生協” and the insurance “学生教育研究災害傷害保険” is processed at the Education Promotion and Student Support Department Desk ” 教育推進・学生支援部” .)

*1

Students must apply for the course before registration if they intend to register for experiment or exercise class of Natural Sciences Group. Please register for the class if you are permitted to participate.

- Application period:

Before the guidance of the first class

- Posted:

Details will be posted on “Notification” (Academic affairs information on liberal arts and sciences) in KULASIS in early April.

- Application method:

This will be explained in the “Notification” on KULASIS

- Selection method:

If the number of students who wish to take the class exceeds the course limit, a lottery will be held. The results will be announced after the guidance session.

- Notice: Unlike the other class designated courses, students can register the “Fundamental Chemical Experiments” course even if it is not the day/period of their class designated course. However, this shall not apply in the case when the class is oversubscribed.

Lecture code: N374002

Course number		U-LAS13 10012 EE60					
Course title (and course title in English)	Fundamental Chemical Experiments-E2 Fundamental Chemical Experiments-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,Juha Lintuluoto Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,Yi Wei Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer,Nguyen Thanh Phuc Graduate School of Engineering Professor,Cathy McNamee Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer,LANDENBERGER, Kira Beth Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,ZHU, Tong Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies 基礎化学実験授業担当教員			
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)	Chemistry(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits 2		
Number of weekly time blocks	2	Class style	Experiment (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters 2025 • Second semester		
Days and periods	Wed.3 • 4/Fri.3 • 4		Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students For science students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
The purpose of this laboratory class is to practice the basic identification and synthesis of chemical compounds as well as to learn the underlying principles involved.							
[Course objectives]							
Students will gain understanding in basic chemical concepts by actual hands-on work performing fundamental analysis and synthesis of chemical compounds.							
[Course schedule and contents])							
Registration information: https://www.z.k.kyoto-u.ac.jp/zenkyo/guidance							
1. General Guidance [2 times] The aims and contents of the experiments, how to make laboratory notes and reports, and how to use experimental instruments, labware and reagents safely.							
2. Qualitative Inorganic Analysis Experiments [4 times] (1) Basic Reactions of Fe ³⁺ and Al ³⁺ (3rd Analytical Group). (2) Basic Reactions of Ag ⁺ , Pb ⁺ , Cu ²⁺ and Bi ³⁺ (1st and 2nd Analytical Groups). (3) Basic Reactions of Ni ²⁺ , Co ²⁺ , Mn ²⁺ and Zn ²⁺ (4th Analytical Group). (4) Analysis of an Unknown Sample Containing Some Cations.							
3. Volumetric Analysis Experiments [4 times] (1) Chelatometric Titration: Quantitative Determinations of Ca ²⁺ and Mg ²⁺ in tap water. (2) Iodometry: Quantitative Determination of NaClO in Bleach. (3) Oxidation Reaction Rate: Measurement of a Pseudo-first-order Reaction Rate Constant. (4) Adsorption of Oxalic Acid by Activated Carbon.							
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4. Experiments in Organic Chemistry [4 times]

(1) Qualitative Analysis of Organic Compounds.

(2) Structure and Property of Organic Compounds: Azo Dyes and Fluorescent Dyes.

(3) Organic Synthesis I: Acetylation of 4-Methoxyaniline.

(4) Organic Synthesis II: Nitration and Hydrolysis.

5. Feedback [1 time]

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grades will be based on submitted reports and performance during of a total of 12 hands-on chemical experiments.

[Textbooks]

『Fundamental Chemical Experiments』 (This textbook will be delivered at the class.)

(Related URL)

<https://ocw.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/ilas/02>(Video materials for chemical operation.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Preparation for each experiment should be done in advance. Understand the principles involved, and summarize these beforehand in the experimental notes regarding the reagents, equipment, and procedures and methods to be used.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

- For the registration of the class, please see *1 below.
- Detailed information of the registration will be given at the homepage “KULASIS” in mid-September.
- Attend the first class, the course guidance will be given there.
- When you decide to take the class, you must have your own safety glasses as well as obtain the insurance for study and research “学生教育研究災害傷害保険”. (Safety glasses can be purchased at the COOP Shop “生協” and the insurance “学生教育研究災害傷害保険” is processed at the Education Promotion and Student Support Department Desk “教育推進・学生支援部”.)

*1

Students must apply for the course before registration if they intend to register for experiment or exercise class of Natural Sciences Group. Please register for the class if you are permitted to participate.

• Application period:

Before the guidance of the first class

• Posted:

Details will be posted on “Notification” (Academic affairs information on liberal arts and sciences) in KULASIS in mid-September.

• Application method:

This will be explained in the “Notification” on KULASIS

• Selection method:

If the number of students who wish to take the class exceeds the course limit, a lottery will be held. The

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results will be announced after the guidance session.

- Notice: Unlike the other class designated courses, students can register the “Fundamental Chemical Experiments” course even if it is not the day/period of their class designated course. However, this shall not apply in the case when the class is oversubscribed.

Lecture code: N384001

Course number		U-LAS13 10030 LE60				
Course title (and course title in English)	Outline of Chemistry I(Its History and Fundamentals)-E2 Outline of Chemistry I(Its History and Fundamentals)-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor, GAO, Si	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Chemistry(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Thu.2	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

All matter in the nature world is composed of one or more substances called elements. Human beings use variety kinds of matter to create materials that can be used for certain purpose. This course intends to give an introduction to the first and second year students on the fundamental elements and matter in the nature world, as well as the man-made materials composed of those elements, such as metals, ceramics and polymers which are quite important to modern society.

[Course objectives]

Students are expected to learn the basic knowledge of elements, matter in the nature world. Moreover, they will learn various kinds of materials that can be seen in our daily life and realize how important they are to the modern society.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Week 1: Atom and elements

Basic concept of atoms is introduced in this part. Such as atomic number, atomic weight, atomic size, etc.

Week 2: Periodical table of the elements

In this part we will learn what periodical table is and how to use it to derive relationships between various elements properties.

Week 3-12: From elements to matters and materials

In this part we will firstly introduce the important elements and the matter composed of them. After that, materials composed of those elements, which are being used in our modern society are to be introduced. For example, iron (Fe) and carbon (C) in steels, aluminum (Al) and magnesium (Mg) in aluminum alloys; copper (Cu) in electrical conductor, Gadolinium (Gd) in magnetic material, Lithium (Li) in battery, Si and semiconductor materials are to be introduced. Oxygen (O) Nitrogen (N) and carbon (C) in ceramics, carbon (C) and hydrogen (H) in polymers will also be introduced. In addition, the relationship between the structure, processing and the properties of the above mentioned materials will to be introduced, which is the core of materials science.

Week 13-14: How to identify and analyze the elements and materials?

In this part we will introduce the characterization techniques, such as spectroscopy and electron microscopy, by which we can identify the elements or visualize the atoms and microstructures of the materials.

Week 16: Feedback.

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[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and class participation[70%]

Short reports [30%]

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Theodore Gray 『The Elements』 (Encyclopaedia Britannica) ISBN:1615354328

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are required to read assigned materials (distributed by the teacher) before the class for preparation and write short reports after class for review. The necessary time for those would be around 1.5 hours for each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N391001

Course number	U-LAS13 10037 LE60				
Course title (and course title in English)	Outline of Chemistry II(Its History & Fundamentals)-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,Yi Wei	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)	Chemistry(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students
				For all majors	

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Chemistry as the central science provides a framework for understanding the world around us. It is the study of matter and the changes that matter undergoes. This course intends to introduce the first- and second-year students on the fundamental understanding of the classification, states and properties of matter, and the process, equilibrium, and energy of chemical reaction. The general concepts, laws and principles of chemistry will be introduced, and the application of the knowledge in solving practical problem will also be trained.

[Course objectives]

Students are expected to learn the basic concepts, laws and principles of chemistry, and understand the general physical and chemical properties of matters. Moreover, they will learn various applications of materials and chemical reactions in real world.

[Course schedule and contents])

The number of lectures is shown in C.

1. Introduction and orientation of Chemistry [1]

Basic concepts of chemistry; description and classification of matter.

2.Properties and behavior of gas [2]

Elements and compounds; pressure, gas laws (temperature, volume, and amount); ideal gas and real gas.

3.Liquid and solution [2]

Intermolecular forces; changes of state; properties of liquid and solution.

4. Solids and modern materials [3]

Solid structures; energy band; semiconductors and superconductors; chemical periodicity; chemical bond.

5.Chemical reaction [2]

Reaction types; chemical thermodynamics (energy, work, and heat); reaction direction and degree (free energy).

6.Chemical equilibrium

Reaction rate; chemical kinetics; reaction mechanisms; equilibrium constant and shift; acid-bases equilibrium.

7. Material synthesis and characterization [1]

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Solid state synthesis; measurement and characterization techniques.

8.Feedback 【1】

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and class participation [70%], Short reports [30%]

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

Handouts will be provided as necessary.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are required to read assigned materials before the class. Preparation before class helps to follow and understand well. Short reports writing after class would take your around 1 hour.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N385001

Course number		U-LAS13 10031 LE60					
Course title (and course title in English)	Chemistry for non-science majors I-E2 Chemistry for non-science majors I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Chemical Research Senior Lecturer, PINCELLA, Francesca		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Chemistry(Foundations)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester	
Days and periods	Thu.4		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For liberal arts students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

As scientist Justus von Liebig used to say "everything is chemistry", therefore a basic understanding of chemistry is indispensable to interact with what surrounds us and to successfully navigate our daily lives. In this module, we will focus on a basic question: what is everything around us made up of?

In addition to learning the fundamentals of the atomic and molecular structure, the students will be introduced to one of the most important tools of the modern scientist, the scientific method. Furthermore, each topic will be followed by a brief discussion on its relevance in our everyday lives.

This course will embrace a "concept development study" where every chemical concept will be developed from the observation and analysis of experimental results followed by critical reasoning. The students are encouraged to actively participate in class and re-discover chemistry.

[Course objectives]

This course has multiple goals: most importantly, the students will gain a basic knowledge of important chemical concepts. Secondly, the students will become acquainted with the scientific method and the basic vocabulary of chemistry, with the aim to improve their ability to interpret and discern the reliability of the scientific news and information we gather in our daily lives. Thirdly, the "concept development study" approach will foster the students' critical thinking and creativity.

[Course schedule and contents)]

This course consists of 14 lectures, exam and one feedback class.

1. What is chemistry? Why is it important? A basic introduction to the vocabulary of chemistry and the scientific method. (1 week)
- 2-4. Atomic weight and empirical formulas: Proust's law of definite proportions, law of combining volumes and Avogadro's hypothesis (3 weeks)
- 5-7. The atomic structure: early atomistic theories, Rutherford, Bohr and Schrödinger. (3 weeks)
8. Review of basic chemical concepts and mid-term exam (1 week)
- 9-10. The periodic table of elements: Mendeleev's observations and the periodic law. Properties of the elements. (2 weeks)
- 11-14. The molecular structure: isomers, chemical bonds, valence bond theory, molecular orbital theory, resonance structures and chirality. (4 weeks)
15. Exam
16. Feedback (1 week)

At the end of each lesson, an "everyday chemistry" topic related to the main topic of the lesson will be

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introduced. Some of these topics are: natural versus synthetic compounds, sun and sunscreen, cosmetics, chemistry of baking, milk, butter and ice-cream, fireworks, and the periodic table of smartphone elements.

[Course requirements]

At the beginning of the course, you do not need any specific prior knowledge of the topics of the course, essential knowledge for the course will be provided as needed in class.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on attendance, active class participation (quizzes and exercises in class, 10%), individual and group assignments ("science in the news" project, 30%), mid-term exam in class (exercises, 30%), and final exam in class (multiple-choice and open questions, 30%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

John S. Hutchinson 『Concept Development Studies in Chemistry』 (OpenStax CNX) (<http://cnx.org/contents/2f58c37f-a92d-490c-8d8d-fa590f8934cf@5.6>)

Raymond Chang; Jason Overby 『Chemistry』 (McGraw-Hill US Higher Ed ISE) ISBN:9781260289022

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The students are encouraged to continuously revise the vocabulary and concepts introduced in previous classes. The students should submit the assignments regularly to confirm their progress and understanding.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours: online or in person meetings with the instructor can be requested (appointment by email or on PandA)

Lecture code: N386001

Course number		U-LAS13 10032 LE60					
Course title (and course title in English)	Chemistry for non-science majors II-E2 Chemistry for non-science majors II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Chemical Research Senior Lecturer, PINCELLA, Francesca		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Chemistry(Foundations)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2	
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester	
Days and periods	Thu.4		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For liberal arts students	

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Everything that surrounds us is "chemistry", therefore a basic understanding of chemistry is the key to navigate our daily lives. In this course, we will focus on the basic questions: why and how does matter transform?

This course will cover the states of matter and their transformations, chemical reactions and their equilibria. The students will also be introduced to one of the most important tools of the modern scientist, the scientific method. Furthermore, each topic will be followed by a brief discussion on its relevance in our everyday lives. This course will embrace a "concept development study" where every chemical concept will be developed from the observation and analysis of experimental results followed by critical reasoning (from observation of the phenomenon to its explanation). The students are encouraged to actively participate in class and re-discover chemistry.

[Course objectives]

This course has multiple goals: most importantly, the students will gain a basic knowledge of important chemical concepts. Secondly, the students will become acquainted with the scientific method and the basic vocabulary of chemistry, with the aim to improve their ability to interpret and discern the reliability of the scientific news and information we gather in our daily lives. Thirdly, the "concept development study" approach will foster the students' critical thinking and creativity.

[Course schedule and contents)]

This course consists of 14 lectures, exam and one feedback class.

1. What is chemistry? Why is it important? Understanding the basics of the chemical language and the scientific method. (1 week)
- 2-4. Ideal gases: Boyle's law, Charles' law, ideal gas law and Dalton's law of partial pressures. Kinetic theory of gases. (3 weeks)
- 5-7. Chemical reactions and their equilibria: stoichiometry, equilibrium constants, the law of mass action, Le Châtelier's principle. (3 weeks)
8. Review of basic chemical concepts and mid-term exam (1 week)
9. Acid-base equilibrium: Arrhenius acid, Brønsted and Lowry acids, and Lewis acids. (1 week)
10. Reaction rates (1 week)
- 11-14. Phase transitions: melting, evaporation, sublimation and phase diagrams. Thermodynamic description of phase transitions and phase equilibria. State functions and the laws of thermodynamics. (4 weeks)
15. Exam
16. Feedback (1 week)

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At the end of each lesson, an "everyday chemistry" topic related to the main topic of the lesson will be introduced. Some of these topics are: the chemistry of scuba diving, hypoxia and carbon monoxide poisoning, flowers as natural pH indicators, the atmospheres of the solar system, and the chemistry of food going bad. Guest lecture by Prof. Forte, Erika (Institute for Research in Humanities): "Science of the Song Dynasty" during regular class time.

[Course requirements]

At the beginning of the course, you do not need any specific prior knowledge of the topics of the course, essential knowledge for the course will be provided as needed in class.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on attendance, active class participation (quizzes and exercises in class, 10%), individual and group assignments ("science in the news" project, 30%), mid-term exam in class (exercises, 30%), and final exam in class (multiple-choice and open questions, 30%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

John S. Hutchinson 『Concept Development Studies in Chemistry』 (OpenStax CNX) (<http://cnx.org/contents/2f58c37f-a92d-490c-8d8d-fa590f8934cf@5.6>)

Raymond Chang; Jason Overby 『Chemistry』 (McGraw-Hill US Higher Ed ISE) ISBN:9781260289022

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The students are encouraged to continuously revise the vocabulary and concepts introduced in previous classes. The students should submit the assignments regularly to confirm their progress and understanding.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours: online or in person meetings with the instructor can be requested (appointment by email or on PandA)

Lecture code: N362001

Course number		U-LAS13 10019 LE60				
Course title (and course title in English)	Everyday Life Chemistry-E2 Everyday Life Chemistry-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Chemical Research Assistant Professor,SINGH, Vaibhav Pal	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Chemistry(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Thu.4	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course is intended for Japanese and international students registered in liberal arts or science. It is designed to provide a basic understanding of the chemistry behind daily life.

[Course objectives]

After this class, you will be able to explain the chemistry behind the aroma of bacon, your morning coffee, why butter is solid, low-calorie foods, trans fats, chocolate crystals, snake venoms, no-tear shampoo and why toothpaste makes your orange juice taste bad.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The following topics will be covered:

- Week 1: A Day without Chemistry
- Week 2: Taste Chemistry and Science of Spiciness
- Week 3: Sugar and Artificial Sweeteners
- Week 4: What is Fat?
- Week 5: How do we Smell?
- Week 6: Caffeine and Alcohol
- Week 7: Chemistry of the Macaroni Salad
- Week 8: Forensic Science and Chemistry
- Week 9: Chemistry of Love, Pheromones and Chocolate
- Week 10: Chemistry of Pain Killers and Poisons
- Week 11: Soap and Shampoo Chemistry
- Week 12: Chemistry of Colors
- Week 13: Group Presentations (Part I)
- Week 14: Group Presentations (Part II)
- Week 15: No Examination
- Week 16: Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class attendance and active participation (30%), quizzes during classes (40%) and a 10 min group presentation (30%).

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[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Handouts will be provided to the students at the beginning of each class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should review the course materials after each class. Students will also be asked to prepare a short group presentation at the end of the semester.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Teaching Approach:

Short animation videos followed by throughout explanation of key concepts mixed with open discussions with the students based on quizzes and activities.

Lecture code: N387001

Course number	U-LAS13 10033 LE60			
Course title (and course title in English)	Chemistry on Natural and Human Environments-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Chemical Research Senior Lecturer, PINCELLA, Francesca
Chemistry on Natural and Human Environments-E2				
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)	Chemistry(Foundations)
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B
		Class style		
Number of weekly time blocks	1		Lecture (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters
Days and periods	Fri.4	Target year		Eligible students
		All students		For liberal arts students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course is intended to provide a basic understanding of environmental chemistry, with emphasis on case studies and examples of environmental issues from all over the world.

This course will offer an overview of how elements and materials distribute, cycle, and change in nature, and how they are affected by human activities. This course will enable students to understand the "global environment", the "local environment", and related environmental issues, and will also give them an opportunity to consider how to improve their daily interactions with the environment.

[Course objectives]

In this course students will familiarize themselves with the basic concepts of environmental chemistry, especially in relation to the human interaction with nature and the dramatic impact of our actions on the environment. The students will be invited to reflect on their own interactions with the environment and the consequences of pollution and over-exploitation of natural resources.

[Course schedule and contents])

This course consists of 14 lectures, exam and one feedback class.

1. What is nature and the environment?
 - 2-3. Basic toolkit for environmental chemistry (2 weeks)
 4. Chemistry of radioactive materials
 5. Nuclear fission and fusion
 6. "Forever chemicals", pesticides, fertilizers, and eutrophication
 7. Chemistry of the soil: domestic garbage, toxic waste, heavy metals, and soil remediation
 8. Water chemistry: fresh water and sea water, microplastic pollution
 9. Chemistry of stratosphere and troposphere
 10. Acid rain and air pollution
 11. Destruction of the ozone layer and Freon
 - 12-13. Global warming and fossil fuels (2 weeks)
 14. Renewable energy
 15. Exam
 16. Feedback

Guest lectures on Fukushima nuclear accident by Prof. Tsunoyama Yuichi (Agency for Health, Safety and Environment), and on microplastics by Prof. Sutti (Deakin University) during regular class time.

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[Course requirements]

At the beginning of the course, you do not need any prior knowledge of basic chemistry, essential knowledge for the course will be provided as needed in class, especially during lessons 2 and 3.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on attendance, active class participation (short quizzes and/or questions in class or on PandA, 10%), individual (in-class questionnaire on the topic assigned, 20%) and group assignments (infographic, 30%), and final in-class exam (multiple choice and open questions, 40%)

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

C. Baird; M. Cann 『Environmental Chemistry』 (Freeman) ISBN:978-1-4292-7704-4

G.W. vanLoon; S.J. Duffy 『Environmental Chemistry: a global perspective』 (Oxford University press) ISBN:9780198749974

J.E. Andrews; P. Brimblecombe; T.D. Jickells; P.S. Liss; B.J. Reid 『An introduction to Environmental Chemistry』 (Blackwell Publishing) ISBN:9780632059058

R.M. Harrison 『Understanding our Environment: an Introduction to Environmental Chemistry and Pollution』 (Royal Society of Chemistry) ISBN:0854045848

R.M. Harrison; S.J. de Mora 『Introductory chemistry for the environmental sciences』 (Cambridge University Press) ISBN:0521256739

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are encouraged to revise the class material regularly and submit assignments on time.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours: online or in person meetings with the instructor can be requested (appointment by email or on PandA)

Lecture code: N367001

Course number		U-LAS13 10022 LE60									
Course title (and course title in English)	Chemistry of Sustainable Energy-E2 Chemistry of Sustainable Energy-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute of Advanced Energy Associate Professor,ARIVAZHAGAN RAJENDRAN						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Chemistry(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2					
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Thu.3		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For science students					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
We learn about the basics and application of “sustainable energy” which can provide inexhaustible energy-supply without releasing the greenhouse gases to the atmosphere, from a chemical point of view. The lecture covers the following contents of solar, wind, geothermal, and biomass energies, photo-catalyst and environmental clean-up, and materials for sustainable energy. The aim of this lecture is to acquire the basic knowledge about materials related to renewable energy and also to understand the mechanism of energy conversion.											
[Course objectives]											
The aim of this class is to understand the basic principles of chemistry of sustainable energy.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
1. What is sustainable energy? 2. Solar energy: Inorganic solar cells 3. Solar energy: Organic solar cells 4. Solar energy: Dye-sensitized and quantum dot solar cells 5. Wind energy: Types of wind turbines 6. Wind energy: How wind turbines work? 7. Geothermal energy: Direct use of geothermal energy 8. Geothermal energy: Geothermal power generation 9. Biomass energy: Thermochemical conversion 10. Biomass energy: Biochemical conversion 11. Photo-catalyst: Air purification and sterilization 12. Photo-catalyst: Water purification 13. Materials: Structure and thermal insulation 14. Materials: Polymers and sustainable energy 15. Assignment which is considered as a term examination 16. Feedback											
[Course requirements]											
None											
[Evaluation methods and policy]											
Results will be evaluated by the submission of homework written in English (30%), attendance and discipline (20%), and assignment which is considered as a term examination (50%).											
Continue to Chemistry of Sustainable Energy-E2(2) ↓↓↓											

Chemistry of Sustainable Energy-E2(2)

[Textbooks]

Nancy E. Carpenter 『Chemistry of Sustainable Energy』 (CRC Press) ISBN:978-1-4665-7532-5

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

I recommend that the students should review the points to be learned.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours are set at 15:00-17:00 in every Friday.

Lecture code: N377001

Course number		U-LAS13 10025 LE60				
Course title (and course title in English)	Revisiting Basic Organic Chemistry I-E2 Revisiting Basic Organic Chemistry I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer, LANDENBERGER, Kira Beth	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Chemistry(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Thu.4	Target year	Mainly 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course provides an opportunity for students to revisit material covered in the first semester of basic organic chemistry using English. The two purposes of this course are to ensure that students have a good foundation in basic organic chemistry and to proficiently apply these concepts in English. This course is beneficial for students who have already taken the first semester of basic organic chemistry or who have an interest in learning organic chemistry in English.

[Course objectives]

This course aims to help students have good understanding of basic organic chemistry, particularly in regards to the fundamentals of chemical bonding, acid and base chemistry, stereochemistry, alkanes, alkenes, alkynes and select organic reactions.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The course is planned to cover the following topics:

1. Introduction to organic chemistry and review of atoms, electronic structure, bonding, shapes of molecules, hybridization and polarity
2. Introduction to basic hydrocarbons (alkanes, cycloalkanes, alkenes, etc.), other functional groups, isomers, naming, drawing styles and chirality
3. Conformation, stability of compounds and resonance
4. First reaction: acid-based reactions
5. Introduction to other basic organic reaction mechanisms

It is expected that each topic will be covered in approximately 2 to 5 sessions based upon the needs of the class. The schedule can be subject to change.

A feedback session will take place one week after the final exam.

Total:14 classes and 1 feedback class

Continue to Revisiting Basic Organic Chemistry I-E2(2) ↓↓

Revisiting Basic Organic Chemistry I-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class attendance and active participation (20%), homework (10%), quizzes (30%), and a final exam (40%).

[Textbooks]

William H. Brown, Brent L. Iverson, Eric. V. Anslyn, Christopher S. Foote, and Sheila A. Iverson 『Organic Chemistry (8th or 9th editions)』 (Cengage Learning, 2023) ISBN:978-0-357-45186-1 (This textbook is the main textbook used for the class. It is strongly recommended but not required.)
John McMurry 『Organic Chemistry with Biological Applications (2nd or 3rd editions)』 (Cengage Learning) ISBN:9781285842912 (This book was used in past courses and can provide a useful reference. It is NOT mandatory.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should complete assigned homework and turn it in by the due date (usually one week later). Assignments will be given on and submitted using PandA unless otherwise noted.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours are welcome and available by appointment.

Lecture code: N378001

Course number		U-LAS13 10026 LE60									
Course title (and course title in English)	Revisiting Basic Organic Chemistry II-E2 Revisiting Basic Organic Chemistry II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer, LANDENBERGER, Kira Beth						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Chemistry(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2					
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Thu.4		Target year	Mainly 2nd year students	Eligible students	For science students					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course provides an opportunity for students to revisit material covered in the second semester of basic organic chemistry using English. The two purposes of this course are to ensure that students have a good foundation in basic organic chemistry and to proficiently apply these concepts in English. This course is beneficial for students who have already taken the second semester of basic organic chemistry or who have an interest in learning organic chemistry in English.											
[Course objectives]											
This course aims to help students have a good understanding of basic organic chemistry, particularly in regards to basic organic reactions of alkenes and alkynes, and nucleophilic substitution or elimination reactions.											
[Course schedule and contents]											
The course is planned to cover the following topics:											
*Introduction to the course and a brief review of chirality and stereochemistry *Reactions of alkenes and alkynes *Haloalkanes, halogenation and radical reactions *Nucleophilic substitution reactions and beta-elimination reactions											
Each topic will be covered in approximately 2 to 6 weeks based upon the needs of the class.											
Note: the course contents can be subject to change based on the needs of the class											
A feedback session will take place one week after the final exam.											
Total:14 classes and 1 feedback class											
[Course requirements]											
None											
[Evaluation methods and policy]											
Evaluation will be based on class attendance and active participation (20%), homework (10%), quizzes (30%), and a final exam (40%).											
----- Continue to Revisiting Basic Organic Chemistry II-E2(2) ↓↓↓											

Revisiting Basic Organic Chemistry II-E2(2)

[Textbooks]

William H. Brown, Brent L. Iverson, Eric V. Anslyn, Christopher S. Foote, Sheila A. Iverson 『Organic Chemistry (8th or 9th editions)』 (Cengage Learning, 2023) ISBN:978-0-357-45186-1 (This textbook is the main textbook used for the class. It is strongly recommended but not required.)

John McMurry 『Organic Chemistry with Biological Applications (2nd or 3rd editions)』 (Cengage Learning) ISBN:9781285842912 (This textbook was used in past courses and is still a useful reference. It is not required for this course.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should complete assigned homework and turn it in by the due date (usually one week later). Assignments are given and submitted using PandA unless otherwise notified.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours are welcome and available by appointment.

Lecture code: N390001

Course number		U-LAS13 10036 LE60									
Course title (and course title in English)	Thermodynamics in Everyday Life-E2 Thermodynamics in Everyday Life-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor, THUERMER, Stephan						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Chemistry(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Mon.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
In this lecture you will learn about the fundamental ideas of thermodynamics in an understandable and fun way. If you are going to study natural sciences, especially physics or chemistry, you will come across these ideas again and again. Chemical reactions in nature, industrial processes, and of course all processes in your daily life are dependent on energy. As it turns out, energy comes in many different forms, and its flow and transformation follows fundamental laws, which we want to study in this course.											
[Course objectives]											
Students will gain the following form this lecture:											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interest and fun to learn more about how things work in daily life and technical processes. - An intuitive understanding of thermodynamic laws, which is fundamental to further studies of physics and chemistry. - The ability to understand scientific terminologies and express their own ideas of natural sciences in English. 											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
The course will cover the following topics in a total of 15 lectures / weeks (not including the final examination). The course schedule is subject to change depending on the student's understanding.											
1) The big picture: Introduction to thermodynamic systems and their states. (2 weeks)											
We learn how processes in nature are controlled by a few simple properties, like pressure, temperature and volume.											
2) Everything in balance: Equilibrium thermodynamics. (2 weeks)											
We think about different types of equilibria and their usefulness in describing processes.											
3) It gets hot: Temperature and its scales. (2 weeks)											
We ask "What is temperature?" and answer this question from various viewpoints.											
4) Order and disorder: Phases, the phase diagram, and mixtures. (4 weeks)											
We discuss the changes substances undergo when varying temperature, pressure and volume.											
5) One-way flow: Forms of energy, energy conservation and transformation. (2 weeks)											
We learn about different forms of energy, laws for energy flow and their application in daily life.											
6) Making energy do the work: Energy conservation in cyclic processes. (2 weeks)											
Finally we apply our knowledge of energy conservation to machines which transport heat or convert energy.											
<<Final Examination>>											
8) Feedback session (1 week):											
After the final examination we will discuss the answers of the exam questions and resolve any open questions.											
----- Continue to Thermodynamics in Everyday Life-E2(2) -----											

Thermodynamics in Everyday Life-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Preparing the homework (40%)
Two short test during the lecture (20%)
Final examination (40%)

[Textbooks]

Not used

No textbook is used. Lecture notes will be provided during class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Peter Atkins, Julio de Paula 『Physical Chemistry』 (Oxford University Press) ISBN:9780199697403 (Topics from Part 1 - Thermodynamics) Always a good book to have for learning concepts in physical chemistry

Peter Atkins 『The Laws of Thermodynamics: A Very Short Introduction』 (Oxford University Press) ISBN:9780199572199 (A short and easy to understand book about general concepts)

Yunus Cengel, Michael Boles 『Thermodynamics: An engineering approach』 (McGraw-Hill Education) ISBN:9780073398174 (Good for learning about thermodynamics with real-world examples and applications)

Georg Job, Regina Rueffler 『Physical Chemistry from a Different Angle』 (Springer) ISBN:978-3-319-15666-8 (A good book for getting an intuitive introduction into thermodynamics)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to review the lecture handouts after each class and look up unknown English terms themselves. Homework assignments need to be prepared before the next lecture. It is also encouraged to refer to additional sources of information (books, websites) for the specific topics. If something is unclear or difficult, the instructor can be asked at any time.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

The lectures will be held in English, but some supporting material and explanations are also given in Japanese. Students are welcome to ask questions in English or Japanese during and after the class. Office hours are flexible. Appointments can be made directly or via email.

Lecture code: N394001

Course number		U-LAS13 10040 LE60				
Course title (and course title in English)	Analytical Chemistry and Forensic Science-E2 Analytical Chemistry and Forensic Science-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Chemical Research Senior Lecturer,MURDEY, Richard James	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Chemistry(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Mon.5		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course introduces key concepts and methods in analytical chemistry using practical examples from forensic science. Lectures are based on case studies and feature mock crime scene investigations. Students will learn how to detect and identify substances like drugs, poisons, explosives, blood, and DNA. Many analytical methods are covered including gas chromatography (GC), mass spectrometry (MS), high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), thin layer chromatography (TLC), immunoassays, atomic absorption/atomic emission (AA/AE), inductively coupled plasma emission (ICP/AES) and mass spectrometry (ICP/MS), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), Fourier transform infrared spectrometry (FTIR), ultraviolet/visible spectrometry (UV/Vis), and electrophoresis. Concepts such as chain of custody and quality assurance / quality control are presented.

[Course objectives]

This course provides a basic understanding of the methods and techniques used in analytical chemistry.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Introduction to forensic science
2. Drug Identification
3. Confirmatory methods for drug identification
4. Toxicology
5. Fingerprints
6. Fluorescence Detection
7. Sample preparation for biological specimens
8. Serology
9. Fire
10. Blood enzymes and proteins
11. DNA analysis
12. Trace evidence
13. Paint, hair, and fiber analysis
14. Arson
15. [exam period]
16. Feedback

----- Continue to Analytical Chemistry and Forensic Science-E2(2) ↓ ↓

Analytical Chemistry and Forensic Science-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Each lecture will introduce a short homework assignment related to the topic covered. These assignments count for 70% of the final grade, and class participation counts for the remaining 30%. There is no final exam.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Gary D. Christian, Purnendu K. Dasgupta, Kevin A. Schug 『Analytical Chemistry』

Kelly M. Elkins 『Introduction to Forensic Chemistry』

Mat H. Ho 『Analytical Methods in Forensic Chemistry』

These textbooks may be helpful as references or for self-study.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Weekly assignments reinforce key concepts introduced in each lecture.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N393001

Course number	U-LAS13 10039 LE60						
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to the Chemistry of Materials-E2 Introduction to the Chemistry of Materials-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Chemical Research Senior Lecturer,MURDEY, Richard James		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)	Chemistry(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Mon.4		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
All our familiar objects - our cars, clothes, computers, and homes - are made out of materials. This course covers the essential chemistry behind common materials like metals, polymers, and ceramics. The lectures include practical activities including simple laboratory work.							

[Overview and purpose of the course]

All our familiar objects - our cars, clothes, computers, and homes - are made out of materials. This course covers the essential chemistry behind common materials like metals, polymers, and ceramics. The lectures include key concepts in materials chemistry, including chemical bonding, crystal structures, and phase diagrams. You will learn about the physical properties of conductors, semiconductors, and insulators, and become familiar with the structure and synthesis of polymers and ceramics. The last part of the course provides an overview of modern advanced functional materials such as ferroelectrics, nanomaterials, and composites.

[Course objectives]

This course provides students with an introduction to the chemical and physical properties of materials and their applications in technology.

[Course schedule and contents])

1. Classification of matter
 2. Historical overview
 3. Bonds
 4. Metals and conductivity
 5. Ceramics and glasses
 - 6 Polymers
 7. Dyes, paints, and coatings
 8. Composites
 9. Semiconductors
 10. Superconductors
 11. Ferroelectrics
 12. Energy materials
 13. Nanomaterials
 14. Bioinspired materials
 15. [no class]
 16. Feedback

Continue to Introduction to the Chemistry of Materials-E2(2) ↓↓↓

Introduction to the Chemistry of Materials-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Each lecture will introduce a short homework assignment related to the topic covered. These assignments count for 70% of the final grade. Attendance and class participation count for 30%.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Harry R. Allcock 『Introduction to Materials Chemistry』

Robert J. Naumann 『Physics and Chemistry of Materials』

These textbooks may be useful as a reference or for self-study.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Weekly assignments are given to reinforce the main ideas presented in the lectures.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N395001

Course number		U-LAS13 10041 LE60						
Course title (and course title in English)	Basic Physical Chemistry (statistical mechanics)-E2 Basic Physical Chemistry (statistical mechanics)-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Professor,Cathy McNamee			
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Chemistry(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	Mainly 2nd year students	Eligible students	For science students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
Thermodynamics is an important foundation of physics, but its intuitive understanding is not straightforward. A microscopic viewpoint is useful for an essential understanding of thermal phenomena, and this knowledge is indispensable for various advanced technologies, including nano and biotechnology. This course will cover the fundamentals of classical (non-quantum) statistical thermodynamics and provide a deep understanding and practical application of entropy and free energy, which are difficult to understand only from a macroscopic viewpoint.								
[Course objectives]								
To understand the relationship between the macroscopic properties (entropy and free energies) and the probability distribution of microscopic states, and to be able to formulate molecular-level microscopic models for classical (non-quantum) systems, such as ideal gas, utilizing the concept of statistical ensembles.								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction: Foundations 2. Review of structure and properties of individual atoms and molecules 3. Review of classical thermodynamics (I) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of concepts; Zeroth and First law of thermodynamics 4. Review of classical thermodynamics (II) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second and third laws of thermodynamics 5. Basic statistical notations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of statistical and probability concepts 6. Fundamental of statistical mechanics 7. The most probable distribution and the population of states (The Boltzmann distribution) 8. Molecular partition functions 9. How to obtain the mean molecular energy from molecular partition functions 								
<p>-----</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Continue to Basic Physical Chemistry (statistical mechanics)-E2(2) ↓ ↓ ↓</p>								

10. How to use molecular information to calculate the total energy of a system

11. Derived thermodynamic function using statistical mechanics I

12. Derived thermodynamic function using statistical mechanics II

13. Derived thermodynamic function using statistical mechanics III

14. Derived thermodynamic function using statistical mechanics IV

<Examination>

15. Feedback

[Course requirements]

Basic Physical Chemistry (thermodynamics)-E2 (or基礎物理化学(熱力学))

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The grade will be evaluated as follows: final exam (70%) and assignments (30%).

[Textbooks]

P. Atkins, J.D. Paula 『Atkins' Physical Chemistry』 (Oxford University Press, 2014, 10th Edition)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

R.K. Pathria 『Statistical Mechanics』 (Butterworth-Heinemann, 1996, 2nd Edition.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should consult additional study sources (books, internet).

Assignments will be assigned during the class. Submission of assignments outside the designated time and date will not be accepted.

The assignments must be submitted on PandA as PDF files by the due date. No late assignments will be accepted.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

To be announced.

Lecture code: N363001

Course number		U-LAS13 20004 LE60				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry A-E2 Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry A-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,ZHU, Tong	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Chemistry(Development)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Tue.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

These lectures will introduce students to the fundamentals of inorganic chemistry. Atoms, molecules and solids surround us and this lecture will aim at providing students with the tools to better understand their structures, energetics and properties. This course is designed for both Japanese and International students.

[Course objectives]

- (1) To understand the basic structure of atoms as a function of their position in the periodic table.
- (2) To be able to draw simple molecular structures and orbital diagrams to understand their properties and reactivity.
- (3) To be able to visualize and comprehend the basic crystal structures of solids and their related stability and properties.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The course will cover the following topics, and each of them is read in 1 or 2 weeks

- (1) The structure of hydrogen
- (2) The structure of many-electron atoms
- (3) Lewis structures
- (4) Valence bond theory
- (5) Molecular orbital theory
- (6) Bond properties
- (7) The structure of solids and packing of spheres
- (8) The structure of metals, alloys and intermetallic compounds
- (9) Ionic bonding and ionic solids
- (10) Electronic structures and properties of inorganic solids

Total 14 classes and 1 Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

Continue to Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry A-E2(2) ↓↓

Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry A-E2(2)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on attendance and participation (10%), reports (90%).

[Textbooks]

Weller, Overton, Rourke, Armstrong 『Inorganic Chemistry』 (Oxford University Press) ISBN:978-0-19-964182-6

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

Will be announced during the lecture

(Related URL)

(Will be announced during the lecture)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are required to do their homeworks and when trouble is encountered during homework, please consult the various recommended textbooks or please ask me.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hour: Anytime by email and appointments should be made via email.

Lecture code: N364001

Course number		U-LAS13 20006 LE60				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry B-E2 Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry B-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,ZHU, Tong	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Chemistry(Development)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Tue.3	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

These lectures will introduce students to the fundamentals of inorganic chemistry. This series of lectures will aim at giving students a basic comprehension of chemical reactions (acid-base and redox) as well as the structure of inorganic substances, their properties and their applications in our daily lives. This course is designed for both Japanese and International students.

[Course objectives]

(1) To understand the theories of acid-base and redox reactions. (2) To be able to analyze the symmetry of complex molecules and their related properties. (3) To understand the fundamental theories and their applications.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The course will cover the following topics, and each of them is read in 1 or 2 weeks

- (1) Brønsted acids and bases
- (2) Lewis acids and bases
- (3) Oxidation and reduction
- (4) Representation of potentials and applications
- (5) Molecular symmetry and coordination compounds
- (6) Electronic structure of d-metal complexes: crystal-field theory and ligand-field theory
- (7) Properties of d-metal complexes
- (8) Introduction to the characterization techniques in inorganic chemistry
- (9) Material chemistry
- (10) Catalysis

Total 14 classes and 1 Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

Continue to Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry B-E2(2) ↓↓

Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry B-E2(2)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on attendance and participation (10%), reports (90%).

[Textbooks]

Weller, Overton, Rourke, Armstrong 『Inorganic Chemistry』 (Oxford University Press) ISBN:978-0-19-964182-6

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

Will be announced during the lecture

(Related URL)

(Will be announced during the lecture)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are required to do their homeworks and when trouble is encountered during homework, please ask me.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hour: Anytime by email and appointments should be made via email.

Lecture code: N361001

Course number		U-LAS13 20013 LE60									
Course title (and course title in English)	Organic Chemistry of Life-E2 Organic Chemistry of Life-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Chemical Research Assistant Professor,SINGH, Vaibhav Pal						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Chemistry(Development)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Fri.4		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course is intended for Japanese and international students registered in science majors who are interested in generating their own ideas through creative thinking. It is particularly suited for students interested in pursuing graduate studies in chemistry, life sciences, medicine, pharmaceutical sciences, or agriculture.											
Short video lectures are viewed by students at home before the class session, while in-class time is devoted to activities, brainstorming, or projects.											
[Course objectives]											
This course covers revolutionary ideas from scientists that originated from the integration of chemistry and biology with a main focus on strategies for idea generation.											
By the end of this course, you should be able to come up with your own ideas using various creative thinking strategies.											
[Course schedule and contents]											
The following topics will be covered online or in the classroom:											
Week 1: Why is Creativity Important?											
Week 2: Creating Drug Constellations with Chemical Structures											
Week 3: Building of a DNA Double Helix Structure											
Week 4: Innovative Applications Derived from DNA/RNA											
Week 5: Parallel Thinking with the 6 Thinking Hats Technique											
Week 6: Creation of a New Product using the Idea Generator Tool											
Week 7: Idea Generation based on Amino Acids and Proteins											
Week 8: Ideas for Genetically Modified Organisms											
Week 9: Fluorescence for Tracking Biology (Part 1)											
Week 10: Fluorescence for Tracking Biology (Part 2)											
Week 11: SCAMPER Method for Creating Revolutionizing Ideas											
Week 12: Ideas for Fooling Sugars and Fats											
Week 13: Creative Ways for Fighting Cancer and Viruses											
Week 14: JeoPARODY - Wrapping up the Semester											
Week 15: No Examination											
Week 16: Feedback											

Continue to Organic Chemistry of Life-E2(2) ↓↓↓											

Organic Chemistry of Life-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation is based on attendance and active participation (20%), idea generation (50%), and activities (30%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Links to online videos will be provided through PandA.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students have to watch online videos (about 30 minutes per week) before attending the classes. Classroom activities will be based on the content of the online lectures.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N372001

Course number	U-LAS13 20014 LE60				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Surface Chemistry-E2 Introduction to surface chemistry-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor, THUERMER, Stephan
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)	Chemistry(Development)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits 2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters 2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Mon.3		Target year	Mainly 2nd year students	Eligible students For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

In this lecture we will learn about surface processes, which is an important topic in physics, chemistry and engineering. Surfaces are much more important than you would think: Rusting of metals (corrosion), sticking of your shoes or glue (adhesion and friction), washing your hands (surfactants), colorful paints (coatings) are all phenomena happening at some surface. In this course, we will learn how the special properties of surfaces makes all this possible and how chemists in science and industry try to control these properties.

[Course objectives]

Students will gain the following from this lecture:

- Interest and fun to learn more about how things work in daily life
 - An understanding of basic concepts of surface physics and surface chemistry
 - The ability to connect knowledge to observed natural phenomena and industrial applications
 - The ability to understand scientific terminologies and express their own ideas of natural sciences in English.

[Course schedule and contents])

The course will cover the following topics in a total of 15 lectures / weeks (not including the final examination). The course schedule is subject to change depending on the student's understanding.

- 1) A cut through everything (2 weeks):

We will learn what surfaces and interfaces are, their properties and their importance for our daily life.

- 2) Sticking together (2 weeks):

We introduce surface energy and see how this leads to sticking and water repelling behavior.

- ### 3) How not to slip (1 week):

We learn about surface structure, and get an understanding of how friction between surfaces works.

- 4) Gear breakdown (2 weeks):

We get to know how friction leads to damage and how friction can be reduced.

- #### 5) Fogging up of glasses (2 weeks):

We discuss about adsorption of atoms and molecules on surfaces

- #### 6) Exhaust transformation (2 weeks):

Chemical reactions on surfaces and catalysis will be discussed.

- ### 7) Sticky gas (3 weeks):

Finally, we see how adsorption of gas can be quantified and measured, and how this is used practically.

<<Final Examination>>

- #### 8) Feedback session (1 week):

After the final examination we will discuss the answers of the exam questions and resolve any open

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questions.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Preparing the homework (40%)
Two short test during the lecture (20%)
Final examination (40%)

[Textbooks]

Not used

No textbook is used. Some handouts will be provided during class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Hans-Juergen Butt, Karlheinz Graf, Michael Kappl 『Physics and Chemistry of Interfaces』 (Wiley-VCH)
ISBN:9783527412167 (This book covers all topics of this course and much more)
Drew Myers 『Surfaces, Interfaces, and Colloids: Principles and Applications, 2nd Edition』 (Wiley-VCH)
ISBN:9780471330608 (Covers most topics about surfaces and interfaces, be it solid, liquid or other surfaces)

Elaine M. McCash 『Surface Chemistry』 (Oxford University Press) ISBN:9780198503286 (Introductory text about solid surfaces)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to review the lecture handouts after each class and look up unknown English terms themselves. Homework assignments need to be prepared before the next lecture. It is also encouraged to refer to additional sources of information (books, websites) for the specific topics. If something is unclear or difficult, the instructor can be asked at any time.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

The lectures will be held in English, but some supporting material and explanations are also given in Japanese. Students are welcome to ask questions in English or Japanese during and after the class. Office hours are flexible. Appointments can be made directly or via email.

Lecture code: N937001

Course number		U-LAS14 10011 LE69									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Biology and Life Science -E2 Introduction to Biology and Life Science-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Senior Lecturer, BRANDANI, Giovanni • Bruno						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Introduction)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Thu.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course is designed to provide an introduction to the vast field of biology to undergraduate students coming from all backgrounds, even without prior knowledge of biology. We will cover a wide range of topics, starting from the structure and function of biomolecules, passing through the organization of cells and the key principles governing life, and finally concluding with evolution and the diversity of life on Earth. The use of case studies will allow students to learn how past discoveries shaped our current views of biology.											
[Course objectives]											
Students will be able to explain how organisms continuously transform energy and matter to grow and maintain their internal order, to recognize structure-function relations over the many levels of biological organization, to understand the mechanisms underlying the expression and transmission of genetic information, and to illustrate how evolution explains both the unity and the diversity of life.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
Schedule:											
1. Introduction to the course and introduction to chemistry 2. Biomolecules 3. Cell structure and cell division 4. Membrane transport and neurons 5. Metabolism 6. Inheritance 7. DNA structure and replication 8. Gene transcription and translation 9. Gene regulation and development 10. Viruses and the immune system 11. Darwin and the tree of life 12. Mechanisms of evolution 13. The history of life on Earth 14. Introduction to ecology 15. Final exam 16. Feedback											
[Course requirements]											
Although helpful, having taken natural sciences courses (such as Chemistry and Biology) at high school is											
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Introduction to Biology and Life Science-E2(2)

not necessary, as essential knowledge for the course will be provided as needed in class.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Participation (50%, based on the submission of weekly multiple choice quizzes) and final exam (50%).

[Textbooks]

Urry, Cain, Wasserman, Minorsky, Reece. 『Campbell Biology』 (Pearson) ISBN:9781292170435

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The presentation slides are uploaded before each class.

Study at home may be based on the students notes, the uploaded presentation slides, and the weekly tests.

At the end of each class, the students will also have the opportunity to work on extra activities to explore various biological topics, but these activities will not count toward the final evaluation.

Participation (50% of final grade) is solely based on the submission on weekly multiple choice tests.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Please feel free to contact me by email at brandani@biophys.kyoto-u.ac.jp any time

Lecture code: N937002

Course number		U-LAS14 10011 LE69									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Biology and Life Science -E2 Introduction to Biology and Life Science-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Senior Lecturer, BRANDANI, Giovanni • Bruno						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Introduction)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Thu.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course is designed to provide an introduction to the vast field of biology to undergraduate students coming from all backgrounds, even without prior knowledge of biology. I will cover a wide range of topics, starting from the structure and function of biomolecules, passing through the organization of cells and the key principles governing life, and finally concluding with evolution and the history of life on Earth. The use of case studies will allow students to learn how past discoveries shaped our current views of biology.											
[Course objectives]											
Students will be able to explain how organisms continuously transform energy and matter to grow and maintain their internal order, to recognize structure-function relations over the many levels of biological organization, to understand the mechanisms underlying the expression and transmission of genetic information and to illustrate how evolution explains both the unity and the diversity of life.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
Schedule:											
1. Introduction to the course and introduction to chemistry 2. Biomolecules 3. Cell structure and cell division 4. Membrane transport and neurons 5. Metabolism 6. Inheritance 7. DNA structure and replication 8. Gene transcription and translation 9. Gene regulation and development 10. Viruses and the immune system 11. Darwin and the tree of life 12. Mechanisms of evolution 13. The history of life on Earth 14. Extra biology topic 15. Introduction to ecology 16. Feedback											
[Course requirements]											
Although helpful, having taken natural sciences courses (such as Chemistry and Biology) at high school is											
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Introduction to Biology and Life Science-E2(2)

not necessary, as essential knowledge for the course will be provided as needed in class.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Participation (50%, based on the submission of weekly multiple choice quizzes) and final exam (50%).

[Textbooks]

Urry, Cain, Wasserman, Minorsky, Reece. 『Campbell Biology』 (Pearson) ISBN:9781292170435

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Presentation slides are uploaded before each class.

Study at home may be based on the students notes, the uploaded presentation slides, and the weekly tests. At the end of each class, the students will also have the opportunity to work on extra activities to explore various biological topics, but these activities will not count toward the final evaluation.

Participation (50% of final grade) is solely based on the submission on weekly multiple choice tests.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

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Lecture code: N938001

Course number		U-LAS14 10012 LE69						
Course title (and course title in English)	Fundamentals of Organismal and Population Biology-E2 Fundamentals of Organismal and Population Biology-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor,BARNETT, Craig Antony			
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Introduction)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Mon.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
In the history of the earth (4.6 billion years), life has diversified from simple unicellular organisms into a myriad of different organisms including human beings since it appeared 3.8 billion years ago. This course will explain how living creatures have diversified from these simple origins. We will also examine the biology of individual organisms and explain the formation of ecological communities and ecosystems. This class discusses basic principles of biology and is suitable for students who have not previously studied biology.								
[Course objectives]								
An introductory course that mainly deals the evolution of biological diversity, the biology of individuals and groups. Having completed the course, students will have a basic understanding of the evolution of biological diversity and the mechanisms by which diverse species coexist.								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
The following subjects will be held for 2-5 weeks each. The items in [] are the main items.								
(1) The history of life								
We will systematically examine the origin and evolutionary history of life on Earth, and the systematic evolution and diversification of organisms. The latest knowledge about the classification system is also introduced. [The origin of life, prokaryotes, eukaryotes, intracellular symbiosis].								
(2) Animal behavior and physiology								
We will examine the diverse adaptive animal behavior patterns and physiological characteristics of organisms in temporally and spatially variable environments. [Adaptation, sexual selection, homology, the evolution of altruistic behavior, homeothermic animals, variable temperature animals, temperature acclimation, and homeostasis].								
(3) Ecology of groups and communities								
Ecology and evolution of organisms the adaptation of organisms to the environment is explained based on genetic and evolutionary mechanisms. We will explore the ecology of populations, communities, the structure and function of ecosystems, ecological niches, and the basis and function of biodiversity. [Genetic systems, evolutionary mechanisms, natural selection, adaptation, life history, individual group dynamics, interspecies relationship, biological communities, food webs, biome, ecosystem function, biodiversity].								
(4) Human characteristics and evolution								
Explain the biological characteristics of primates (including humans) using comparisons of their forms, behaviors, and ecology. [Evolutionary history, distribution, tree adaptation, grasping ability, vision, food habits, brain size, sex differences, social structure, bipedalism, canine retraction, tool use, division of labor,								
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and the genetic diversity in modern people].

[Course requirements]

It is not necessary to have completed high school biology, but it would be an advantage.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The course will be assessed by end of semester test.

[Textbooks]

No textbook

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To achieve the course goals, students should review the course materials and the recommended readings after each class. The time necessary for review should be in the range of 2-3 hours per week. If you have any questions, please ask the instructor.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No formal office hours, the instructor is available by appointment to meet with students.

Lecture code: N923001

Course number		U-LAS14 10008 LE68				
Course title (and course title in English)	Fundamentals of Cell and Molecular Biology-E2 Fundamentals of Cell and Molecular Biology-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor,TAKENAKA, Mizuki	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Introduction)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Fri.2	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

The purpose of this course is to provide fundamentals of current biology, in particular focused on micro-level biology below the cell level with an "Essential Cell Biology", which is a university level standard textbook. Students will learn the functions of characteristic molecules of life such as DNA, RNA and proteins in the cell. Furthermore, how the structural features of these molecules contribute their respective functions will be discussed. This course will also cover the relevance between the functions of these biological molecules and various life phenomena at the cell or individual organism level.

【内容説明】この授業の目的は、大学レベルの標準的な教科書である「Essential cell biology」を用いて、現代生物学の基礎、特に細胞レベル以下のミクロレベルの生物学に焦点を当て学ぶことである。DNA、RNA、タンパク質といった生命を構成する特徴的な分子が細胞内でどのような働きをしているのかを学ぶ。さらに、これらの分子の構造的特徴が、それぞれの機能にどのように寄与しているかについても議論する。また、これらの生体分子の機能と細胞や生物個体レベルでの様々な生命現象との関連についても取り上げる。

[Course objectives]

This course will provide a fundamental understanding of molecular and cell biology. Students will be able to explain how the cell is organized and how it functions in English.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Cells: The Fundamental Units of Life
2. Chemical Components of Cells
3. Protein Structure and Function
4. DNA Replication, Repair, and Recombination
5. From DNA to Protein: How Cells Read the Genome
6. How Genes and Genomes Evolve
7. Membrane Structure
8. Transport Across Cell Membranes
9. Energy Generation in Mitochondria and Chloroplasts
10. Intracellular Compartments and Protein Transport
11. Cell Signaling and Cytoskeleton
12. The Cell Division Cycle
13. Sexual Reproduction and the Power of Genetics
14. Cellular Communities: Tissues, Stem Cells, and Cancer

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Fundamentals of Cell and Molecular Biology-E2(2)

- 15. A final written exam
- 16. An Oral exam and feedback

[Course requirements]

This course is open to all students, BUT it is recommended that students have at least a high school "basic biology" level of knowledge.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Class attendance and active participation (20%), weekly small tests (30%), a final written exam (25%) and an oral exam (25%).

[Textbooks]

Alberts Bray et al. 『Essential Cell Biology』 (W W Norton & Co Inc) ISBN:9780393680362
Summary of the lecture contents will be provided at the class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Reading the textbook before the lecture will help the students to understand the lecture.
Students should review the textbook after the lecture and answer the questions provided.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

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Any questions and requests are welcome by prior arrangements via E-mail.

Lecture code: N924001

Course number		U-LAS14 10009 LE68									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Plant Science-E2 Introduction to Plant Science-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor,TAKENAKA, Mizuki						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Introduction)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Fri.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
In this lecture series, the basics of the survival strategy of plants will be learned at the cellular and molecular level. Despite that the achievement of plant science are very frequently described in high school textbooks, university students have very few opportunities to study them unless they specifically learn plant physiology. In this classes, the contents of plant science, which are mentioned only widely and shallowly at high school level will be provided more deeply with the latest knowledge.											
【内容説明】この講義シリーズでは、植物の生存戦略の基本を細胞・分子レベルで学ぶ。植物科学の成果は高校の教科書には頻繁に記述されているにもかかわらず、大学では植物生理学を特別に学ばない限り、ほとんど学ぶ機会がない。本授業では、高校レベルでは広く浅くしか触れられていない植物科学の内容を、最新の知識を加えながらより深く学べる。											
[Course objectives]											
To understand the fundamentals of plant physiology To understand how plants use light-energy. To understand the signal transduction in plants. To understand the basics of plant development and reproduction											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
1)Plant and cell architecture 2)Genome structure and gene expression 3)Water in plants 4)Mineral Nutrition 5)Photosynthesis 6)Cell wall 7)Signal transduction 8)Embryogenesis 9)Seed dormancy germination and seedling 10)Vegetative growth and organogenesis 11)Flower controlling 12)Gametophytes pollination , seeds, and fruits 13)Plant senescence and cell death 14)Biotic and Abiotic interaction 15)A final written exam											
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Introduction to Plant Science-E2(2)

16) An oral exam and feedback

[Course requirements]

This course is open to all students, BUT it is recommended that students have at least a high school "basic biology" level of knowledge.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Class attendance and active participation (20%), weekly small tests (30%) an oral exam (25%) and a final written exam (25%)

[Textbooks]

Lincoln Taiz et al. 『Plant Physiology and Development, Sixth Edition』 (Sinauer) ISBN:9781605353531

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Summary of the lecture contents will be provided at the class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Reading the textbook before the lecture will help the students to understand the lecture.

Students should review the textbook after the lecture.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

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Any questions and requests are welcome by prior arrangements via E-mail.

Lecture code: N941001

Course number		U-LAS14 10013 LE68									
Course title (and course title in English)	Basic Biology and Metabolism-E2 Basic Biology and Metabolism-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences Senior Lecturer, MACPHERSON TOM						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Introduction)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
<p>How do living organisms grow, generate energy, sustain life, and reproduce? These are the core questions we will explore in this introductory biology course, which focusses on the cellular, chemical, and genetic processes that support life. Designed to provide a clear and accessible introduction to fundamental biological concepts and how we study them, this course requires no prior knowledge of cell biology, ensuring students at all levels can comfortably engage with the material.</p> <p>Students will have the opportunity to explore topics of their own interests through class presentation assignments, such as news or journal articles related to cell biology.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to continue on to "Introduction to Molecular Cell Biology-E2 (1st semester)" as a follow-up to this course.</p>											
[Course objectives]											
<p>Students will gain a foundational understanding of cell structure and function.</p> <p>Students will acquire an understanding of how basic biological processes influence both simple and complex living organisms.</p> <p>Students will develop the ability to understand and discuss various aspects of Bioscience in English.</p>											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to Cell Biology 2. The Chemistry of Life - Chemical Bonds and Macromolecules 3. Cell Structure and Organelles 4. Cellular Energy - Respiration and Metabolism 5. The Cell Cycle and Reproduction 6. Cell Communication and Signaling 7. Protein Structure and Function 8. Mid-term exam + Feedback, Explanation of Class Presentations 9. DNA and Chromosomes 10. Gene Regulation - Gene Expression and Epigenetics 11. Cell Ageing and Death 12. Cell Biology in Disease and Medicine 13. Experimental Techniques in Cell Biology 14. Class Presentations 15. Final exam 											
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Basic Biology and Metabolism-E2(2)

16. Feedback

[Course requirements]

This is an introductory course and prior knowledge of the topic is not necessary. All essential knowledge for the class and exams will be provided in class. Students need only to have a curiosity to learn about the biological processes of life.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Midterm exam, 20%

Class Presentation assignments, 20%

Final examination, 60%

[Textbooks]

“Essential Cell Biology” 5th edition (2019) by Alberts et al., W.W. Norton and Company, New York
ISBN 9780393679533

OpenStax Biology 2e freely available to download at the URL below.

(Related URL)

<https://openstax.org/details/books/biology-2e>

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Review from the textbook, previous lecture content, and preparation for assignments to be presented in class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

The contents of the syllabus are a guide to the content of the course, the exact content may change. Input and suggestions from students are very welcome and I am happy to discuss the course material with students via email or in-person meeting.

Lecture code: N492001

Course number		U-LAS14 20029 LE68									
Course title (and course title in English)	Principles of Genetics-E2 Principles of Genetics-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Professor, THUMKEO, Dean						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Tue.4		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Genetics is the science of heredity and seeks to explain variation between related organisms at the genes level. All aspects of life are affected by genetic inheritance. Moreover, normal developmental events are regulated by genes, and mutations and aberrations of genes can lead to various genetic diseases.											
In this course, we will learn about the basic concepts of genetic inheritance, i.e. how Mendelian traits are passed to the next generation. In addition, we will also review our current understanding of chromosomes, DNA, genes and their regulation. Finally, we will consider how such genes can control normal developmental events in organisms, whereas aberrant control of genes can lead to developmental failure and cancer.											
To take this lecture, it is recommended to have some prior knowledge of biology. Otherwise, the student will have to prepare well before each class using the textbook or lecture handouts											
[Course objectives]											
To acquire a basic understanding of the principles of classical and molecular genetics and their relevance and application to biomedical sciences, especially development and cancer.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
Main Topics:											
1. Introduction to genetics											
2. Central Dogma (Cell and proteins)											
3. Cell cycle, mitosis, chromatin architecture											
4. Sickle cell anemia, splicing											
5. Gene expression & meiosis											
6. Gene structure, function											
7. Epigenetics 1											
8. Epigenetics 2, Genome variation 1											
9. Genome variation 2											
10. Genome variation 3 & Chromosome aberrations and disorders											
11. Chromosome aberrations and disorders 2; Mendelian inheritance I											
12. Mendelian inheritance II											
13. Mendelian inheritance III											
14. Pedigree, Extension of Mendel's genetics & Review											
15. Final exam											
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Principles of Genetics-E2(2)

16. Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class attendance and participation (~30 %), a report (~10%) and a final examination (~60 %).

[Textbooks]

Not used

Full handouts will be provided

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Ronald Cohn, et al. 『Thompson & Thompson Genetics and Genomics in Medicine, 9th edition』 (Elsevier, 2024) ISBN:978-0-323-54762-8 (A copy is available in Yoshida-South library)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

I recommend students to confirm the handouts for each lecture and/or the relevant reference textbook to learn about the lecture content in advance of the class. Handouts for each lecture will be uploaded on PandA approximately one week before each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students are welcome to ask any questions in the class. Consultation via email or online meetings such as Zoom is possible. For those students who prefer to discuss directly with me, please arrange appointments by email in advance.

Lecture code: N490001

Course number		U-LAS14 20037 LE68									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Biochemistry-E2 Introduction to Biochemistry-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Professor, THUMKEO, Dean						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Tue.2/Tue.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
In this introductory lecture, we will learn about the molecular chemical basis of life. Emphasis of this course includes fundamentals of the components that form the backbone of the cell (proteins, nucleic acids, sugars, and lipids), as well as enzyme chemistry and the role of typical proteins. Finally, we will discuss on the link between biochemistry and human diseases, such as enzyme gene deficiencies, and how to treat them.											
[Course objectives]											
As all matter is composed of molecules, modern life science aims to explain all aspects of life comprehensively from the molecular level to that of the entire organism. In this lecture, students will attain a basic understanding of the molecular design of life, that is how biomolecules work and cooperate with each other to fulfill virtually all actions exerted by living beings.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
1. Introduction to biochemistry 2. Amino acids (1): Structure 3. Amino acids (2): Function 4. Peptide and protein structure 5. Enzymes (1): Kinetic theory 6. Enzymes (2): Inhibitors 7. Enzymes (3): Enzyme activity 8. Cell structure and function 9. Nucleic acids and nucleotide (1) : Structure and function 10. Nucleic acids and nucleotide (2) : Central dogma 11. Monosaccharides and polysaccharides 12. Lipids and phospholipids 13. Methods in biochemistry 14. Introduction to metabolism 15. Final exam 16. Feedback											
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Introduction to Biochemistry-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class attendance and participation (~30 %), a report (~ 10%) and a final examination (~60 %).

[Textbooks]

Not used

Full handouts will be provided.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Nelson & Cox 『Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry 8th edition, International』 (Macmillain, 2021)
ISBN:978-1-319-38149-3 (Electronic version are available at the University Library eBook)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

I recommend students to confirm the handouts for each lecture and the relevant reference textbooks to learn about the lecture content in advance of the class. Handouts for each lecture will be uploaded on PandA approximately one week before each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students are welcome to ask any questions in the class. Consultation via email or online meetings such as Zoom is possible. For those students who prefer to discuss directly with me beyond class hours, please arrange appointments by email in advance.

Lecture code: N490002

Course number		U-LAS14 20037 LE68				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Biochemistry-E2 Introduction to Biochemistry-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Senior Lecturer,Marco,Marques Candeias	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Tue.2/Tue.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This introductory course focuses on the basic concepts of biochemistry. It begins from the molecular design of life and considers its major players; DNA as the genetic material, and then RNA, proteins, carbohydrates and lipids. Based on these preliminary concepts, the course then continues to consider the basic processes involved in metabolism and energy generation in living organisms.

[Course objectives]

The course provides an understanding of the underlying concepts and principles of the biochemical and molecular processes that control all life. Such understanding will enable students not only to better appreciate the complexities of diverse biological and physiological systems but to use these basic concepts in their everyday lives and as a foundation for many other fields of study.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Main Topics:

1. Introduction to biochemistry, an evolving science
2. Genomes, DNA and DNA replication
3. Genes and gene expression
4. RNA: Life's Indispensable Molecule
5. Protein composition and structure
6. Exploring DNA and RNA
7. Exploring proteins
8. Introduction to enzymes
9. Carbohydrates
10. Lipids and cell membranes
11. Introduction to metabolism
12. Glycolysis
13. Citric acid cycle
14. Oxidative phosphorylation
15. Final examination
16. Feedback discussions

(the above subjects will be taught in 14 classes + examination + feedback)

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Introduction to Biochemistry-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on active participation (~25 %), mid-course tests (~30 %), assignments (~5%) and a final examination (~40 %)

[Textbooks]

Alberts; Walter; etc 『Molecular Biology of the Cell』 (Garland Science) ISBN:978-0815344537

Denise R. Ferrier 『Biochemistry (Lippincott's Illustrated Reviews Series)』 (Lippincott Williams & Wilkins) ISBN:978-1496344496

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

*Full lecture slides and additional video clips will be provided. It is expected that students will have read and watched through the slides and clips at least once before class to familiarize themselves with the contents. During the lecture, active discussion and participation (e.g. by a series of Q&A) will ensure a greater understanding of the basic concepts. Finally, a private review of the slides immediately after the lecture will ensure a full and solid understanding of the lecture concepts.

*The course is associated with a series of small-group, weekly seminars that will help students obtain a deeper understanding of the basic concepts

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

*The course is presented as a series of engaging and active lectures with presentations (by the teacher), videos and discussion.

*We run an open door policy; questions and discussions will be happily addressed anytime, even outside the official office hour.

Lecture code: N491001

Course number		U-LAS14 20038 LE68									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Molecular Biotechnology-E2 Introduction to Molecular Biotechnology-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Senior Lecturer,Erik WALINDA						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Fri.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This course provides a comprehensive introduction to molecular biotechnology, an interdisciplinary field at the cutting edge of science. We will explore how molecular biotechnology shapes our world, from recombinant technologies to the production of transgenic organisms.											
Through a combination of PandA/YouTube lectures, quick in-class review of those online lectures, in-class discussions, and problem-solving exercises, students will engage deeply with the material.											
By the end of the course, you will have a solid understanding of these techniques, their applications, and the ethical considerations surrounding them.											
Students will also engage in hands-on learning experiences and case studies that relate to real-world applications of biotechnology.											
[Course objectives]											
By the end of the course, students should be able to:											
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Describe the structure and regulation of genomes and genes.* Explain key molecular biology techniques such as recombinant DNA technology and protein synthesis.* Apply these techniques in hypothetical scenarios involving microbial, plant, and animal biotechnology.* Analyze the social, ethical, and bioethical issues in molecular biotechnology.* Engage in informed debates on the risks and benefits of gene therapy, regenerative medicine, and transgenic organisms.* Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills by applying biotechnology concepts to real-world scenarios and case studies.											
[Course schedule and contents]											
Week 1: Introduction to Molecular Biotechnology											
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Definitions and the need for biotechnological innovations in today's world* History and role of molecular biotechnology, addressing potential issues* Overview of fields and subfields within molecular biotechnology											
Key applications of molecular biotechnology (selected examples)											
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Introduction to Molecular Biotechnology-E2(2)

Week 2: Nucleic Acids and Gene Expression

- * Basic structure of DNA and RNA
- * Central dogma of molecular biology
- * Principles of gene expression
- * Protein translation at the ribosome

Week 3: Genomes and DNA Replication

- * Genome organization within chromosomes
- * Prokaryotic vs. eukaryotic genomes, genome composition, and complexity
- * DNA replication, concluding the central dogma and exploring gene structure

Week 4: Epigenetics and Gene Regulation

- * Chromatin conformation and epigenetic modifications
- * Transcriptional regulation of gene expression
- * mRNA modifications, miRNA/siRNA, gene silencing, and siRNA-based drugs

Week 5: Cloning and Gene Expression Control

- * Translational and post-translational regulation of gene expression
- * Molecular cloning I: biotech methods for DNA analysis
- * Molecular cloning II: plasmid components and restriction enzymes

Week 6: Recombinant DNA and Library Construction

- * Sticky-end DNA cloning
- * Applications of recombinant DNA technology in transgenic animals and plants
- * Genomic and cDNA libraries, hybridization techniques (Southern Blotting, cDNA library screening)
- * PCR and its invention by Karry Mullis

Week 7: DNA Sequencing and Hybridization

- * DNA microarray and Yeast Two-Hybrid (Y2H) techniques
- * Importance of DNA sequencing
- * Sanger sequencing (di-deoxy NTPs)
- * Southern and Northern blotting, In-situ hybridization

Week 8: Genomics and Recombinant Proteins

- * RT-PCR and In-situ hybridization
- * Genomics, personalized medicine, bioinformatics, AI
- * Recombinant proteins
- * Expression of target genes in prokaryotic cells

Week 9: Microbial Biotechnology and Protein Purification

Continue to Introduction to Molecular Biotechnology-E2(3) ↓↓↓

Introduction to Molecular Biotechnology-E2(3)

- * Overview of microbial biotechnology
- * Protein extraction and purification techniques
- * Chromatography methods (gel filtration, ion-exchange, affinity chromatography)
- * Industrial applications: composting and other microbial biotechnology examples

Week 10: Microbial Applications and Diagnostics

- * Applications of bacteria and yeast in biotechnology
- * Microbial genomics and diagnostics, SDS-PAGE, Western blotting, antibodies
- * Microbial detection methods (ELISA, PCR, hybridization)
- * Production of therapeutic proteins and vaccines

Week 11: Microbial Enzymes and Biopolymers

- * Microbial enzymes and their engineering for biotechnological applications
- * Strategies for antibiotic development and studies
- * Commercial biopolymers

Week 12: Animal Biotechnology

- * Introduction to animal biotechnology and transgenic animals
- * Creating transgenic animals using retrovirus techniques
- * Cloning and applications of transgenic animals

Week 13: Transgenic Plants

- * Methods and applications of transgenic plants
- * Further exploration of transgenic plant technology

Week 14: CRISPR/Cas9 and the Future of Biotechnology

- * Basics of CRISPR/Cas9 technology
- * Applications: gene knockouts, base-editing, and current advances in CRISPR
- * Review of the semester's key concepts

Week 15: Examination

Week 16: Feedback and Review

- * Course wrap-up, feedback session, and open discussion on examination results and final course insights.

[Course requirements]

None

Continue to Introduction to Molecular Biotechnology-E2(4) ↓↓↓

Introduction to Molecular Biotechnology-E2(4)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Class Attendance and Participation (30%): Active participation in discussions, group work, and quick presentations.

Weekly Quizzes (30%): Quizzes conducted through (online) MS Forms serve as a reflection on the previous week's learning. While these quizzes are not scored directly, student participation and the insights shared during discussions about the quiz will be evaluated.

Final Exam (40%): A comprehensive examination covering all course content.

[Textbooks]

Full handouts and videos will be distributed in class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to review handouts and videos uploaded to PandA/YouTube before each class. Each week, students should complete the assigned readings, watch the provided videos, and prepare responses to discussion questions, which will be reviewed during the in-class session. Weekly quizzes and active participation will help assess your understanding of the material.

In addition to scientific concepts, we will explore the broader societal impacts of molecular biotechnology. Ethical issues will be integrated into many class discussions, with dedicated sessions on the moral dilemmas of transgenic organisms, gene editing, and medical biotechnology. Students are encouraged to bring their perspectives and critically engage with these complex topics.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: N913001

Course number		U-LAS14 20043 LE68									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience A-E2 Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience A-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Assistant Professor, VEALE, Richard Edmund						
Group	Natural Sciences			Field(Classification)	Biology(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)			Year/semesters	2025 • First semester				
Days and periods	Fri.5		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Behavioral Neuroscience investigates the neural basis of behavior. Part A of this course will provide an introduction to basic neuroanatomy, neural functioning, neuroscience methods, perception, attention, and movement. The course will employ an integrative approach by discussing both research results obtained with brain imaging in humans and experiments in animal models.											
[Course objectives]											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand how our brain processes information. - To understand the methods used to investigate the brain and behavior. - To be able to critically evaluate research findings in behavioral neuroscience reported in the public and scientific media. 											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience 2) Coarse anatomy of the nervous system 3) Cells in the nervous system 4) Neural information processing 5) Neurotransmitters, drugs, and hormones 6) Demonstration of Electroencephalography 7) Methods in Behavioral Neuroscience 8) Vision 9) Audition 10) Touch and pain 11) Integrating the senses 12) Attention 13) Voluntary body movement 14) Movement planning 15) Feedback (Please arrange by email) 											
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Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience A-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

Basic knowledge of high-school level biology is recommended. The course will continue in the following semester with "Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience B".

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class attendance and active participation (30 points), short student presentation or report (20 points), and 10 random in-class open-note quizzes(50 points), the lowest of which is not counted. Students who are absent more than five times will not be credited.

[Textbooks]

Bear, Connors, Paradiso 『Neuroscience: Exploring the brain』 (Lippincott) ISBN:1451109547 (textbook not mandatory, lecture notes will be provided)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Kandel, Schwartz, et al. 『Principles of Neural Science』 (McGraw-Hill) ISBN:0071390111 (textbook with more detailed information, not mandatory)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To achieve the course goals students should review the course materials plus optionally the according chapters in the recommended text books after each class. The time necessary for review should be in the range of 2-3 hours per class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No fixed office hours, but students are welcome to arrange appointments by email.

Lecture code: N914001

Course number		U-LAS14 20044 LE68				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience B-E2 Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience B-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Assistant Professor, VEALE, Richard Edmund	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group B	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Fri.5	Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Behavioral Neuroscience investigates the neural basis of behavior. Part B of this course will provide an introduction to higher brain functions, such as motivation, learning, memory, communication and language. The course will employ an integrative approach by discussing both research results obtained with brain imaging in humans and experiments in animal models.

[Course objectives]

- To understand how our brain generates complex behavior.
- To understand how we can apply basic research in behavioral neuroscience to our everyday life.
- To be able to critically evaluate research findings in behavioral neuroscience reported in the public and scientific media.

[Course schedule and contents)]

- 1) Introduction to higher brain functions
- 2) Motivation
- 3) Learning
- 4) Memory
- 5) Spatial memory and navigation
- 6) Executive functions and planning
- 7) Emotions
- 8) Reproductive behavior
- 9) Communication and language
- 10) Human language and language disorders
- 11) Social interaction
- 12) Evolution and development of behavior
- 13) Neurological and psychiatric disorders
- 14) Behavioral treatment strategies
- 15) Feedback (arrange by email)

----- Continue to Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience B-E2(2) ↓ ↓

Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience B-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience A is recommended (but not mandatory), because it provides the fundamental knowledge for this course.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class attendance and active participation (30 points), short student presentation or report (20 points), and 10 in-class short open-note tests (50 points), the lowest of which will be dropped. The short tests and report will test whether students have achieved the course goals. Students who are absent more than five times will not be credited.

[Textbooks]

Bear, Connors, Paradiso 『Neuroscience: Exploring the brain』 (Lippincott) ISBN:1451109547 (textbook not mandatory, lecture notes will be provided)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Kandel, Schwartz, et al. 『Principles of Neural Science』 (McGraw-Hill) ISBN:0071390111 (textbook with more detailed information, not mandatory)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To achieve the course goals students should review the course materials plus optionally the according chapters in the recommended text books after each class. The time necessary for review should be in the range of 2-3 hours per class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No fixed office hours, but students are welcome to arrange appointments by email.

Lecture code: N494001

Course number		U-LAS14 20052 LE68					
Course title (and course title in English)	Introductory Plant Ecology-E2 Introductory Plant Ecology-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Agriculture Associate Professor, HSIANG Tzu-Fan		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester	
Days and periods	Wed.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Plant ecology underpins many scientific disciplines, including ecosystem rehabilitation, conservation and management biology, and research on climate change impacts. This course will introduce students to the principles of plant ecology. The focus will be on the factors that influence plant distribution and abundance: light, water, nutrients, growth patterns, plant and animal interactions, and disturbances. In addition, current ecological issues such as climate change and exotic species invasions will be examined.

[Course objectives]

Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- * Explain the fundamental processes that influence species' distribution and abundance
- * Discuss interactions between plants and the environment, as well as with other organisms
- * Apply ecological principles to environmental issues
- * Access and critically analyze basic research pertaining to plant ecology

[Course schedule and contents)]

Course Schedule

1. Introduction to Plant Ecology
2. Light
3. Water Relations
4. Soils & Nutrition
5. Evolutionary Processes
6. Population Structure
7. Growth & Reproduction
8. Community Patterns
9. Competition
10. Herbivory & Plant-Pathogen Interactions
11. Disturbance & Fire
12. Succession
13. Communities in Landscapes
14. Global Change: Humans & Plants
15. End of Term Exam
16. Feedback

----- Continue to Introductory Plant Ecology-E2(2) ↓ ↓ ↓

Introductory Plant Ecology-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading: Pre-class submission of questions related to listening exercise (20%), writing exercises based on assigned pre-class reading materials (30%), in-class group presentation (20%) on a topic in the field of plant ecology, and an end of term exam (30%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Handouts will be given out in class, as well as emailed to the students.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should read or listen to the required pre-class materials and submit any required assignment before the class, and come to class ready to participate in class activities. Typically, this will entail listening to a short video or podcast (10 min. or less), as well as reading a 2 or 3 page handout and be prepared to write answers to 1 or 2 questions about the reading material in the following class (15 to 20 minutes provided in class).

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Open door policy during office hours, and anytime by email.

Lecture code: N495001

Course number		U-LAS14 20053 LE68					
Course title (and course title in English)	Principles of Horticulture-E2 Principles of Horticulture-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Agriculture Associate Professor, HSIANG Tzu-Fan		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester	
Days and periods	Wed.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course is a broad introduction to the science and technology underlying the use and production of horticultural crops (fruits, vegetables, flowers, and landscape plants). It includes the structure; growth, development and manipulation of horticultural plants; environmental influences; the basic principles of propagation, outdoor and greenhouse production; and pest control.

[Course objectives]

Upon successful completion of this course students will:

- Be able to use basic horticultural vocabulary to describe and define horticultural management activities.
- Demonstrate a working knowledge of growth and development patterns of horticultural crops, and responses to environmental variables.
- Be able to access and understand basic research on horticultural crops.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Course Schedule

1. Introduction/ History
2. Plant Structure & Genotype
3. Flowers & Fruits
4. Propagation
5. Light
6. Temperature
7. Water
8. Soils & Soil Management
9. Mineral Nutrition
10. Plant Hormones
11. Directing Plant Growth
12. Pest & Disease Management
13. Greenhouse Production
14. Post Harvest Handling
15. End Exam
16. Feedback

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Principles of Horticulture-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading: Listening quizzes (20%), weekly writing exercises based on assigned pre-class reading materials (30%), in-class presentation (20%), and final exam (30%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Handouts and supplemental readings will be distributed electronically and/or as a hard copy in class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should read or listen to the required pre-class materials and submit any required assignment before the class, and come to class ready to participate in class activities. Typically, this will entail listening to a short video or podcast (10 min. or less), as well as reading a 2 or 3 page handout and be prepared to write answers to 1 or 2 questions about the reading material in the following class (15 to 20 minutes provided in class).

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Open door policy during office hours, and anytime by email.

Lecture code: N901001

Course number		U-LAS14 20034 LE68									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Genetics and Evolution-E2 Introduction to Genetics and Evolution-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Biostudies Associate Professor,GUY, Adam Tsuda						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Mon.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
<p>This class will provide an introduction to genetics and evolution, starting with the most fundamental topics. What are chromosomes? What is the genetic code? Students will learn some of the basics about DNA, the genetic material, and the Central Dogma of Molecular Biology. Then we will progress to specific topics such as mitosis and meiosis, genetic variation, and cancer and other genetic diseases in humans.</p> <p>The latter half of the course is devoted to topics in evolutionary biology. We will cover the basic concept of common descent with modification, and discuss the meaning of terms such as natural selection and fitness. We will learn about subjects like the classification of life, the genetics of evolution, conflict and cooperation, sex and reproductive success, and finish with some social and historical considerations of evolutionary theory and society. Students should come to appreciate that we can explain the apparent paradox of the great diversity and unity found in living things through understanding evolution, the "unifying theory of biology".</p>											
[Course objectives]											
<p>Students will become familiar with molecular biology, classical genetics, central dogma, genetic diseases, and learn some basic principles of evolution including natural selection, adaptation, fitness, genetic drift, phylogenetics, and the last universal common ancestor.</p>											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. The Structure of DNA and Chromosomes 3. Coding and noncoding RNA 4. Gene Expression 5. Mitosis and Meiosis 6. Genetic Variation 7. Cancer and Genetic Diseases in Humans 8. Introduction to Evolutionary Biology 9. The Tree of Life: Classification and Phylogeny 10. Genes and Evolution 11. Conflict and Cooperation 12. Sex and Reproductive Success 13. A Brief History of Life on Earth 14. Evolution, Science and Society 15. Final Exam 16. Feedback Class 											
<p>-----</p> <p>Continue to Introduction to Genetics and Evolution-E2(2) ↓ ↓</p>											

Introduction to Genetics and Evolution-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

This is an introductory course. There are no requirements but high school-level knowledge of biology is highly recommended. The course will be taught in English. Some students may have some knowledge of biology but maybe not in English language. Other students may have good English skills, but will have to learn some technical terms used in the study of genetics and evolution.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Lectures will encourage student participation. There will be a final exam and some in-class quizzes to assess comprehension of the subjects taught. Final grades are assessed by: attendance and student participation: 20%; quizzes: 30%; final exam: 50%.

[Textbooks]

Not used

Lecture handouts will be provided for each class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Futuyma & Kirkpatrick 『Evolution』 (Sinauer) ISBN:9781605356051

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students may need 2-3 hours per week to review the lecture material and look up any background information as necessary. Some students may know the subject already, but need to learn the English vocabulary; others may need to learn both Biology and English.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

In principle, anytime. Please contact the instructor by e-mail if you have any questions. For consultations about course-related matters outside class hours, please make an appointment directly or by e-mail.

Lecture code: N911001

Course number		U-LAS14 20035 LE68						
Course title (and course title in English)	Basic Biology-E2 Basic Biology-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Biostudies Associate Professor,GUY, Adam Tsuda			
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Mon.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For science students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
This class will provide a basic introduction to molecular and cell biology, in English. The class is open to 1st and 2nd year students, and will assume some prior familiarity with elementary chemistry and biology, although students from other majors are welcome to attend. The objective for the class is to introduce students to core concepts in biology, the scientific study of living organisms. We will pay attention to some of the similarities in different organisms as well as some of the obvious differences, not only between organisms but between cell types, and at the molecular level of protein functions.								
[Course objectives]								
Students will gain familiarity with the fundamentals of biology, starting with the most basic concepts, considering the chemistry of carbon and water, and the energy processes and the macromolecules that define life.								
Students will then begin to learn about the cell, and how cellular function depends on complex interactions between proteins, nucleic acids, lipids, and carbohydrates, acting alone, in complexes, or in larger structures such as organelles. Students should begin to appreciate how fundamental processes are conserved over evolutionary time, and also how they vary in different species: the unity and diversity of life.								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductory Lecture 2. The Role of Chemistry in Biology 3. Biological Macromolecules I 4. Biological Macromolecules II 5. Energy and Life 6. Cell Structure and Function 7. Lipids and Membranes 8. Cell Respiration 9. Cell Division 10. Central Dogma I 11. Central Dogma II 12. DNA Technology 13. Diversity & Classification of Life 14. Introduction to Evolutionary Biology 15. Final Exam 16. Feedback Class 								
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Basic Biology-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

This class is open to all 1st and 2nd year science students, but it requires some basic (high school-level) knowledge of chemistry and biology.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Lectures will encourage student participation. There will be in-class quizzes and then a final exam to assess comprehension of the concepts of basic biology taught in this course. Evaluation: attendance and student participation: 20%; quizzes: 30%; final exam: 50%.

[Textbooks]

Not used

Lecture handouts will be provided for each class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Wasserman, Minorsky, Cain, Urry, Waterman, Stanley & Reece 『Campbell Biology』 (Pearson) ISBN: 9780134082318 (Most of the content of this course is covered in this textbook)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students may need 2-3 hours per week to review the lecture material and look up any background information as necessary. Some students may know the subject already, but need to learn the English vocabulary; others may need to learn both Biology and English.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

In principle, anytime. Please contact the instructor by e-mail if you have any questions. For consultations about course-related matters outside class hours, please make an appointment directly or by e-mail.

Lecture code: N912001

Course number	U-LAS14 20036 LE68						
Course title (and course title in English)	Basic Genetic Engineering-E2 Basic Genetic Engineering-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Biostudies Associate Professor,GUY, Adam Tsuda		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)	Biology(Issues)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
The objective of this course is to gain a familiarity with the methods, resources, and molecular tools used in genetic engineering. Using an active learning approach, we will cover basic cloning strategies, expression systems and applications that are widely used in labs today. The course is intended for 1st and 2nd year students to provide an introduction to genetic engineering, which will serve as a foundation for more advanced studies. Students taking part in iGEM competition, and international students, are welcome to take this course.							
[Course objectives]							
Students will acquire familiarity with DNA cloning, PCR, CRISPR-Cas9, epitope tags, gene knockouts, gene silencing, and other important techniques. Although this is not a "wet" lab, we will learn by actually designing genetic engineering projects. Depending on enrollment, we may work in small groups or individually to plan a genetic engineering project, step by step.							
[Course schedule and contents])							
Lecture topics are highly flexible, and will address the specific requirements of specific projects chosen by students. I will combine short mini-lectures with in-class work so that students can actively learn how to use some of the design tools and strategies for genetic engineering. The latter half of the course is mostly devoted to small group discussions and one-on-one work with the instructor.							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductory Lecture. What can genetic engineering do for us? Some discussion of Bioethics. Student survey. 2. Lecture on Central Dogma of Molecular Biology 3. Basics of Genetic Engineering: Plasmids, Vectors, Restriction Enzymes, Transformation 4. Transformation vs Transfection; PCR theory. 5. More on restriction enzymes; Gel Electrophoresis. Reverse transcriptase-PCR. (one-on-one discussion about student projects) 6. Introduction to CRISPR-Cas9; more Bioethics; Genetically Modified Organisms as food. Sources of DNA for your project. 7. ApE walkthrough. CRISPR-Cas9 walkthrough using CHOPCHOP. 8. Any of the following topics, depending on students' projects: Epitope, fluorescent and affinity tags. Germline knockout advice. Transgenic method for plants: Ti plasmids. 9. Demo presentation by instructor. Quiz/test for students. 10. Lecture topic tailored to specific projects (one-on-one discussion) 							
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- 11. Lecture topic tailored to specific projects (one-on-one discussion)
 - 12. Lecture topic tailored to specific projects (one-on-one discussion)
 - 13. Lecture topic tailored to specific projects (one-on-one discussion)
 - 14. Oral presentation practice and preparation.
 - 15. Final Exam (group or individual oral presentations)
 - 16. Feedback Class

[Course requirements]

The course is designed for 1st and 2nd year students, from all science backgrounds. Genetic engineering is conceptually not difficult, but the vocabulary is technical. Students must bring a laptop or pad with WiFi connection so that they can work in class.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Final grades will be based on a quiz (10%), a final exam in the form of a short oral presentation (30%), and attendance and participation (60%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

Printed handouts for each class are provided to students, and I will teach you how to use many online resources and freeware to work with DNA sequences, vectors, cloning, and designing gRNA for CRISPR-Cas9.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

As we get into individual or team projects, some outside reading or planning will be necessary, 1-2 hours per week. Depending on individual student background knowledge, I may recommend some online reading/educational videos to aid their learning, or provide printouts of research articles and reviews tailored to each student's project.

In this course, much of the students' preparation work for class will be looking up technical terms or searching online databases.

Students will need to spend some additional time preparing for their oral presentation on final exam day.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

In principle, anytime. Please contact the instructor by e-mail if you have any questions. For consultations about course-related matters outside class hours, please make an appointment directly or by e-mail.

Lecture code: N904001

Course number	U-LAS14 20049 LE68		
Course title (and course title in English)	Chromosome Biology-E2 Chromosome Biology-E2	Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Biostudies Associate Professor,CARLTON, Peter
Group	Natural Sciences	Field(Classification)	Biology(Issues)
Language of instruction	English	Old group	Group B
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)
Days and periods	Tue.5	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students
		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

DNA contains all the information needed to build complex organisms from a single cell. Inside cells, DNA is packaged into discrete bodies called chromosomes.

Since chromosomes hold information, but are also large structures that must interact with the cell, they create connections between many diverse biological fields. Among other areas, students will gain an understanding of:

- what chromosomes are
 - how DNA is packaged inside them
 - how chromosomes replicate and divide
 - how problems with chromosomes can lead to disease.

This introductory class is also intended to give students a foundation for further studies of bioinformatics.

Additionally, this class will be taught in English, providing students a chance to master English reading comprehension of common biological concepts.

[Course objectives]

- To understand the central importance of chromosomes in biology
 - To explain the levels of chromosome organization, from the structure of DNA to large-scale folding of chromosomes
 - To understand how chromosomes are transmitted from one generation to the next, i.e., the fundamentals of genetics and heredity
 - To understand how problems with chromosome maintenance can lead to disease
 - To understand how researchers can visualize, isolate, and study chromosomes

[Course schedule and contents])

1. Overview of the course; human chromosomes and chromosome disorders, how many chromosomes humans typically have, and what kind of disorders occur from having a different number of chromosomes.
 2. Small-scale structure of chromosomes: DNA and nucleosomes, the physical properties of the DNA double helix, how DNA replicates, and how it associates with proteins called histones.

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3. Large-scale structure of chromosomes, chromosome condensation and cohesion: how DNA is packaged inside the nucleus by active reorganization of higher-order structure, and how chromosomes condense in preparation for division.
4. How chromosomes behave during cell division
: cell division from the chromosome perspective, and understand how chromosomes are accurately partitioned between daughter cells.
5. Chromosomes and the cell nucleus: what then nucleus is, the structure of the nuclear envelope and nuclear pores, how DNA is organized inside the nucleus during interphase.
6. Sex chromosomes: how chromosomes can determine sexual development, problems presented by having different types of chromosomes among members of the same species, and how these problems are solved.
7. Meiosis introduction: the special cell division called meiosis, which creates haploid gametes (sperm, eggs, pollen, spores, etc) from diploid germ cells.
8. Meiosis part 2: The problem of homologous chromosome pairing during meiosis, and some molecular mechanisms that organisms use to make the problem easier.
9. Meiosis part 3: Meiotic recombination: how DNA molecules are cut and re-joined to create new chromosomes from the original parent chromosomes, and why this is essential to the meiotic cell divisions.
10. Chromosome evolution: we will study examples of how chromosomes have changed over time, in both the human lineage as well as in nematode worms, and understand the importance of chromosome number for speciation
11. Chromosomes and genome sequence: we will examine the genome sequence of several organisms and see directly the relationship between DNA sequence and chromosomes
12. Chromosome structure from sequence data: we will examine the method called "HiC" to understand how sequencing of large numbers of DNA molecules from cells can help us understand the structure of chromosomes
13. Chromosome diversity: a diverse sampling of organisms will show how many different ways there are of packaging DNA into chromosomes
14. The current frontier of chromosome biology: we will look at recent advances in our understanding of chromosomes from results that have appeared in the literature over the past 6 months
15. Feedback (review of the final exam, Q&A session)

[Course requirements]

The course is open to all students, but a background in biology is essential, so non-biology students must have taken biology courses in high school.

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Chromosome Biology-E2(3)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will be based on three areas: active participation, quizzes, and a final exam.

"Active participation" will be measured by: class attendance, asking questions/giving comments on PandA (as a rule, each student should ask at least 1 question/give one comment on PandA for each class), and answering questions during in-person classes.

Quizzes: short homework assignments. 3 will be given in total, at week 4, 8, and 12 of the class.

The final exam will be a 3-page exam with short answers, multiple choice questions, and a short English writing assignment.

Each area will contribute 1/3rd of the total grade.

[Textbooks]

Not used

No textbook will be used, but handouts will be provided of the lecture material as well as additional reading in English and Japanese.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

For some students, the material will be familiar, but the English vocabulary will be new. For other students, both the content and the vocabulary will be new; for these students, this class may require extensive out-of-class study.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours will be 1 hour once per week on Fridays. Schedule to be announced on the first day of class.

Lecture code: N907001

Course number	U-LAS14 20050 LE68				
Course title (and course title in English)	Practical Computing for Biologists-E2 Practical Computing for Biologists-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Biostudies Associate Professor,CARLTON, Peter
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)	Biology(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters
Days and periods	Tue.5	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For science students
[Overview and purpose of the course]					
This class will introduce students to basic but powerful computational tools that are increasingly becoming an essential part of biological research. We will learn how to navigate a command line environment in a UNIX computer system, explore some useful open source software for DNA and protein analysis, and learn the basics of Python programming for analyzing biological sequence and images.					
Each class will start with a background lecture and proceed to hands-on guidance. The ultimate aim of the class is to provide an introduction that will facilitate your further exploration of computational biology.					
[Course objectives]					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To discover current bioinformatics and biological image analysis software -To be able to design analyze DNA sequences using open online software -To learn general principles of programming using the Python language -To develop a foundation for further exploration of the exciting world of bioinformatics 					
[Course schedule and contents)]					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of the course. How are computers used in biology, and introduction to the "Shell" (terminal) 2. Beginning programming with Python, a general computer language that can be adapted for biology 3. Introduction to manipulating text files and how DNA sequences are stored as text files 4. Extending Python with modules for mathematics (Numpy), biological sequences (Biopython), and data tables (Pandas) 5. The EMBOSS molecular biology suite: Searching protein and DNA sequences for features. 6. Plotting data with Python using the 'plotly' framework 7. Searching and visualizing DNA sequence distribution with Python 8. Small-group coding exercise #1 					
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Practical Computing for Biologists-E2(2)

- 9. Protein structure analysis using AlphaFold, ChimeraX, and Python
- 10. Using Generative AI for programming assistance: strategies, misconceptions, potential
- 11. Approaching statistics: developing an intuitive understanding of statistical significance. p-values, t tests, Fisher's exact test.
- 12. Imaging for biologists: Image fundamentals (pixels, intensity, scaling) using Fiji
- 13. Measuring 2D and 3D objects in images
- 14. Small-group coding exercise #2
- 15. Final exam
- 16. Feedback (test review and Q&A session)

[Course requirements]

A laptop computer with a wireless internet connection is highly recommended for this class.

Windows users should install the program "Cygwin" (from <http://www.cygwin.com>) to provide a shell environment; Mac and UNIX users can use the built-in terminal program.

All students should also install Python to provide a Python environment.

Provisions can be made for students who do not have their own laptop.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will be based on three areas: active participation, in-class quizzes and exercises, and a final exam.

"Active participation" will be measured by: class attendance, asking questions/giving comments on PandA (as a rule, each student should ask at least 1 question/give one comment on PandA for each class), and answering questions during in-person classes.

The final exam will be a 3-page exam with short answers, multiple choice questions, and a short English writing assignment.

Each area will contribute 1/3rd of the total grade.

[Textbooks]

Haddock and Dunn **『Practical Computing for Biologists』** (Sinauer Associates) ISBN:978-0-87893-391-4
(Textbook purchase is suggested but optional. See also the companion website at <http://practicalcomputing.org>)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will have to understand technical vocabulary in English. This may require studying and research outside of class hours.

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Practical Computing for Biologists-E2(3)

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours will be 1 hour once per week, schedule to be announced on the first day of class.

Lecture code: N925001

Course number		U-LAS14 20066 SE68				
Course title (and course title in English)	Biological Sciences through Scientific Articles I-E2 Biological Sciences through Scientific Articles I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor,TAKENAKA, Mizuki	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Tue.5	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Genome editing is one of the hottest topics in modern biology. Various genome editing technologies have been developed and applied to basic science, industry, and medicine. In this seminar, we will read several papers on genome editing in English to discuss the technical background, history, and applications of genome editing. If necessary, supporting information such as scientific background, history, and experimental methods will be provided.

【内容説明】ゲノム編集は現代生物学で最も注目される分野のひとつである。これまで様々なゲノム編集技術が開発され、基礎科学や産業、医療に応用されている。本セミナーでは、ゲノム編集に関するいくつかの英文論文を読み、ゲノム編集の歴史や技術的背景、応用などについて英語で議論する。論文にのっていない科学的背景や歴史、実験手法の詳細などは必要に応じてセミナー中に説明する。

[Course objectives]

Students will learn how to read scientific reviews, essays, and articles.
To grasp the essence of the article and summarize it efficiently.
To find interesting points in scientific articles.
To find complementary articles if necessary.
To read articles critically and purposefully.
Students will understand the background of gene editing technology.

[Course schedule and contents)]

- 1) In the first week, I will give an instruction of the seminar course. I will discuss an article to show the style of presentation. Then I provide an article on gene editing technology.
- 2) Brief lecture on the background knowledge of gene editing.
- 3)-14) Each student prepares a presentation about the article with my support if necessary and presents it at the seminar in turn. Other students are expected to actively participate in the discussion. Complementary information for the article will be provided as needed. We will read 4-5 articles in a semester.
- 15) I will provide a course summary for the feedback session.

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Biological Sciences through Scientific Articles I-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

This course is open to all students, BUT it is recommended that students have at least a high school "basic biology" level of knowledge.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Class attendance and active participation (70%), presentation following questions and answer session (30%).

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

Several recently published biological articles especially on gene editing will be provided as candidates at the first lesson. We will read 4-5 articles in a semester.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should read the provided article in advance.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

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Any questions and requests are welcome by prior arrangements via E-mail.

Lecture code: N926001

Course number		U-LAS14 20059 SE68									
Course title (and course title in English)	Biological Sciences through Scientific Articles II-E2 Biological Sciences through Scientific Articles II-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor,TAKENAKA, Mizuki						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Tue.5		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Chloroplasts and mitochondria are essential organelles for generating energy in plants. It is very important for plants to control and regulate their functions according to their developmental stage and environmental conditions. In this seminar, we will read several papers in English, mainly on the regulation of chloroplasts and mitochondria in plants. A deep understanding of their contents is expected. If necessary, supporting information such as scientific background, history, and experimental methods will be provided. Materials used in the seminar will differ from those used in the first semester.											
【内容説明】葉緑体とミトコンドリアは、独自のゲノムをもつ細胞内小器官で、植物のエネルギー生成に不可欠ある。発生段階や環境条件に応じてその機能を制御・調節することは、植物にとって非常に重要である。本セミナーでは、葉緑体とミトコンドリアの機能制御に関する論文を中心に、英語で書かれた論文を読み解く。最終的に、その内容を深く理解することが期待される。各授業では必要に応じて、その科学的背景、歴史、実験方法などの補足情報を提供する。											
[Course objectives]											
Students will learn how to read scientific reviews, essays, and articles. To grasp the essence of the article and summarize it efficiently. To find interesting points in scientific articles. To find complementary articles if necessary. To read articles critically and purposefully. Students will understand the background of chloroplast and mitochondria in plants.											
[Course schedule and contents])											
1) In the first week, I will give an instruction of the seminar course. I will discuss an article to show the style of presentation. Then I provide an article on chloroplasts and mitochondria in plants.											
2) Brief lecture on the background knowledge of chloroplast and plant mitochondria.											
3)-14) Each student prepares a presentation about the article with my support if necessary and presents it at the seminar in turn. Other students are expected to actively participate in the discussion. Complementary information for the article will be provided as needed. We will read 4-5 articles in a semester.											
15) I will provide a course summary for the feedback session.											
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[Course requirements]

This course is open to all students, BUT it is recommended that students have at least a high school "basic biology" level of knowledge.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Class attendance and active participation (70%), presentation following questions and answer session (30%).

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

Several recently published biological articles (especially on chloroplasts and mitochondria) will be provided as candidates at the first lesson. We will read 4-5 articles in a semester.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should read the provided article in advance.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

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Any questions and requests are welcome by prior arrangements via E-mail.

Lecture code: N927001

Course number		U-LAS14 20061 SE68						
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Computational Molecular Biology-E2 Introduction to Computational Molecular Biology-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences Associate Professor,Martin Robert			
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)			
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group B	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		
Days and periods	Thu.4		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For science students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
The last two decades have seen the rapid expansion of quantitative data in biology. Large-scale experimental approaches now provide quantitative information about biomolecules at an unprecedented pace and scale. Along with these advances, computational tools have become essential to deal with the huge amount of data and to better understand complex and dynamical living systems.								
The main objective of the course is to learn some of the basic principles of computational biology and bioinformatics, from the molecular perspective.								
[Course objectives]								
At the end of this course students should:								
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Appreciate and be able to describe different types of biomolecular components- Understand and solve sequence matching problems and perform sequence analysis and its interpretation- Use and understand computational tools that are widely used by research scientists- Solve problems of molecular analysis using computational tools- Understand the basic principles of molecular networks, their structure, properties, and analysis- Appreciate and utilize the power of computational modeling to study and better understand complex biological systems								
[Course schedule and contents])								
The following topics will be covered over the course of 15 classes, not necessarily in that order:								
Week 1 Guidance								
Week 2 Basic concepts in computational molecular biology								
Week 3 Review of biomolecule structure and properties								
Week 4 Introduction to biological databases								
Week 5-6 DNA and protein sequence analysis								
Week 7-8 Protein analysis (structure and biochemical properties)								
Week 9 Sequence alignment								
Week 10 Patterns in data								
Week 11-12 Molecular networks: principles and analysis								
Week 13 Reaction-diffusion systems and spatiotemporal patterns								
Week 14 Computational and metabolic models of cells or organisms								
Week 15 Final examination								

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Introduction to Computational Molecular Biology-E2(2)

Week 16 Feedback

[Course requirements]

Students will need a computer to complete in-class exercises and homework assignments.

The course is meant for beginners, but students are expected to have a basic familiarity with biomolecules, cell biology, and the use of computers.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

20% Class attendance/participation

40% In-class exercises and homework assignments

20% Project and presentation

20% Final examination

[Textbooks]

Kelley, Scott T. and Didulo, Dennis 『Computational biology: a hypertextbook』 (ASM Press, Wiley 2018)

The textbook listed above will be the main resource for the course but students are not required to buy it. Kyoto University Library has some digital license available.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Additional material and articles will be provided in class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Out of class activities will mainly be for assigned readings and homework assignments and for working on a project. Students should expect to spend about 1-2 hours per week preparing for the class and completing assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Announced in class.

Lecture code: N928001

Course number		U-LAS14 20060 SE68									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Biological Data Analysis-E2 Introduction to Biological Data Analysis-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences Associate Professor,Martin Robert						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Thu.4		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Biology has become a data rich science. Once lagging behind physicists for many years, biologists are now accumulating large amounts of quantitative data from DNA and protein sequence (genome projects) to large scale analysis of the expression of proteins and metabolites and their interactions. Consequently, numerous databases and resources have emerged to organize, distribute, and make possible the analysis of this huge amount of data.											
In this course students will learn about common types of biological data that are rapidly accumulating and the related databases. They will learn to use some powerful online databases and tools that do not necessarily require programming skills. Students will use those tools to analyze DNA and protein sequences, visualize the outcome of large-scale experiments and biological networks, and learn how they can be used to derived knowledge and understanding about the system under study.											
[Course objectives]											
By the end of this course participants should be able to:											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand and explain some of the common types of quantitative biological data - Find and analyze DNA or protein sequences using different databases, repositories, and tools - Exploit linked resources to expand knowledge across data types and resources - Explore the genome and metabolic network of model organisms - Analyze data from a model organism of choice to answer particular biological questions - Gain better understanding of a biological systems through data analysis and interpretation 											
[Course schedule and contents])											
The following topics and their feedback will be covered over the course of 15 classes, not necessarily in that order:											
Week 1 Guidance Week 2-3 Biochemistry and biomolecules review Week 4-5 Genomic and proteomic analysis methods and data Week 6 Introduction to PubMed and sequence databases Week 7-8 Introduction to sequence analysis using BLAST Week 9 The UniProt database (features, tools, analysis) Week 10 The KEGG database (features, tools, analysis) Week 11-12 The Biocyc and Ecocyc databases (features, tools, analysis)											
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Week 13 Introduction to biological network analysis

Week 14 Project presentation

Week 16 Feedback

[Course requirements]

The course is targeted to beginners. A basic familiarity with biomolecules and cell biology is desirable but not essential. Students should bring a computer to class to complete in-class exercises and tutorials as well as homework assignments.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

20% Class attendance and participation

60% In-class exercises and homework assignments

20% Project

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Reference material and resources will be derived from various sources that will be announced in class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Out of class activities will mainly be for assigned readings and homework assignments and for working on a project. Students should expect to spend about 1-2 hours per week preparing for the class and completing assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Announced during class.

Lecture code: N929001

Course number		U-LAS14 20065 LE68						
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Plant Physiology-E2 Introduction to Plant Physiology-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Agriculture Professor,Daniel Epron			
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		
Days and periods	Mon.2	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
Land plants adapt to the environment and at the same time have developed distinctive structures and functions that have great influence on the environment as well. In this lecture we outline the physiological, morphological and anatomical characteristics that are the basis of the growth and survival of plants. We will discuss how these attributes are integrated and coordinated at the whole plant level to better understand the ecology of species both in their natural range and when used in agriculture and forestry. This course broadly introduces the physiological functions of plants in an ecological perspective.								
[Course objectives]								
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to understand the physiological processes underlying plant growth and development, how environmental factors influence these processes, and how knowledge of plant physiology is useful for crop, grassland and forest management.								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
Course schedule:								
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to plant physiology in an ecological perspective 2. Leaf photosynthesis: adaptation to sun and shade 3. Carbon assimilation and temperature 4. C3 and C4 plants in an evolutionary perspective 5. Respiration and carbon use efficiency 6. Effects of environmental factors on plant respiration 7. Growth and allocation 8. Storage of carbohydrates 9. Long distance transport of carbohydrates 10. Mineral uptake and translocation 11. Nutrient productivity and nutrient use efficiency 12. Water in cells, plants and soils 13. Water transport in plants 14. Control of plant water loss 15. End of Term Exam 16. Feedback 								
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Introduction to Plant Physiology-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

Beneficial but not mandatory: basic knowledges in biology (high school)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading: Quizzes or questions based on previous class contents (after each class on PandA, 50%), end of term exam (50%).

In no case will English language proficiency be a criterion for evaluating students. Tests and exams are designed to allow short answers.

Class attendance is expected: students who are absent more than three times without sound reasons (documented unavoidable absence) will not be credited.

[Textbooks]

Lecture notes and slides will be provided before each class (uploaded on PandA).

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

W Larcher 『Physiological Plant Ecology』 (Springer) ISBN:ISBN 978-3-540-43516-7 (Recommended books and website to deepen the course content (not mandatory))

H Lambers, FS Chapin, TL Pons 『Plant Physiological Ecology』 (Springer) ISBN:ISBN 978-0-387-78340-6 (Recommended books and website to deepen the course content (not mandatory))

R Munns, S Schmidt, C Beveridge 『Plants in Action: a resource for teachers and students of plant science』 (<http://plantsinaction.science.uq.edu.au/>) (Recommended books and website to deepen the course content (not mandatory))

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to review the course content of previous classes and to read the materials distributed before each class (about two hours between two classes).

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students are encouraged to ask questions and to make comments during the class.

Students are welcome to arrange appointments by email, even outside the official office hour, for questions and discussion.

Lecture code: N939001

Course number		U-LAS14 20070 LE68									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Ecology and Evolution-E2 Introduction to Ecology and Evolution-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor,BARNETT, Craig Antony						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Mon.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Evolution deals with the processes which led to the diversity of species and the relationships among them while ecology attempts to understand this species diversity and the interactions among them. These two aspects of biology are closely related. In this course we will examine how evolution and ecology interact with one another in order to understand biological diversity. We will also examine some more applied aspects of ecology such as the human impacts on ecosystems (e.g., climate change and conservation).											
[Course objectives]											
This course deals with ecology and evolution and how these topics interact in order to produce biodiversity. We will deal with key problems such as the evolution of life-histories, the evolution of sex through to speciation, extinction, and macroecology. We will also examine some more applied aspects of ecology and evolution such as examining human impacts on species, ecological communities, and the ecosystem.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
The following subjects will be held for 3-5 weeks each.											
(1) Adaptation and fitness											
We will examine adaptation and the process that leads to adaptation in organisms and how we practically measure fitness in animals. For example, we will examine topics such as the evolution of life histories and how these are optimized to different ecological conditions and the evolution of sexual reproduction and its advantages over asexual reproduction.											
(2) Ecology											
We will examine what makes some kinds of organisms species-rich and other kinds of organisms species poor. We will also emphasize the importance on ecological interactions in ecology and how they may influence the ecology of and evolution of other species. We will also examine some relationships between biodiversity and different geographic regions (such as latitude) and island biogeography. This will allow us to better understand questions such as why there are more species in the tropics and why bigger islands have more species present on them than small islands. We will also examine how ecological factors may influence speciation.											
(3) Evolution											
We will closely examine of the birth of species (speciation), multiplication of species (radiation), and death of species (extinction) and the ecological factors that influence these processes. We will also examine how species diversity has changed over time and why some groups of organisms seem to be more successful than other groups.											
(4) Human impacts											
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Introduction to Ecology and Evolution-E2(2)

We will examine the impacts that humans are exerting on the ecology and evolution of individual species, communities, as well as global issues related to humans impacts on the ecosystem. We will examine a number of examples that demonstrate human impacts on ecology and evolution including the effects of human harvesting on organisms (e.g., trophy hunting, commercial exploitation), ecology in cities, and the effects of global climate change on the ecology and conservation of organisms.

[Course requirements]

It is not necessary to have completed high school biology, but it would be an advantage.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Assessment will be made on the basis of an end of semester test.

[Textbooks]

Not used

Handouts to be given in class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Mayhew, P. 『Discovering evolutionary ecology: bringing together ecology and evolution.』 (Oxford University Press) ISBN:978-0-19-852528-8 (2006)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To achieve the course goals, students should review the course materials and the recommended readings after each class. The time necessary for review should be in the range of 2-3 hours per week. If you have any questions, please ask the instructor.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No formal office hours, the instructor is available by appointment to meet with students.

Lecture code: N940001

Course number		U-LAS14 20071 LE68				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Biosciences-E2 Introduction to Biosciences-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences Senior Lecturer, MACPHERSON TOM	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Biology, or Bioscience, is the study of living organisms and is divided into specialized fields that examine their form (morphology), function (physiology), structure (anatomy), behavior, origin (evolution), distribution, and interactions with the environment (ecology). "Introduction to Biosciences" provides students with a broad foundation in these fields, exploring key concepts in bioscience and their significance for humans and the world around us.

Students will have the opportunity to explore topics of their own interests through class presentation assignments, such as news or journal articles related to cell biology.

[Course objectives]

Students will gain an understanding of the diversity of Bioscience and its importance in our daily lives. Students will develop the ability to understand and discuss various aspects of Bioscience in English, as well as to read, understand, and think critically about Bioscience in the media, such as in news reports, newspaper articles, and scientific journal articles.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Introduction to the course; Chemistry of life
2. Cell structure
3. Genetics
4. Biological Diversity
5. Viruses
6. Plant Biology
7. Mid-term exam + Feedback,
Explanation of Class Presentations
8. Animal Form and Function
9. The Nervous system
10. Sensory Systems
11. The Immune System
12. Evolution
13. Ecology
14. Class Presentations
15. Final Exam
16. Feedback

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Introduction to Biosciences-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

This is an introductory course and prior knowledge of the topic is not necessary. All essential knowledge for the class and exams will be provided in class. Students need only to have a curiosity about the study of life.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Midterm exam, 20%.

Class presentation assignments, 20%.

Final examination, 60%.

[Textbooks]

OpenStax Biology 2e freely available to download at the URL below.

(Related URL)

<https://openstax.org/details/books/biology-2e>

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Review from the textbook, previous lecture content, and preparation for assignments to be presented in class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

The contents of the syllabus are a guide to the content of the course, the exact content may change. Input and suggestions from students are very welcome and I am happy to discuss the course material with students via email or in-person meeting.

Lecture code: N942001

Course number		U-LAS14 20072 LE68				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Immunology-E2 :The body's defense system Introduction to Immunology-E2 :The body's defense system			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Associate Professor,KIM MINSOO	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Thu.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Our body is constantly exposed to foreign microbes, many of which cause infectious diseases. However, our body has an intricate immune system that defends against such infections. Understanding this host immune system gives us greater insights into human diseases and enables us to develop novel therapeutic tools. This course, therefore, focuses on the immune system at the molecular, cellular, and whole-organism levels.

Topics include: cells and tissues of the immune system, lymphocyte development, structure and function of antigens and antibodies, cell biology of antigen processing and presentation, pathogenesis of immunologically-mediated diseases, and disease control. The first four lectures provide a simple introduction to immunology, and subsequent lectures focus on specialized topics that will give a detailed understanding of the immune system.

[Course objectives]

To understand the basic concepts of immune cells and organs.

To understand how our body responds to foreign antigens and self-derived threats.

To become familiar with various research topics in immunology.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Introduction to immunology: the body's defense
2. Elements of the immune system and their roles in defense
3. Introduction to innate immunity: the first lines of defense
4. Overview of adaptive immunity
5. Cells and tissues of the immune system
6. Antibodies and antigens
7. Inflammation and tissue repair
8. Recognition of self and non-self by the innate immune system
9. B cell development and antibody mediated immunity
10. Antigen presentation by T lymphocytes
11. Immunological memory and vaccination
12. Failures of the body's defenses-Immunodeficiency
13. Disorders in the immune system-Autoimmunity, Allergy
14. Immunity to Tumors
15. Final examination
16. Feedback

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Introduction to Immunology-E2 :The body's defense system(2)

[Course requirements]

The course is open to all students, although a background in cell biology is highly recommended.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class attendance and participation (40%), homework (20%), and Final exam (40%).

[Textbooks]

Abul K. Abbas, Andrew H. Lichtman, Shiv Pillai 『Cellular and Molecular immunology 10th edition』 (Elsevier,2022) ISBN:9780323757485

Kenneth Murphy et al. 『Janeway's Immunology』 (WW Norton) ISBN:9780393884890

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Jenni Punt et al. 『Kuby Immunology』 (WH Freeman) ISBN:978-1319114701

Peter Parham 『The Immune System 5th edition』 (WW Norton) ISBN:978-0-393-53335-4

Bruce Alberts et al. 『Molecular Biology of the Cell』 (WW Norton) ISBN:978-0815344643

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To achieve the course goals, students read the recommended textbooks before the class and review the course handouts.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Please feel free to come to my office at any time

Lecture code: N943001

Course number		U-LAS14 20073 LE68						
Course title (and course title in English)	Microorganisms in our Lives-E2 Microorganisms in our Lives-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Associate Professor,KIM MINSOO			
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Thu.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
<p>Microbiology is the study of microorganisms, such as bacteria, viruses, fungi, and protozoa, which are usually too small to be seen by the naked eye. They are necessary for making various products, such as bread, cheese, beer, and antibiotics, and for numerous biotechnological processes. Of course, microorganisms also cause diseases and impact our everyday lives.</p> <p>The first four lectures of this course provide an introduction to microbiology and consider microbial diversity, metabolism, and genetics. Subsequent lectures focus on specialized topics, including vaccines, antibiotics, host defense systems, and microbial infectious diseases.</p>								
[Course objectives]								
<p>To understand the biological differences between microorganisms, such as bacteria, viruses, parasites, and fungi.</p> <p>To understand the roles of microbes in infectious diseases.</p> <p>To gain basic knowledge of the host defense system against microbial diseases.</p>								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. History of microbiology 2. Introduction to microbial diversity 3. Microbial genetics and metabolism 4. General characteristics of bacteria 5. Commensal bacteria and human health 6. Human diseases caused by bacteria 7. Control of microorganisms in the environments 8. Introduction to viruses 9. Evolution of viruses 10. Human diseases caused by virus-1 11. Human diseases caused by virus-2 12. Host defense system to microbes 13. Microbial disease control (vaccines and antibiotics) 14. Food and industrial microbiology 15. Final examination 16. Feedback 								
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Microorganisms in our Lives-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

The course is open to all students, although a high school level background in biology is recommended.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class attendance and participation (50%), homework (20%), and exam (30%).

[Textbooks]

Michael T. Madigan, Kelly S. Bender, Daniel H. Buckley, W. Matthew Sattley, David A. Stahl 『Brock biology of Microorganisms』 (Pearson) ISBN:978-1292235103

Joanne Willey, Kathleen Sandman, Dorothy Wood 『Prescott's Microbiology』 (McGraw-Hill Higher Education) ISBN:978-1260570021

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Bruce Alberts et al. 『Molecular Biology of the Cell』 (WW Norton) ISBN: 978-0815344643

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To achieve the course goals, students read the recommended textbooks before the class and review the course handouts.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Please feel free to come to my office at any time

Lecture code: N934001

Course number		U-LAS14 20067 LE68									
Course title (and course title in English)	Plant Biotechnology-E2 Plant Biotechnology-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Agriculture Program-Specific Associate Professor,YASIR SERAG ALNOR MOHAMMED SERAG ALNOR						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Wed.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
<p>Purpose</p> <p>The course will deal with the basic principles and selected applications of biotechnology for plants/agricultural crops, emphasizing the need for a different type of agricultural, in order to support the increasing needs for food (quantity and quality) facing climatic changes as well as increased abiotic and biotic stress conditions. The basic aspects of the major biotechnological tools and solutions will also be discussed.</p>											
[Course objectives]											
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gain a deeper understanding of major basic biotechnologies related to agricultural production. Explain the major practical biotechnologies aimed at solving agriculture and food production problems. Evaluate the achieved progress, the possible risks and future needs of agricultural biotechnologies. Be familiar with the ecological, sociological and ethical issues associated with genetically-modified (GM) plants and their products. 											
[Course schedule and contents]											
<p>The following topics will be covered during the 14 weeks of the semester. Week 15 is an exam session and feedback class is given at week 16.</p>											
<p>Main topics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Background to general biotechnology: introductory remarks and limitations of traditional agriculture in meeting land, environmental and economic constraints. Overview on the basic procedures in plant biotechnology. Micropropagation and in vitro production of pathogen-free plants. Germplasm storage, conservation of plant genetic resources. Introduction to asexual (somatic) cell genetics: protoplasts, haploids and selection. Introduction to plant transformation and transgenic crop plants: achievements, expectations and public perception. Molecular breeding for plant abiotic stress tolerance (drought, heat, salinity etc.). Molecular breeding for plant pest control (viruses, insects, herbicides). Biotechnology of crop yield and quality traits: improved functional protein content, flowering, ripening, color, scent, plant architecture etc. Genetic engineering for biomaterials: industrial products, pharmaceuticals, bioenergy. Plants as bioreactors. Commercial, legal, sociological, and public aspects of agricultural plant biotechnologies. 											
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Plant Biotechnology-E2(2)

12. Intellectual Property Rights in Biotechnology. Plant breeder's rights, farmer's rights, plant variety protection, convention of biodiversity and patenting.

[Course requirements]

English proficiency sufficient for understanding lectures, reading articles and texts, and participating in class discussions. A knowledge of high school biology and chemistry is also required.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading: Class attendance and active participation (20%), assignments and quizzes (30%), and final exam or coursework (50%)

[Textbooks]

Not fixed

Introduced during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Handouts and supplemental readings will be distributed electronically and/or as a hard copy in class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should read or listen to the required pre-class materials and submit any required assignment before the class, and come to class ready to participate in class activities.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No fixed office hours. Students are requested to make appointments directly or by email.

Lecture code: N935001

Course number		U-LAS14 20068 LE68				
Course title (and course title in English)	Proteins-workforce of life-E2 Proteins-workforce of life-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Agriculture Program-Specific Associate Professor,YASIR SERAG ALNOR MOHAMMED SERAG ALNOR	
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Wed.4		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Purpose

This course will introduce the wonderful world of proteins. Proteins are a type of organic macromolecule that are fundamental building blocks of life. While we hear a lot about proteins in daily life, in ads for protein shakes and protein powders, there are a few misconceptions about why proteins are essential and how they work. The many proteins manufactured by cells perform a broad range of essential functions; they are the molecular workforce of living organisms. Proteins catalyze metabolic reactions, replicate DNA, respond to stimuli, provide movement, and much more. Here, we will explore how proteins are constructed and fold into three-dimensional shapes, the kinds of bonds that hold these folded structures together, and the immense range of proteins' roles in our life. We will also explore how proteins are purified and characterized in order to understand their structure and function.

[Course objectives]

1. Gain a deeper understanding of proteins and structural biology.
2. Appreciate the important range of roles the proteins perform in our life.
3. Be familiar with the tools for studying, characterizing, and determining the 3D structure of proteins.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The following topics will be covered during the 14 weeks of the semester. Week 15 is an exam session and feedback class is given at week 16.

Main topics

1. Review of basic cell biology
2. Introduction to proteins and amino acids and their vital role in the cell
3. Levels of protein structure and forces that hold proteins into their three-dimensional functional form
4. Protein synthesis in the cell and their post-translational modifications
5. Protein translocation, sorting into different organelles and degradation
6. Proteins as catalysts for cellular processes
7. Nature of proteins embedded in cell membranes and their role in signal transduction
8. Role of proteins in innate and adaptive immune response
9. DNA cloning and recombinant expression and mass production of proteins
10. Purification and overview of techniques for analyzing proteins
11. Select methods for characterizing proteins and its function
12. Protein design and engineering

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13. Tools in determining protein three-dimensional structure

[Course requirements]

English proficiency sufficient for understanding lectures, reading articles and texts, and participating in class discussions. A knowledge of high school biology and chemistry is also required.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading: Class attendance and active participation (20%), assignment and quizzes (30%), and final exam or coursework (50%).

[Textbooks]

Not fixed

Introduced during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

Handouts and supplemental readings will be distributed electronically and/or as a hard copy in class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should read or listen to the required pre-class materials and submit any required assignment before the class, and come to class ready to participate in class activities.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No fixed office hours. Students are requested to make appointments directly or by email.

Lecture code: N936001

Course number		U-LAS14 20069 LE68						
Course title (and course title in English)	Food Science-E2 Food Science-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Agriculture Program-Specific Associate Professor, YASIR SERAG ALNOR MOHAMMED SERAG ALNOR			
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Biology(Issues)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For science students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
This course will introduce the basics of food science. We will discuss the definition of food, its constituents, and their functions, and the relationship between food science and other disciplines. We will also highlight the basic principles of food preservation in relation to processing techniques and quality control procedures. This course will also discuss the world food crises and sustainable food production.								
[Course objectives]								
1. Gain a better understanding of food science and human nutrition and communicate effectively with others in the field. 2. Understand the relationship between food science and other disciplines. 3. Students will also become familiar with the global food concerns.								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
The following topics will be covered during the 14 weeks of the semester. Week 15 is an exam session and feedback class is given at week 16.								
Main topics								
1. Science of Food and Why Food Science? 2. Composition and nutrition value of food 3. Food and microbes 4. Food safety 5. Food quality 6. Food processing methods 8. Some aspects of food handling 9. Food science and other sciences 10. Global food crises 11. Sustainable food production								
[Course requirements]								
English proficiency sufficient for understanding lectures, reading articles and texts, and participating in class discussions. A knowledge of high school biology and chemistry is also required.								
[Evaluation methods and policy]								
Grading: Class attendance and active participation (20%), assignment and quizzes (30%), and final exam (50%).								
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Food Science-E2(2)

[Textbooks]

Not fixed

Introduced during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Handouts and supplemental readings will be distributed electronically and/or as a hard copy in class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should read or listen to the required pre-class materials and submit any required assignment before the class, and come to class ready to participate in class activities.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No fixed office hours. Students are requested to make appointments directly or by email.

Lecture code: N533001

Course number		U-LAS15 10002 LE58									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Earth Science A Introduction to Earth Science A			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,Zhu Fan						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Earth Science(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Fri.2		Target year	Mainly 1st year students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Year after year, the effects of climate change (extreme heat waves, rising sea-levels, changes in patterns of precipitation, floods, droughts, intense hurricanes, etc.) are increasingly affecting--directly and indirectly--the physical, social, and psychological health of humans.											
As a student of sciences, you will be responsible--at some point of your future professional career, be it in the public or private sector--to device strategies, methods, and/or techniques to mitigate its effects, either globally or locally. But, in order to do so, you first need to understand how our planet works, how its diverse parts are interrelated, and how changes in the working of some of its elements could disrupt complete systems.											
This lecture will introduce, therefore, the tools needed to study the Earth as a system, and will focus on three of its main subsystems (Atmosphere, Hydrosphere, and Geosphere) and their interactions in different time scales.											
[Course objectives]											
At the end of the semester, you should be able to understand the concept of systems, the basics of our planet's energy balance, and also the principles behind of the behavior--as systems and subsystems--of the Atmosphere, the Hydrosphere, and the Geosphere.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
This course consists of 15 classes including one feedback class. The classes will be grouped into several topics. Each topic will be taught in two or three lectures as listed below:											
1. Introduction to Earth Systems (2 sessions) Coupling and feedback loops in the Earth system.											
2. Global Energy Balance (3 sessions) The greenhouse effect, umbrella effect, and climate change.											
3. Atmosphere (3 sessions) Circulation of the atmosphere and precipitation.											
4. Hydrosphere (3 sessions) Seawater properties, surface currents and deep ocean currents.											
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Introduction to Earth Science A(2)

5. Geosphere (3 sessions)

Anatomy of Earth and plate tectonics.

6. Feedback (1 session)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class attendance and participation (20%), in-class exercise and homework (30%) and a final report (50%). This class will have no mid-term or final exam. Submission of a final report is necessary for this class. Detailed requirements on the report will be explained during the lectures.

[Textbooks]

Handouts will be provided for each class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Lee R. Kump, James F. Kasting, Robert G. Crane 『The Earth System』 ISBN:9780321597793

Brian J. Skinner, Barbara Murck 『The Blue Planet : An Introduction to Earth System Science』 ISBN: 9780471236436

Frederick K. Lutgens, Edward J. Tarbuck 『The Atmosphere : An Introduction to Meteorology』 ISBN: 9780321756312

Edward J. Tarbuck, Frederick K. Lutgens 『Earth : An Introduction to Physical Geology』 ISBN: 9780321814067

All additional reference books are available at the Library in Yoshida Campus, and also at other Kyoto University libraries. Previous editions of the same books can also be used.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Handouts will be provided at the beginning of each session. You are expected to use them to follow the lectures, to take notes, and as a starting point to further your personal self-learning.

Before end of the semester you will be requested to submit a report summarizing the topics studied in class. Writing the report may also require doing additional research on the recommended bibliography or other resources.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Information will be provided during the first lecture.

Lecture code: N560001

Course number		U-LAS15 10004 LE58					
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Earth Science B-E2 Introduction to Earth Science B-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Professor,ZWINGMANN, Horst Friedrich August		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Earth Science(Foundations)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester	
Days and periods	Wed.1		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

The Earth System is divided into four subsystems: atmosphere, hydrosphere, geosphere and biosphere. This lecture focuses on the first three subsystems and introduces their interactions in the different time scales. In particular, this lecture will be outlined interaction and material circulation between these three subsystems, and transition and change in the global environment over the 4.6 billion year history of the Earth.

[Course objectives]

The objective of this course is to develop an understanding of fundamental geological concepts and processes of plate tectonics and its influences on the dynamic Earth. The lectures comprise a general introduction to plate tectonics theory and selected detailed field case studies from Japan and the world.

At the end of the semester, students should be able to understand fundamental geological concepts and processes, within an Earth System context, and how the application of physical, chemical and biological sciences can be applied to solve geological problems.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The Earth System is broadly divided into four subsystems: atmosphere, hydrosphere, geosphere and biosphere. There is exchange of both matter and energy within those subsystems, in different time scales.

The main contents of this lecture are:

1. Interactions and material circulation among these three subsystems of the Earth System
2. Consist of the global environment
 - Formation of the Earth
 - Environment of the early Earth
3. The climate change in Earth's history
 - Ice Age vs. No Ice Age
 - Glacial/Interglacial periods fluctuations
 - Climate change after the last glacial period

Course will be offered in the second semester within 14 classes, one examination and one feedback class.

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Introduction to Earth Science B-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students are able to (1) demonstrate understanding of basic geological processes and relationships at global to local scale including how this knowledge can be applied to issues of relevance to Japan; 2) identify and interpret common geological features and processes within the Earth System context and (3) demonstrate an understanding of the complex Earth System and its processes at a regional and global scale now, in the past, and in the future. The evaluation method comprises (1) an in class assignment (50%) and (2) written examination during the official examination term (50%).

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

Instruction is given during class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

Instruction is given during class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

This course has been designed to allow students to integrate the concepts covered in lectures with own readings. A joint group project is developed by students based on data from a range of sources. Students will be supported throughout the project by discussions with your lecturer and associated students.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Instruction of office hours is given in class.

Lecture code: N563001

Course number	U-LAS15 10008 LE58						
Course title (and course title in English)	How the Earth Works I-E2 :Environmental Change How the Earth Works I-E2 :Environmental Change			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor,ENESCU, Bogdan Dumitru		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)	Earth Science(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Wed.4		Target year	All students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
I will outline the environmental changes that have occurred during the Earth history, with a special focus on climate change. The lectures will address the main factors that control the climate, as well as their interaction. We will discuss in particular the human impact on environment and its consequences. To facilitate understanding and encourage active participation during the class, some materials and vocabulary in Japanese will be also provided.							
[Course objectives]							
The Earth Climate is the result of complex interactions among the components that make up the Earth: the Atmosphere (layer of gases), the Hydrosphere (water), the Lithosphere (or solid Geosphere), and the Biosphere (all living organisms). By learning about these interactions that take place on a variety of time scales, the students will be able to understand why and how the Earth Climate continuously changes.							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
During its history of 4.6 billion years, the Earth climate changed profoundly. At the scale of hundreds of millions of years, the Earth is now during an "Ice Age" period. However, at a 'closer' look, at the scale of hundreds of thousands of years, we are at present in a period of relative warming known as "interglacial period". From the early part of the 19th century, the human activity started having a pronounced impact on climate, being likely responsible for the current "global warming", due to high emission of greenhouse gases.							
Contents (tentative):							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Components of the climate system; - Current global environment: the Earth's energy balance; - Origins and evolution of the Atmosphere, Hydrosphere and Continents; - Climate change factors: the carbon cycle; - Long-term and short-term climate changes from past to present; - 20th century warming: fingerprints of human-related global climate change. 							
There will be 2-3 lectures for each of the topics above. We will conduct in total 15 classes, including the feedback class.							
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[Course requirements]

At the beginning of the course, you do not need specific knowledge of Earth Sciences. However, self-study is required to learn the essential knowledge necessary for the course.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class attendance and active participation (30%), class-room exercises (30%) and a final examination (40%).

[Textbooks]

A pack of class materials (mainly PowerPoint files) will be provided to students. The following textbook is recommended, but not required:

Lee R. Kump, James F. Kasting and Robert G. Crane, The Earth System (3rd edition), Prentice Hall, ISBN: 978-0321597793, 2009.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

John P. Grotzinger and Thomas H. Jordan 『Understanding Earth (7th edition)』 (W.H. Freeman and Company) ISBN:978-1-4641-3874-4

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to do readings in preparation for the class. Class-related materials should be downloaded and printed out by students, from a dedicated website, which will be announced at the beginning of the lecture.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students can meet me during office hours with prior appointment. The number of students who can take this class will be limited to a maximum of 60 students.

Lecture code: N564001

Course number		U-LAS15 10010 LE58					
Course title (and course title in English)	How the Earth Works II-E2 :Earth's History How the Earth Works II-E2 :Earth's History			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor,ENESCU, Bogdan Dumitru		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Earth Science(Foundations)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester	
Days and periods	Thu.4		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

The Earth was born as a "fireball" of mixed molten rock and metal; after subsequent hardening, it was very similar with the other "inner" planets: Mars, Venus and Mercury. However, Life was formed only on planet Earth. Why Earth followed a different destiny from other planets? During this lecture we will follow the history of Earth's evolution, from its formation until present days. To facilitate understanding and encourage active participation during the class, some materials and vocabulary in Japanese will be also provided.

[Course objectives]

The student will familiarize with the most important events in the Earth history and will be able to understand the formation and structure of planet Earth.

[Course schedule and contents)]

- Formation of the Solar System and the Earth;
- Structure of the Earth;
- Beginning of Plate Tectonics;
- Birth and evolution of Life;
- Atmosphere evolution: oxygen and carbon dioxide;
- The supercontinent cycle;
- Continent fragmentation and magmatic activity;
- Macro-evolution of Life and extinction episodes.

For each of the topics above, we plan 1-2 lectures. There will be in total 15 classes, including the feedback class.

[Course requirements]

At the beginning of the course, you do not need specific knowledge of Earth Sciences. However, self-study is required to learn the essential knowledge necessary for the course.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class attendance and active participation (30%), class-room exercises (30%) and a final examination (40%).

[Textbooks]

A pack of class materials (mainly Power Point/PDF files) will be provided to students. The following textbook is recommended, but not required:

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How the Earth Works II-E2 :Earth's History(2)

C.H. Langmuir and W. Broecker, How to Build a Habitable Planet: The Story of Earth from Big Bang to Humankind, Princeton University Press, 2012, ISBN: 9781400841974 (*Japanese edition available).

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

John P. Grotzinger and Thomas H. Jordan 『Understanding Earth (7th edition)』 (W.H. Freeman and Company) ISBN:978-1-4641-3874-4

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to do readings in preparation for the class. Class-related materials should be downloaded and printed out by students, from a dedicated website, which will be announced at the beginning of the lecture.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students can meet me during office hours with prior appointment. The number of students who can take this class will be limited to a maximum of 60 students.

Lecture code: N565001

Course number		U-LAS15 10012 LE56					
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to General Astronomy-E2 Introduction to General Astronomy-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor,LEE, Shiu Hang		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Earth Science(Foundations)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2	
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester	
Days and periods	Wed.4		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors	

[Overview and purpose of the course]

The quest to understand our origins, namely, the origin of the universe is probably one of the oldest questions of human kind. In this course the latest advances in our knowledge of the universe are learned in plain language. The spatial and temporal scales of the universe and the key components (planets, stars, and galaxies, and their structures) are described in detail, and the basic techniques and logic employed in astronomical science are discussed.

[Course objectives]

To obtain an overview understanding of the universe currently obtained by humankind, and to learn the basics of astronomical observations and theories employed in discoveries about the cosmos. Through the above, students will cultivate in themselves an scientific attitude which can be applied in their daily life and future career.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The following topics will be introduced (but not necessarily in this order):

1. Overview of modern astronomy and astrophysics
2. Planets, moons and other objects in the Solar System
3. Formation of planetary systems
4. Observation of exo-planets
5. Our Sun
5. Stars
6. Stellar evolution (low-mass stars and massive stars)
7. Supernova explosions
8. Neutron stars and pulsars
9. Blackholes and general relativity
10. Active galaxies
11. Gamma-ray bursts
12. Cosmological history of the Universe (if time allows)

Each item above will be covered in 1 to 1.5 lectures, except stellar evolution which will be covered in 2 lectures. Including the feedback period, the course will be covered in 15 lectures in total.

[Course requirements]

At the beginning of the course, you do not need prior knowledge of physics or astronomy. Basic

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mathematical skills (but calculus needed) are desirable. Essential knowledge for the course will be provided as needed in class.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation based on:

- 1) Weekly online homework (due every Tuesday), and
- 2) Class attendance and participation (taken after registration period)

(Details are explained during class)

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Geller, Freedman, and Kaufmann 『Universe』 (W H Freeman & Co) ISBN:1319248640 (11th edition (2019) (10th edition is also acceptable))

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Read the lecture notes, online materials and reference book

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students are encouraged to ask questions during the lectures, and are welcome to contact the professor by email outside of class hours. All lecture notes, homework sets and grades will be made available on the course's PandA website.

Lecture code: N566001

Course number		U-LAS15 10014 LE58					
Course title (and course title in English)	Science on Water, Soil and Ecosystems-E2 Science on Water, Soil and Ecosystems-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Agriculture Program-Specific Assistant Professor,SHARMA, Vikas		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Earth Science(Foundations)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester	
Days and periods	Fri.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Ecosystem science is a vast subject that comprises the study of biotic and abiotic components in an ecosystem and the interactions among them. This course provides an introduction to the science of two major physical components of ecosystems: water and soil. Understanding the earth's structure, the movement and distribution of water and the mechanics of soils can help answer issues related to sustenance of life like the availability of fresh water and food sources, natural and anthropogenic disturbances leading to geo-disasters etc. Study of such interactions between the physical and living environment will help develop tools for the assessment, management and mitigation of environmental impacts.

Based on a scientific perspective, the course will also provide a foundation for the quantification of hydrological and geotechnical data. The contents of this course will aid students interested in a career in diverse fields like environmental sustainability, climate modeling, geology, hydrology, ecology, agriculture, forestry and many more.

[Course objectives]

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able

(1) to understand and quantify different aspects related to the circulation of water in the environment, (2) to understand the basic mechanics of soil and explain the mechanism of commonly occurring geo-hazards, e.g. landslides, (3) to integrate these concepts along with those of nutrient movement in the ecosystem to develop and manage tools for environmental sustainability.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The following topics and sub-topics will be covered during this course.

1. Introduction
2. Moisture in the atmosphere
Vapor pressure, relative humidity, dew point, adiabatic processes, cloud formation
3. Atmospheric circulation
Wind flow, global air circulation, regional wind and weather systems
4. Runoff and streamflow
Stream behavior, meanders, sediment load, hydrograph
5. Internal structure of the earth
Rocks and minerals, plate tectonics
6. Weathering and Erosion

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- Weathering, erosion, properties of sand, clay and silt
7. Groundwater hydraulics
Soil as a three-phase material, hydraulic gradient, Darcy's Law
8. Fundamentals of soil mechanics
Total and effective stress in soils
9. Mechanism of soil failure leading to geohazards
Upward seepage flow, critical hydraulic gradient, internal erosion in dams
10. Biogeochemical cycles
11. Ecological energetics and biodiversity
Trophic webs, ecological pyramids, trophic cascades and biodiversity
12. Environmental sustainability - methods, tools, management (I)
13. Environmental sustainability - methods, tools, management (II)
14. Reserved week for revision
15. Examination
16. Feedback

[Course requirements]

The course is self contained. Students from all disciplines are welcome and no prior knowledge of concepts from natural sciences courses (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geology) at high school is necessary. Essential knowledge for the course will be provided as needed in class.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students' evaluation will be based on

- (1) applying knowledge through answering mini-quizzes (20%);
- (2) developing scientific communication skills through writing summary reports of book chapters, research papers and oral presentation (30%);
- (3) writing a short essay of a case study using critical & problem-solving skills (10%);
- (4) final examination (40%)

[Textbooks]

Not fixed

Some of the topics covered in the course maybe found in the references section mentioned below.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Davie T 『Fundamentals of hydrology』 (Routledge) ISBN:0-203-93366-4 (Not all chapters are covered in the course (ebook available from library))

Weathers KC, Strayer DL, Likens GE 『Fundamentals of ecosystem science』 (Elsevier) ISBN: 978-0-12-088774-3 (Not all chapters are covered in the course (available in library))

Brian J. Skinner, Barbara Murck 『The blue planet: an introduction to earth system science』 (Wiley, 2011) ISBN:9781118139721 (Not all chapters are covered in the course (available in library))

Additional reading materials may be introduced in some lectures.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are highly encouraged to develop data collection skills by visiting various sources of study materials such as libraries, online sources, reference books, journals, or articles. The collected materials can enhance students' understanding of the introduced topics and highlight other applications of the concepts to interdisciplinary topics outside the purview of this course.

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[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Prior arrangement is highly necessary, preferably email notice is recommended before any consultation on the subject.

Lecture code: N562001

Course number		U-LAS15 20002 LE58									
Course title (and course title in English)	Field Earth Science-E2 Field Earth Science-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Professor,ZWINGMANN, Horst Friedrich August						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Earth Science(Development)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	2nd year students or above		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Understanding the past earth activities and its geological records provides essential information to predict development and environmental change of the earth. Past earth activities can be investigated through geological field studies. This lecture is designed to understand the role of field work studies based on traditional to modern earth scientific methods.											
[Course objectives]											
The objective of this course is to develop an understanding of fundamental geological concepts and processes of plate tectonics and its influences on the dynamic Earth. The lectures comprise a general introduction to plate tectonics theory and selected detailed field case studies from Japan and the world.											
[Course schedule and contents])											
This lecture is designed to teach the essence of geological field surveys and studies. The main concept of the developing earth is based on the theory of plate tectonics. This lecture demonstrates how geological information obtained by field studies enables earth scientists to establish the plate tectonics theory.											
1. General introduction of the significance of the field survey correlated with the plate tectonics theory. (2 times)											
2. Understanding time scale which produce various geological phenomenon. (2 times)											
3. Introduction of development the geology around Kyoto, accretional complex. (2 times)											
4. Plate tectonics and climate change case studies (8 times)											
- Antarctica											
- North polar-region											
- Himalaya											
- Volcanic chains in the circum Pacific region											
Course will be offered in the second semester with 14 classes, one examination and one feedback class.											
[Course requirements]											
None											
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[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students are able to (1) demonstrate knowledge of geological techniques relevant to the plate tectonics theory; and (2) identify and interpret common minerals, rocks, fossils and tectonic structures and interpret their formation; and (3) read and interpret basic geological maps. The evaluation method comprises (1) an in class assignment (50%) and (2) written examination during the official examination term (50%).

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

Instruction is given during class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

Instruction is given during class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

This course has been designed to allow students to integrate the concepts covered in lectures with own readings. A joint group project is developed by students based on data from a range of sources. Students will be supported throughout the project by discussions with your lecturer and associated students.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours and method of communication given during class.

Lecture code: N537001

Course number		U-LAS15 20007 LE58									
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Engineering Geology Introduction to Engineering Geology			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,Zhu Fan						
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Earth Science(Development)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Tue.5		Target year	Mainly 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Geology comes from the Greek geo, "Earth", and logos, "discourse". This class provides a basic knowledge of our planet's components (matter, minerals, rocks, etc.) and their main processes (mineral formation, plate tectonics, volcanic activity, earthquakes, etc.) from the viewpoint of engineering.											
The correct understanding of the Earth and its many interacting parts, in different physical and time scales, using the basic knowledge and principles of geology, will help us confirm that all important geological factors are adequately considered when designing, constructing, and operating engineering works.											
[Course objectives]											
By the end of the semester, you should have a basic knowledge of geology, and be able to think about its application when designing, constructing, and operating engineering works.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
This course consists of 15 classes including one feedback class. The main topics are:											
1. Guidance, introduction to Earth science											
2. Plate tectonics											
3. Matter and minerals											
4. Igneous rocks, volcanic activity											
5. Weathering, sedimentary rocks											
6. Metamorphism, metamorphic Rocks											
7. Principles of relative dating and numerical dating											
8. Mountain building process											
9. Earthquakes and crustal deformation											
10-11. Geologic structures and mapping											
12. Surface water and groundwater											
13. Energy and mineral resources											
14. Review and student presentation											
15. Feedback											

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Introduction to Engineering Geology(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will be based on a research report (25%), a final exam (50%), and performance during regular classes (such as homework and class participation) (25%). Details will be explained in class.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Edward J. Tarbuck, Frederick K. Lutgens 『Earth - An Introduction to Physical Geology』 ISBN: 9780321814067

Stephen Marshak 『Essentials of Geology』 ISBN:9780393919394

Edward A. Keller 『Introduction to Environmental Geology』 ISBN:9780132251501

Lee R. Kump, James F. Kasting, Robert G. Crane 『The Earth System』 ISBN:9780321597793

Brian J. Skinner, Barbara Murck 『The Blue Planet : An Introduction to Earth System Science』 ISBN: 9780471236436

Kent C. Condie 『Earth as an Evolving Planetary System』 ISBN:9780123852274

All reference books are available at the Library of the School of Global Engineering, at the Main Yoshida Campus Library, and/or at other Kyoto University libraries. Previous editions of the same books can also be used.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Assignment may be given after a class and students are expected to complete the assignment before the next class. Additionally, submission of a research report will be required for this class. To complete the report, students will need to do additional research on a selected topic after the class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Consultation arrangement will be provided during the first lecture.

Lecture code: N558001

Course number	U-LAS15 20011 LE58				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Mineral Resources-E2 Introduction to mineral resources-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Energy Science Associate Professor,AU Ka Man
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Earth Science(Development)
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits 2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters 2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Wed.4		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Minerals are important for society to function, but it is useful to know how they are formed, extracted and converted into useful products. This course will introduce students to earth sciences, with a focus on mineral resources, as well as looking at how these resources are converted into useful materials and what wastes are produced in the process. We will focus on how minerals can be considered "critical" to society now and in the future.

[Course objectives]

From this course the students will be expected to know how mineral resources are situated geologically, how they are measured, how mining and minerals processing leads to final products that are used in society and what the implications of the extraction of minerals are for the environment.

[Course schedule and contents)]

This course will cover the following topics:

Basics of Geology and Earth Sciences with a focus on mineral resources

1. Introduction to earth sciences and the importance for minerals resources
2. Geologic time
3. Fossils
4. Rocks

Minerals resources and their extraction, transformation into mineral products

5. Matter and minerals
6. Mining
7. Minerals processing
8. Rare earth metals
9. Precious metals
10. Socioeconomic impact

Each of the above topics covers 1-2 weeks, with one class per week.

The course overall consists of 14 classes and one feedback session.

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Introduction to Mineral Resources-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Class participation and small exercises (35%)

Final presentation (15%)

Final report (50%)

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The final assessment tasks will require students to spend time out of class hours in preparation.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Consultation is available by prior arrangement.

Lecture code: N559001

Course number		U-LAS15 20010 LE58					
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Hydrology-E2 Introduction to Hydrology-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Disaster Prevention Research Institute Professor, Sameh Kantoush		
Group	Natural Sciences		Field(Classification)		Earth Science(Development)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester	
Days and periods	Thu.4		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Water is considered essential to life and, without a doubt, is vital to our lives. To manage the world's increasingly scarce water resources, we must understand how water moves around the planet and what influences water quality. This course aims to build a basic understanding to study the utilization of natural resources and natural disasters on the earth. Moreover, we will discuss water availability on the planet, basic hydrological phenomena to create water circulation and the water budget. Based on this basic knowledge, all students will study the earth's freshwater system and form a basis for mutual international understanding by comparing Japanese and foreign countries' case studies.

[Course objectives]

The goals are to understand how hydrology and hydrological applications can be used to secure water for people, based on a sound scientific understanding of hydrologic processes and water budget.

Course Outcomes:

By the end of this course, students will:

- Be aware of water resources issues in Japan and global scale.
- Be able to qualitatively and quantitatively describe the main processes in the hydrologic cycle, surface, and groundwater hydrology.
- Be able to analyze hydrographs and understand the measurement of streamflow.

PRACTICAL SKILLS: On completion of this course students should be able to:

- Calculate the water budget of a watershed.
- Calculate average precipitation streamflow.
- Calculate infiltration.
- Estimate evaporation rates and evapotranspiration.
- Define the relationship between rainfall and hydrograph analysis.
- Measure the flow discharge and velocity in the stream.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Week 1: Introduction: Hydrological Cycle and Processes

Week 2-3: Water Budget and cloud formation

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Introduction to Hydrology-E2(2)

Week 4: Precipitations Forms, Types, and Measurements
Week 5: Rainfall statistics: Areal Precipitation& Data Analysis
Week 6: Runoff and Hydrographs: Measuring Surface Runoff River
Week 7: Evaporation: Process, Measurement, and Estimation
Week 8-9: Infiltration: Process, Measurement, and Estimation
Week 10-11: Semester Project Presentations
Week 12: Groundwater Hydrology
Week 13-14: Flooding: Monitoring, Prediction, and Mitigation
Week 15-16: Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The student will be assessed in the course based on assignments, quizzes, chapter readings, in-class assessment and active participation (40%), and semester project report and presentation (60%).

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The instructor will provide additional materials, solved examples, and model answers for assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Class participation and questions are very welcome during the lectures or at the end of the lecture. The schedule of office hours will be announced later. Moreover, if you have extra questions, students may contact me by email.

Lecture code: T008001

Course number		U-LAS30 10008 SE11						
Course title (and course title in English)	Practice of Basic Informatics Practice of Basic Informatics			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,Zhu Fan Graduate School of Engineering Professor,KISHIDA KIYOSHI Disaster Prevention Research Institute Associate Professor,UEDA KYOHEI Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,IWAI HIROMASA			
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)		(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English			Old group		Number of credits 2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Tue.4		Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For science students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
The aim of this class is to learn the basic computing skills needed to operate computer software at Kyoto University. A Linux-based OS (Ubuntu) will be used in virtual computers (VDI) administrated by the Institute for Information Management and Communication (IIMC).								
[Course objectives]								
At the end of the semester, you should be able to understand the basics of using virtual computers (VDI) at Kyoto University, Linux operation, file management, how to create documents using LaTeX, how to create 2D and 3D graphics using Gnuplot, and the principles of programming in Fortran.								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
A brief explanation of the main topic will be given at the beginning of each session, and then you will have the rest of the class to practice the acquired skills solving a given problem under the guidance of the instructor.								
The following topics will be covered:								
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GUIDANCE: Connecting to VDI. Using a Terminal. Basic operations. 2. UNIX: Introduction to Linux commands. File System. 3. UNIX: Redirections. Pipes. GREP. Scripts. 4. LIBRARY*: Accessing library resources. Searching. Reference Managers. 5. LaTeX: Introduction to LaTeX. 6. LaTeX: Typesetting in LaTeX. 7. LaTeX: Mathematical formulas in LaTeX. 8. REVIEW 1 & EXERCISE: Basic UNIX, LaTeX. 9. GNUPLOT: Creating 2D and 3D graphics with Gnuplot. 10. FORTRAN: Introduction to Programming. Intrinsic functions. 11. FORTRAN: Iterations. Conditionals. 12. REVIEW 2 & EXERCISE: Gnuplot, Fortran. 13. EXERCISE: Final Exercise (Part1). 14. EXERCISE: Final Exercise (Part2). 15. FEEDBACK 								
<p>*The library session may be arranged at a different time slot and details will be announced in advance.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Continue to Practice of Basic Informatics(2) ↓ ↓</p>								

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[Course requirements]

Bring your own device (BYOD)

In this course, you will access a virtual computer (Virtual Desktop Infrastructure VDI) running Ubuntu Linux, using your own personal computer.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will be based on class attendance and participation (20%), weekly exercises (30%), and a final report (50%). This class will have no final exam.

For class participation you will be evaluated on your comments/answers/discussions with instructors, on your collaborative spirit when working in group with other students, and on your suggesting of new ways to understand the topics discussed in class.

For weekly exercises the answers/code/programs you submit will be evaluated. When compilation is necessary, it will be a condition sine qua non to get a passing grade. Comments and commentaries are expected. Particularly interesting solutions to common problems will receive extra points.

For the final report, your capability of using all tools learned in class to solve the proposed problem will be assessed. Comments and commentaries (within the code and in the report) are expected. Late reports will receive negative points. Details will be further explained at the time.

In general, as a minimum requirement to obtain a passing grade in this class, you should be able to comfortably manage files using Linux terminals, create and format simple documents using LaTeX, create and format graphics using Gnuplot, and write simple programs in Fortran.

[Textbooks]

The textbook "Practice of Basic Informatics" will be provided during the first week of classes. You are expected to read the corresponding chapters ahead of each class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Stefan Kottwitz 『LaTeX Beginner's Guide』 ISBN:1847199860

Philipp Janert 『Gnuplot in Action: Understanding Data With Graphs』 ISBN:1933988398

Brian Harn 『Fortran 90 for Scientists & Engineers』 ISBN:0340600349

All additional reference books are available at the Library of the School of Global Engineering, in Yoshida Campus, and also at other Kyoto University libraries.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

You are expected to read the corresponding chapter ahead of each class. A brief explanation of the main topic will be delivered at the beginning of each session, but you are expected to come prepared ahead of time.

You will be given the rest of the class to practice the acquired knowledge by solving a proposed problem under the supervision of the instructor. You will be given several days to submit your answers, so you can keep practicing after the session is over.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

This class requires the use of virtual computers (VDI) administrated by the Institute for Information Management and Communication (IIMC), for which a valid account for the Educational Computers System of Kyoto University (ECS-ID) is required. You will receive your corresponding username and password as part of the admission procedures. Please, be sure to bring them along from the first session, or you won't be able to participate in class.

Office hours will be provided during the first day of classes.

Students who take this class are strongly recommended to take "Basic Informatics" and "Computer

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"Programming in Global Engineering" the following semester.

Students must complete Information Security e-Learning provided by the Institute for Information Management and Communication(IIMC), Kyoto University including the final test of the course, and confirm its feedback. No class hour is assigned to take this e-learning, and students have to take this e-learning outside the class hours. All the members of the Kyoto University are asked to take this e-learning every year, and hence student in the second grade and above also should complete this e-learning.

Lecture code: T056004

Course number		U-LAS30 10020 SE10						
Course title (and course title in English)	Practice of Basic Informatics-E2 Practice of Basic Informatics-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Informatics Program-Specific Associate Professor, CHU, Chenhui			
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)		(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English			Old group				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Tue.2		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
Information Communication Technology (ICT) skills are a necessity for efficient academic studies. This course aims at:								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teaching students the essential ICT skills needed for academic activities. Students will acquire ICT skills that will let them fully utilize the information services provided by the university: searching for information needed during academic activities, processing data, programming, writing papers, and presenting their studies. - Allowing students to be independent ICT users. Students will learn to manage and operate their personal computers and network properly as independent users. - Helping students acquire the capability to learn ICT skills by themselves on an ongoing basis: students will be guided to learn ICT skills not dealt with in this course on their own, as their studies need it. 								
[Course objectives]								
At the end of the semester, students should have a sufficient understanding of the principles of computers, operating systems, networks (esp. the ones available at the university), and academic information seeking. They should also have acquired practical skills in using spreadsheets, word processors, and presentation software for their academic life. Finally, they will understand and practice the basics of programming.								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
1. Computer basics (1 week) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to this course - Basics of operating systems 								
2. Basics of information networks (2 weeks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In-campus information services and networks - Information security and information ethics 								
3. Academic information seeking (1 week) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Academic information and libraries 								
4. Skills of information seeking for academic purposes Academic content creation (7 weeks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data processing with a Spreadsheet (2 weeks) - Academic report writing (2 weeks) - Presentation and practice (3 weeks) 								
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5. Basics of programming (3 weeks)

- Overview of programs and programming (1 week)
- Introduction to Jupyter and Python (1 week)
- Arrays and visualization in Python (1 week)

6. Feedback (1 week)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation is based on class participation (15%) and assignments (85%).

[Textbooks]

H. Kita, Y. Kitamura, H. Hioki, H. Sakai, D. Lin and C. Chu 『The Practice of Basic Informatics 2025』 (Kyoto University)

Textbook will be provided in an online version.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to read the corresponding materials ahead of each class and practice the acquired knowledge by solving proposed problems during the class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No office hours are specified. However, questions and requests are welcome by email.

Students must complete Information Security e-Learning provided by the Institute for Information Management and Communication (IIMC), Kyoto University, including the final test of the course, and confirm its feedback. No class hour is assigned to take this e-learning, and students have to take this e-learning outside the class hours. All the members of Kyoto University are asked to take this e-learning every year, and hence, students in the second grade and above should also complete this e-learning.

Lecture code: T056005

Course number		U-LAS30 10020 SE10				
Course title (and course title in English)	Practice of Basic Informatics-E2 Practice of Basic Informatics-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer,Tam Willy Nguyen	
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)		(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group			Number of credits
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Fri.2		Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills are essential for academic success and professional development. This course provides a comprehensive introduction to informatics, equipping students with practical skills and theoretical knowledge in:

1. Computer Basics & UNIX Systems: Understanding operating systems, UNIX-based environments (Terminal, Shell, Command Line, vi, emacs), and essential software tools.
2. Network Fundamentals & Security: Learning about network structures, TCP/IP protocols, and information security.
3. Academic Information Retrieval & Content Creation: Using Excel, Python, LaTeX, MATLAB, gnuplot, and MAPLE for academic writing, data processing, and technical reporting.
4. Programming & Data Science: Implementing algorithms using Python in Google Colab, with a focus on scientific computing and visualization.
5. Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning: Exploring Neural Networks, Data Science, Generative AI, and their applications through e-learning modules.

Through lectures, hands-on exercises, and interactive discussions, students will develop the ability to use, manage, and further expand their informatics knowledge independently.

[Course objectives]

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand computer fundamentals including operating systems, UNIX environments, and essential software tools.
2. Analyze and process data using Excel, Python, and scientific computing tools (LaTeX, MATLAB, gnuplot, MAPLE).
3. Apply programming concepts to solve problems in Python via Google Colab.
4. Explain fundamental networking concepts including TCP/IP, LAN/WAN, and internet protocols.
5. Engage with artificial intelligence and data science, including machine learning and Generative AI, through e-learning modules.
6. Independently acquire new informatics skills to support ongoing academic and professional needs.

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Practice of Basic Informatics-E2(2)

[Course schedule and contents)]

Week 1

Computer Basics & UNIX Systems

- Course Introduction
- Operating Systems Overview
- UNIX Terminal (Shell, vi, emacs)

Week 2-3

Network Fundamentals & Security

- University Networks
- TCP/IP
- LAN/WAN
- Internet Protocols
- Information Security & Ethics

Week 4

Academic Information Retrieval

- Digital Libraries
- Information Search Strategies

Week 5-8

Scientific Computing & Content Creation

- Data Processing in Excel & Python
- Academic Report Writing (Word, LaTeX, gnuplot, MATLAB, MAPLE)
- Presentation Techniques

Week 9-11

Programming & Algorithmic Thinking

- Python Basics (Google Colab)
- Jupyter Notebooks
- Data Visualization

Week 12-13

Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning (E-learning component)

- Neural Networks
- Machine Learning
- Generative AI
- Data Science Fundamentals

Week 14

Feedback & Final Project Submission

- Review and Student Presentations

Note: The AI & Data Science module will be delivered through e-learning, with scheduled online Q&A sessions to assist students.

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Practice of Basic Informatics-E2(3)

[Course requirements]

- No formal prerequisites.
- Basic familiarity with computer operations and high-school mathematics is helpful but not required.
- Students must have access to a personal computer to complete assignments and online modules.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Student performance will be assessed as follows:

1. Active Participation (15%) → Engagement in hands-on exercises, discussions, and UNIX system use.
2. Assignments & Reports (85%) → Academic writing, programming exercises, data processing reports, and presentation assignments.

[Textbooks]

H. Kita, Y. Kitamura, H. Hioki, H. Sakai, and D. Lin 『The Practice of Basic Informatics 2024』 (Kyoto University)

The textbook is provided online via the university system.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To maximize learning outcomes, students are expected to:

1. Pre-read materials before lectures to familiarize themselves with key concepts.
2. Engage in hands-on practice with programming exercises and scientific computing tools.
3. Complete assignments and submit reports on time via PandA.
4. Participate in the AI/Data Science e-learning modules and attend scheduled online Q&A sessions.
5. Regularly review notes and refine their informatics skills throughout the semester.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: T056001

Course number		U-LAS30 10020 SE10						
Course title (and course title in English)	Practice of Basic Informatics-E2 Practice of Basic Informatics-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Informatics Program-Specific Associate Professor,HADFI Rafik			
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)		(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group			Number of credits 2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		
Days and periods	Fri.5		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
Acquiring Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills is essential for academic success. This course aims at the following:								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teaching students basic ICT skills for their academic activities. They will develop such skills to fully utilize the services provided by the university to search for information, process data, write papers, and present their studies. - Guiding students into becoming independent ICT users that can autonomously learn to manage and operate their personal computers and networks. - Helping students acquire the capability to continuously learn new ICT skills by themselves and particularly the skills not dealt with in the course. 								
[Course objectives]								
At the end of the semester, students should be able to know the basics of operating systems and information networks. They should also acquire all the skills for academic information retrieval, data processing, writing, and presentation. Finally, students will understand the basics and practices of programming.								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
Computer basics (1 week) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of this course - Basics of operating systems 								
Basics of information networks (2 weeks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In-campus information services and networks (1 week) - Information security (1 week) 								
Academic information seeking (1 week) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Academic information and libraries - Skills of information seeking for academic purposes 								
Academic content creation (6 weeks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data processing with a Spreadsheet (2 weeks) - Academic report writing (2 weeks) - Presentation (2 weeks) 								
Basics of programming (4 weeks)								
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Practice of Basic Informatics-E2(2)

- Overview of programs and programming (1 week)
- Basic programming exercises (1 week)
- Advanced programming exercises (2 weeks)

Total : 14 classes and 1 feedback session.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will be based on the evaluation of submitted reports for each assignment. All assignments will be available via the PandA system.

[Textbooks]

H. Kita, Y. Kitamura, H. Hioki, H. Sakai, and D. Lin. 『The Practice of Basic Informatics 2025』 (Kyoto University)

Slides for additional materials will be delivered via the PandA system.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to read the corresponding materials ahead of each class and practice the acquired knowledge by solving proposed problems during the class. After studying each topic, student will have a full week to write and submit their reports.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No office hours are specified. E-mail: rafik.hadfi@i.kyoto-u.ac.jp

Students must complete the Information Security e-Learning provided by the Institute for Information Management and Communication (IIMC), Kyoto University, including the final test of the course, and confirm its feedback. No class hour is assigned to take this e-learning, and students must take this e-learning outside the class hours. All the members of Kyoto University are asked to take this e-learning every year, and hence students in the second grade and above also should complete this e-learning.

Lecture code: T015001

Course number		U-LAS30 10015 LE12	U-LAS30 10015 LE10	U-LAS30 10015 LE11
Course title (and course title in English)	Basic Informatics Basic Informatics		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor, Chang, Kai-Chun
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)	(Foundations)
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Number of credits 2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters 2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Tue.4	Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students For science students
[Overview and purpose of the course]				
This course covers basic concepts in information representation, computer hardware and operating systems, as well as technical background on network and Internet, and related issues.				
[Course objectives]				
To understand the basics of information representation, computer hardware and operating systems, network and Internet technical background, and related issues.				
[Course schedule and contents])				
0. Introduction [1 week]				
1. Representing information as bit patterns [5 weeks]				
1-1. The binary system				
1-2. Representing integers				
1-3. Representing fractions				
1-4. Representing text				
1-5. Representing other information				
2. Computers and their peripherals [3 weeks]				
2-1. Computer architecture				
2-2. CPU and main memory				
2-3. Storage devices, input and output devices				
3. Operating system and application software [2 weeks]				
3-1. Operating system architecture				
3-2. Coordinating computer's activities				
4. Networking and the Internet [3 weeks]				
4-1. Network fundamentals				
4-2. The Internet				
4-3. Broadband connections and mobile connections				
5. Feedback [1 week]				
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[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Quizzes and exercises (40%), final examination (60%)

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

Handouts distributed in class or uploaded to the PandA course site

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to dedicate about 1 hour to review. More than half of this time is spent preparing for class and completing assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Any inquiry to the instructor: chang.kaichun.4z{at}kyoto-u.ac.jp. (replace {at} with @)

Lecture code: T051001

Course number		U-LAS30 10016 LE11	U-LAS30 10016 LE12	U-LAS30 10016 LE10
Course title (and course title in English)	Basic Informatics-E2 Basic Informatics-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Informatics Program-Specific Associate Professor,HADFI Rafik
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)	(Foundations)
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Number of credits 2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters 2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Wed.2	Target year	All students	Eligible students For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Conducting state-of-the-art research across diverse fields of science, technology, and liberal arts demands fundamental computer skills and the ability to effectively process, utilize, and analyze various types of information. This lecture covers the fundamentals of information literacy and utilization, with topics on how to collect, organize, search, manage, analyze, present, and visualize information. In addition, the course will give a thorough overview of essential technologies for extracting and analyzing valuable knowledge and will introduce how to apply these technologies across various research fields.

[Course objectives]

Students will learn the fundamentals of information retrieval, processing, analysis, and presentation. In addition, they will understand when and how to use computational techniques to solve diverse problems.

[Course schedule and contents)]

- Processing and management of information (about 7 classes)

This part covers topics related to the automatic analysis and processing of information, information retrieval (search engines), and storage (relational databases).

- Analysis of information (about 4 classes)

This part covers the methods used for analyzing data, including practical information and data mining techniques (association rules, clustering techniques, decision trees, etc.) and machine learning approaches (supervised and unsupervised learning, etc.).

- Representation of information (about 2 classes)

This part covers topics related to information acquisition by computers (e.g., analog and digital data, multi-media, sampling theorem) and topics related to the representation of information (coding, information amount, entropy, Huffman code, mutual information).

- Information design (about 1 classes)

This part will cover data visualization techniques.

Total : 14 classes, 1 feedback session.

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[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will be based on the evaluation of submitted reports for each assignment. All assignments will be available via the PandA system.

[Textbooks]

Not used

All lecture slides will be available on the PandA system.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will review materials after classes based on the lecture slides.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No office hours are specified. E-mail: rafik.hadfi@i.kyoto-u.ac.jp

Lecture code: T018001

Course number		U-LAS30 10019 LE13									
Course title (and course title in English)	Information and Society-E2 Information and Society-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Informatics Program-Specific Associate Professor,HADFI Rafik						
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)		(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Mon.5		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Information technology profoundly impacts all aspects of modern society, including daily life, economics, governance, education, and various industries. It is, therefore, essential to acknowledge the historical development of information science and the evolution of its influence on our society if we aim for a deeper understanding and broader perspective on information-based societies. This lecture will provide foundational knowledge of information technology and the relationships between information technology and society. The course delves into the social impacts of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), information handling, information economics, intellectual property, media literacy, and social media.											
[Course objectives]											
The students will be able to articulate the impacts of ICT on society and the critical issues related to the information economy and information society. They will also be able to develop their perspectives on information technologies, information ethics, and their interactions with society.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
1. Introduction: Information, information society, Internet, the relation between information, society, and technology (about 2 weeks)											
2. Information policy and ethics: ICT infrastructure and the society, ICT policy in Japan, Society 5.0, Industry 4.0, ethical issues related to the information society (about 2 weeks)											
3. Information and education: Information education, computer literacy, media literacy, information literacy, e-learning, MOOC, blended learning, digital divide, e-books (about 2 weeks)											
4. Information and law: Freedom of expression, right to know, right to be forgotten, information privacy as well as intellectual and industrial property rights such as patents and copyrights (about 2 weeks)											
5. Information and economy: Economic transactions, search/recommendation models for products, information asymmetry, network externality, lock-in phenomenon, path dependence, electronic payments, e-commerce, advertising on the											
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Internet, the impact of the Internet on the economy (about 3 weeks)

6. Information archiving:

Digital content archiving, digital libraries, usage of archived contents, information validity over time (about 1 week)

7. Digital governance:

Digital democracy, digital community, social media, cloud computing (about 1 week)

8. Social computing:

Human computation, crowdsourcing, collective intelligence (about 1 week)

9. Feedback (1 week)

The total number of lessons is 15, including one feedback session.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The evaluation will be based on your reports for assignments. There are two types of assignments:

- Assignments of short answer questions (50%): Each assignment will cover 2-3 weeks' lecture contents.
- Two essay writing assignments (1,000 English words) regarding specified topics (50%).

All the assignments will be available via the PandA system.

[Textbooks]

Not used

Lecture slides will be available on the PandA system.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students can review the course material after classes (slides).

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No office hours are specified. E-mail: rafik.hadfi@i.kyoto-u.ac.jp

Lecture code: T018002

Course number		U-LAS30 10019 LE13									
Course title (and course title in English)	Information and Society-E2 Information and Society-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Informatics Program-Specific Associate Professor,HADFI Rafik						
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)		(Foundations)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester					
Days and periods	Mon.2		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Information technology profoundly impacts all aspects of modern society, including daily life, economics, governance, education, and various industries. It is, therefore, essential to acknowledge the historical development of information science and the evolution of its influence on our society if we aim for a deeper understanding and broader perspective on information-based societies. This lecture will provide foundational knowledge of information technology and the relationships between information technology and society. The course delves into the social impacts of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), information handling, information economics, intellectual property, media literacy, and social media.											
[Course objectives]											
The students will be able to articulate the impacts of ICTs on society and the critical issues related to the information economy and information society. They will also be able to develop their perspectives on information technologies, information ethics, and their interactions with society.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
1. Introduction: Information, information society, Internet, the relation between information, society, and technology (about 2 weeks)											
2. Information policy and ethics: ICT infrastructure and the society, ICT policy in Japan, Society 5.0, Industry 4.0, ethical issues related to the information society (about 2 weeks)											
3. Information and education: Information education, computer literacy, media literacy, information literacy, e-learning, MOOC, blended learning, digital divide, e-books (about 2 weeks)											
4. Information and law: Freedom of expression, right to know, right to be forgotten, information privacy as well as intellectual and industrial property rights such as patents and copyrights (about 2 weeks)											
5. Information and economy: Economic transactions, search/recommendation models for products, information asymmetry, network externality, lock-in phenomenon, path dependence, electronic payments, e-commerce, advertising on the											
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Internet, the impact of the Internet on the economy (about 3 weeks)

6. Information archiving:

Digital content archiving, digital libraries, usage of archived contents, information validity over time (about 1 week)

7. Digital governance:

Digital democracy, digital community, social media, cloud computing (about 1 week)

8. Social computing:

Human computation, crowdsourcing, collective intelligence (about 1 week)

9. Feedback (1 week)

The total number of lessons is 15, including one feedback session.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The evaluation will be based on your reports for assignments. There are two types of assignments:

- Assignments of short answer questions (50%): Each assignment will cover 2-3 weeks' lecture contents.
- Two essay writing assignments (1,000 English words) regarding specified topics (50%).

All the assignments will be available via the PandA system.

[Textbooks]

Not used

Lecture slides will be available via the PandA system.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students can review the course material after classes (slides).

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No office hours are specified. E-mail: rafik.hadfi@i.kyoto-u.ac.jp

Lecture code: T019001

Course number		U-LAS30 20031 LE11				
Course title (and course title in English)	Information Network-E2 Information Network-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies Program-Specific Senior Lecturer, THIES, Holger	
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)		(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Wed.5		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Using the Internet for gathering information, sending e-mails, and online shopping has become a part of everyday life. In this course, students will learn the basic workings of the Internet and how computers communicate across networks. Students will also learn about information security issues and how to avoid potential problems while using the Internet.

[Course objectives]

The students will learn the basics of the Internet and the various protocols used when devices communicate across the network, understand problems involving information security and how to deal with them, and learn the basic rules governing proper use of information networks.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The course consists of 15 sessions (14 class sessions + 1 feedback session).

We will cover the following topics during the course, and spend one or two weeks on each topic:

- 1) Overview of the Internet
- 2) Application Layer (World Wide Web, e-mail, etc.)
- 3) Transport Layer (sockets, TCP and UDP)
- 4) Network Layer (IP addresses and routing)
- 5) Link Layer (LANs and Ethernet)
- 6) Wireless and mobile networks
- 7) Security
- 8) Rules of Internet usage

[Course requirements]

No prerequisites are required, but it is recommended that the students take an introductory course such as "Basic Informatics" before this course.

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[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students will be expected to understand the basic workings of the Internet, information security and proper use of information networks. The student's understanding of these topics will mainly be evaluated by a final report at the end of the course. Evaluation will also be influenced by performance on practice exercises given during the course. Approximately: exercises (40%), final report (60%).

[Textbooks]

Relevant materials will be distributed in class, so no textbook is required. However, students who wish to study the topics in more detail are recommended to read the book "Computer Networking" by J. Kurose and K. Ross (see below).

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

J. Kurose and K. Ross 『Computer Networking: A top-down approach (7th Edition)』 (Pearson, 2016)
ISBN:978-0133594140

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should study material related to each topic before class, and review the course material after each class. It is also recommended that students gain first-hand experience of the topics discussed by using computers outside of class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: T063002

Course number		U-LAS30 20042 SE11						
Course title (and course title in English)	Programming Practice (Python) -E2 Programming Practice (Python) -E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies Program-Specific Senior Lecturer, THIES, Holger			
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)		(Issues)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group		Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Tue.5		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
This course is an introduction to the Python programming language for students without prior programming experience. Python is a beginner friendly programming language that is widely used in academic research and industry. In the course students will learn about basic programming concepts and how to write their own simple programs using Python.								
[Course objectives]								
Students will learn the basics of programming using the Python programming language, including data types, conditionals and loops, basic data structures, functions and the fundamentals of object oriented programming. They will also learn how to solve real-world problems by designing, writing and testing their own Python programs.								
After attending the course students should be able to:								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand the fundamentals of programming (variables, control structures, data types, etc.) - Understand and modify simple Python programs - Design, implement and test their own simple programs 								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
The course consists of 14 class sessions and one feedback session.								
The tentative schedule is as follows:								
Introduction (1 session)								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Computer hardware and programming languages - Installing and using Python - Editing, saving and running a script. 								
Basic syntax and data types (1 session)								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Variables, naming rules and comments - Assignments and basic data types - Input and Output 								
Control structures (2 sessions)								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Boolean values and Conditional statements - Loops - Logical and Bitwise Operations 								
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Programming Practice (Python) -E2(2)

- Lists and Collection data types

Functions (1 session)

- Writing and Calling Functions
- Function Inputs and Outputs
- Scope

Modules and packages (1 session)

- Concept of modules
- Importing modules
- Some important built-in modules

I/O and error handling (1 session)

- Reading data from a file
- Writing data to a file
- Error handling and exceptions

Object oriented programming with Python (2 sessions)

- Classes, Properties and Methods
- Inheritance

GUI application development (2 sessions)

- Learn how to write simple Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs)

Practice Project (3 sessions)

Students will use the knowledge acquired during the first part of the course to solve a small programming project.

They will be required to

- Select and define a problem
- Propose and implement a solution
- Test the solution

The precise course schedule and contents are subject to change depending on class progress.

[Course requirements]

Students need to bring their own laptops.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on in-class and homework assignments (70%) and final project (30%).

[Textbooks]

No textbook is required. Relevant materials will be distributed in class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Mark Lutz 『Learning Python, 5th edition』 (O'Reilly Media, Inc.) ISBN:978-1449355739

Allen B. Downey 『Think Python: How to Think Like a Computer Scientist, 2nd edition』 (O'Reilly Media, Inc.) ISBN:978-1491939369

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Programming Practice (Python) -E2(3)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should review the material after each class and solve weekly homework assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

There is no specific office hour. Students can contact the instructor by email in case of questions.

Lecture code: T063004

Course number		U-LAS30 20042 SE11				
Course title (and course title in English)	Programming Practice (Python) -E2 Programming Practice (Python) -E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Informatics Assistant Professor,SEO Stela Hanbyeol	
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)		(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English			Old group		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Wed.5/Thu.5		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course is an introduction to the programming practice in Python, for students without prior programming experience. In this course, students learn how to write simple Python scripts, understand programming practices, and study common programming designs. At the end of the course, they would have a programmer mindset to write good code and basic programming skills in Python. As Python is widely used in many fields including academia and has a large collection of high-quality libraries, students may find their programming skills in Python useful for the rest of their academic years and possibly for their career in the future.

[Course objectives]

In this course, students will first learn the syntax of the Python language and the structure of a Python program. Then, they will learn to use some of the standard data structures provided by the Python language and some of its popular libraries. Finally, students will train in designing, writing, and testing their own programs.

After attending the course, students should be able to:

- Understand and modify existing simple programs.
- Design, implement, and test their own simple programs.
- Design, implement, and test their own simple graphical interfaces.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Introduction (1 session)

- Computer hardware and programming languages,
- Python in today's programming landscape,
- Example of real-world Python use.

Part 1: Learning Python and Programming Practices (10 sessions)

In this part, students will learn the fundamentals of the Python programming language by studying small example programs and completing simple programming tasks. For each topic, when applicable, we discuss common programming practices.

The presentation will include the following topics:

- Discover Python using the interactive mode
- Running a Python script
- Numeric data and Boolean
- Naming and comments
- Control structures

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Programming Practice (Python) -E2(2)

- Data structures (list, dictionary, string)
- Object oriented programming with Python
- Input and Output
- Error handling
- Using Python modules
- Graphical User Interface (GUI) for Python
- Scientific computation with Python

Part 2: Programming Exercise (3 sessions)

The goal is to put in application the knowledge acquired in part 1 and experience real-world software development challenges.

The students will have to:

- Propose a solution,
- Implement the solution,
- Test the solution.

The schedule and contents are subject to change based on class progress.

Total 14 classes and one feedback class.

[Course requirements]

For this course, no prior programming experience is required. Sample programs will be provided as needed. For practicality, some may contain mathematical concepts and calculations, while there are no explanations for mathematical foundations.

Students must bring their own computer to participate in this course (BYOD).

The course will be using Python 3, available for free on any recent versions of the main operating systems (Windows, Mac, or Linux). Installation is straight-forward; if needed, the instructor will provide extra help to students.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The evaluation will be based on:

1. An assignment given during part 1 (50%)
2. A final programming task done during part 2 (50%).

The notation criteria will be explained during the classes.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

For an application-oriented presentation, you can see [1] for an in-depth presentation you can refer to [2]. There are many on-line resources about Python, check the official Python website (<https://www.python.org/>).

[1] Al Sweigart, Automate the Boring Stuff with Python, 2nd edition, (No Starch Press) ISBN: 978-1593279929 (Python3)

[2] Mark Lutz, Programming Python, 5th Edition, (O'Reilly Media, Inc.) ISBN: 9781449398712 (Python2 & Python3)

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Programming Practice (Python) -E2(3)

(Related URL)

<https://www.python.org/>(Python Software Foundation)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to review the class material during the delivery week to follow the course materials. Students who cannot complete the tasks given during a class should complete them before the next class to follow the course materials.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

There are no specific office hours. Students can send emails to communicate with the instructor regarding their assignments, questions, and other inquiries.

Lecture code: T063003

Course number		U-LAS30 20042 SE11						
Course title (and course title in English)	Programming Practice (Python) -E2 Programming Practice (Python) -E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies Program-Specific Senior Lecturer, THIES, Holger			
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)		(Issues)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group		Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		
Days and periods	Thu.5		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
This course is an introduction to the Python programming language for students without prior programming experience. Python is a beginner friendly programming language that is widely used in academic research and industry. In the course students will learn about basic programming concepts and how to write their own simple programs using Python.								
[Course objectives]								
Students will learn the basics of programming using the Python programming language, including data types, conditionals and loops, basic data structures, functions and the fundamentals of object oriented programming. They will also learn how to solve real-world problems by designing, writing and testing their own Python programs.								
After attending the course students should be able to:								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand the fundamentals of programming (variables, control structures, data types, etc.) - Understand and modify simple Python programs - Design, implement and test their own simple programs 								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
The course consists of 14 class sessions and one feedback session.								
The tentative schedule is as follows:								
Introduction (1 session)								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Computer hardware and programming languages - Installing and using Python - Editing, saving and running a script. 								
Basic syntax and data types (1 session)								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Variables, naming rules and comments - Assignments and basic data types - Input and Output 								
Control structures (2 sessions)								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Boolean values and Conditional statements - Loops - Logical and Bitwise Operations 								
----- Continue to Programming Practice (Python) -E2(2) ↓↓↓								

Programming Practice (Python) -E2(2)

- Lists and Collection data types

Functions (1 session)

- Writing and Calling Functions
- Function Inputs and Outputs
- Scope

Modules and packages (1 session)

- Concept of modules
- Importing modules
- Some important built-in modules

I/O and error handling (1 session)

- Reading data from a file
- Writing data to a file
- Error handling and exceptions

Object oriented programming with Python (2 sessions)

- Classes, Properties and Methods
- Inheritance

GUI application development (2 sessions)

- Learn how to write simple Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs)

Practice Project (3 sessions)

Students will use the knowledge acquired during the first part of the course to solve a small programming project.

They will be required to

- Select and define a problem
- Propose and implement a solution
- Test the solution

The precise course schedule and contents are subject to change depending on class progress.

[Course requirements]

Students need to bring their own laptops.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on in-class and homework assignments (70%) and final project (30%).

[Textbooks]

No textbook is required. Relevant materials will be distributed in class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

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Programming Practice (Python) -E2(3)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should review the material after each class and solve weekly homework assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

There is no specific office hour. Students can contact the instructor by email in case of questions.

Lecture code: T063001

Course number		U-LAS30 20042 SE11				
Course title (and course title in English)	Programming Practice (Python) -E2 Programming Practice (Python) -E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Informatics Assistant Professor,SEO Stela Hanbyeol	
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)		(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English			Old group		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Tue.5/Wed.5		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course is an introduction to the programming practice in Python, for students without prior programming experience. In this course, students learn how to write simple Python scripts, understand programming practices, and study common programming designs. At the end of the course, they would have a programmer mindset to write good code and basic programming skills in Python. As Python is widely used in many fields including academia and has a large collection of high-quality libraries, students may find their programming skills in Python useful for the rest of their academic years and possibly for their career in the future.

[Course objectives]

In this course, students will first learn the syntax of the Python language and the structure of a Python program. Then, they will learn to use some of the standard data structures provided by the Python language and some of its popular libraries. Finally, students will train in designing, writing, and testing their own programs.

After attending the course, students should be able to:

- Understand and modify existing simple programs.
- Design, implement, and test their own simple programs.
- Design, implement, and test their own simple graphical interfaces.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Introduction (1 session)

- Computer hardware and programming languages,
- Python in today's programming landscape,
- Example of real-world Python use.

Part 1: Learning Python and Programming Practices (10 sessions)

In this part, students will learn the fundamentals of the Python programming language by studying small example programs and completing simple programming tasks. For each topic, when applicable, we discuss common programming practices.

The presentation will include the following topics:

- Discover Python using the interactive mode
- Running a Python script
- Numeric data and Boolean
- Naming and comments
- Control structures

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Programming Practice (Python) -E2(2)

- Data structures (list, dictionary, string)
- Object oriented programming with Python
- Input and Output
- Error handling
- Using Python modules
- Graphical User Interface (GUI) for Python
- Scientific computation with Python

Part 2: Programming Exercise (3 sessions)

The goal is to put in application the knowledge acquired in part 1 and experience real-world software development challenges.

The students will have to:

- Propose a solution,
- Implement the solution,
- Test the solution.

The schedule and contents are subject to change based on class progress.

Total 14 classes and one feedback class.

[Course requirements]

For this course, no prior programming experience is required. Sample programs will be provided as needed. For practicality, some may contain mathematical concepts and calculations, while there are no explanations for mathematical foundations.

Students must bring their own computer to participate in this course (BYOD).

The course will be using Python 3, available for free on any recent versions of the main operating systems (Windows, Mac, or Linux). Installation is straight-forward; if needed, the instructor will provide extra help to students.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The evaluation will be based on:

1. An assignment given during part 1 (50%)
2. A final programming task done during part 2 (50%).

The notation criteria will be explained during the classes.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

For an application-oriented presentation, you can see [1] for an in-depth presentation you can refer to [2]. There are many on-line resources about Python, check the official Python website (<https://www.python.org/>).

[1] Al Sweigart, Automate the Boring Stuff with Python, 2nd edition, (No Starch Press) ISBN: 978-1593279929 (Python3)

[2] Mark Lutz, Programming Python, 5th Edition, (O'Reilly Media, Inc.) ISBN: 9781449398712 (Python2 & Python3)

Continue to Programming Practice (Python) -E2(3) ↓↓↓

Programming Practice (Python) -E2(3)

(Related URL)

<https://www.python.org/>(Python Software Foundation)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to review the class material during the delivery week to follow the course materials. Students who cannot complete the tasks given during a class should complete them before the next class to follow the course materials.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

There are no specific office hours. Students can send emails to communicate with the instructor regarding their assignments, questions, and other inquiries.

Lecture code: T058001

Course number	U-LAS30 20038 SE10				
Course title (and course title in English)	Programming Practice (R)-E2 :For managing and analysing data Programming Practice (R)-E2 :For managing and analysing data		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Agriculture Professor,Daniel Epron	
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)	(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group		Number of credits 2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Mon.5	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors
[Overview and purpose of the course]					
R is a programming language whose purpose is to be able to process and organize data sets, and to represent these data graphically. Since the two last decades, R is widely used by scientists worldwide for data management and statistical analyses. This course aims to get students to start using R for analysing data and interpreting the output of basic statistical tests. Classes are taught in the form of practical exercises on computers.					
[Course objectives]					
Upon successful completion of this course students will be able (i) to design and statistically analyse a simple experimental plan using R, (ii) to find and perform by themselves an accurate test for solving their scientific question, even if it has not been specifically addressed during the course and (iii) to produce smart graphics for the presentation of analysed data.					
[Course schedule and contents)]					
The course will simultaneously address how to use the R language to manage data, to implement relevant statistical tests and to generate graphical output					
Course schedule:					
1. Introduction 2. object in R: vectors, matrix, functions 3. data frame -importing data 4. Descriptive statistics 5. Programming with R and random numbers 6. Study of the distribution of quantitative variables 7. Importing, managing and analysing data (1) 8. Importing, managing and analysing data (2) 9. Linear model: linear regression 10. Importing, managing and analysing data (3) 11. Linear model: analysis of variance 12. Improving the quality of graphics for a presentation or report 13. Analysing a dataset: building the script and writing a report (1) 14. Analysing a dataset: building the script and writing a report (2) 15. Feedback					

Continue to Programming Practice (R)-E2 :For managing and analysing data(2) ↓↓					

[Course requirements]

All students are welcome

Students will have to bring their own laptops to use in class that they will also use for homework. Students have to download and install R software and R-studio software before starting the course.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading: Homework (three to five, 50%), script and report based on the final exercise (50%).

In no case will English language proficiency be a criterion for evaluating students.

Class attendance is expected: students who are absent more than three times without sound reasons (documented unavoidable absence) will not be credited.

[Textbooks]

Lecture notes will be provided before the class and R scripts will be provided after each class (uploaded on PandA).

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

An Introduction to R (<https://cran.r-project.org/manuals.html>)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Work not finished in class time should be finished at home. Self-training is recommended: exercises will be provided.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students are encouraged to ask questions and to make comments during the class.

Students are welcome to arrange appointments by email, even outside the official office hour, for questions and discussion

Lecture code: T050001

Course number		U-LAS30 20033 SE11			
Course title (and course title in English)	Processing and Analyzing Data I-E2 : Shell-based data processing fundamentals Processing and analyzing data I-E2 :Shell-based data processing fundamentals		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Assistant Professor, VEALE, Richard Edmund	
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)	(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group		Number of credits 2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Fri.3		Target year	All students	Eligible students For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

As the world and the sciences become increasingly computerized, it is increasingly important to understand how to search, process, and analyse large bodies of digital data. This course is designed for all students of all disciplines. The purpose is to learn the basic concepts and methods for systematic processing of data encountered in any field.

Lectures will focus on learning basic command line tools for automatic processing of data, including sorting, filtering, summarizing, searching, and other related programming.

[Course objectives]

At the end of the course, students should be able to operate a computer to automatically:

- (1) search for specific entries in large collections of data
- (2) search for pattern-like entries in large collections of data
- (3) filter desired content from large collection of data
- (4) perform basic summary and counting statistics on data
- (5) assemble small processing pipelines from the various tools they will study

[Course schedule and contents)]

- (1) What is a computer, what is an operating system?

Remove microsoft/apple preconceptions.

Using Command Line Interfaces (CLI) to interact with computers: Shell.

Logging in to a remote machine (SSH, public/private keys, etc.)

- (2) Using remote and local machines.

Basic Networking: TCP, FTP/HTTP, IP.

Managing data: Disk management, file systems, file system structure (tree), file permissions.

Moving data between machines: SCP, RSYNC.

Installing software: package managers (RPM, APT).

Security: Super User (su, sudo), users, groups.

Diagnostic tools: PS, HTOP, DF, etc.

- (3) Complex commands for string manipulation and search.

Moving data between programs: standard in/out/error streams, piping, redirecting.

String manipulation: Regular Expressions, wildcards, AWK, SED

Loops: for/while loops, loop conditions.

Continue to Processing and Analyzing Data I-E2 :Shell-based data processing fundamentals(2) ↓↓

Finding information: Stack Overflow, MAN pages.

(4) Shell Scripts and programming languages.

What is a "program"? Libraries, functions, paths, environmental variables.

Programming languages: interpreted versus compiled, lazy versus strict evaluation, data types. Python, R, Perl, Fortran, C/C++, Java.

(5) Data Formats

Binary versus Textual (CSV etc.). HDF5 (computer independent representation).

Statistics: Summary statistics on data. Good/bad ways of thinking.

(6) Data representation/presentation

Simple plotting/graphing (matlab, matplotlib, R, ggplot, gnuplot).

Why excel is bad (limitations).

Formats: PDF, vector versus raster.

(7) Representation of large data sets.

(Relational) Databases, SQL, "queries", subsets.

(8) Keeping track of your work (Version Control).

Version Control: CVS, SVN, GIT, mercurial. Remote versus local repositories.

Backing up: Version Control is not back-up. Backing up practices (tape, disks, etc.).

(9) Data processing THEORY

Best practices: concepts to reproduce reusability.

Basic parallelization (GNU parallel).

(10) "Big Data" processing.

Parallelizing: MapReduce, Hadoop, Spark, MPI.

Big filesystems: HDFS, lustre, NFS.

Clusters, Supercomputers.

Scheduling computer time and resources (scheduler): TORQUE

(11) Modeling, optimization, parameter search

Gradient descent methods, neural networks

Parameter estimation: markov chain monte-carlo, evolutionary algorithms.

Random seeds: pseudorandom issues on large machines

(12) Project

(13) Project

(14) Project (presentations)

(15) Feedback

[Course requirements]

No prior knowledge of computer programming or data processing is necessary

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Class attendance and participation (10%), Quizzes (40%), Final Project/Report (50%)

[Textbooks]

No textbook used, lecture materials will be provided in class and online via PANDA.

Documentation about processing tools (e.g. manpages) will be introduced in class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are strongly recommended to practice class materials and on their own data outside of class to deepen their understanding.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

A personal computer is strongly recommended and makes the course significantly more accessible. While Windows-based, macOS-based and GNU/Linux systems are all acceptable, the majority of the course will focus on UNIX-based tools.

Lecture code: T047001

Course number		U-LAS30 20027 LE13				
Course title (and course title in English)	Information Literacy for Academic Study-E2 Information Literacy for Academic Study-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Kyoto University Not fixed	
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)		(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Effective and efficient utilization of information is one key point for studying at university. This course introduces various resources and methods that help students find valuable information for their studies. The practical topics include formulating a study strategy, developing search skills, evaluating sources, referring to sources, and presenting information.

[Course objectives]

Students will be able to conduct effective decision-making and problem-solving in their academic studies by learning the methodologies of identifying, searching, evaluating, using, and presenting the information.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Introduction of Information Literacy (1 week)

This lecture introduces the fundamental concepts of information literacy, the standards of information literacy for higher education, and the relation between university studies and information literacy.

2. Study Strategies (2 weeks)

This lecture discusses how a student sets up an appropriate procedure to complete an assigned study/research task, such as determining the information needed, identifying the topic, developing a search strategy, collecting related information, and accomplishing the task.

3. Searching in Library (1 week)

This lecture first introduces the general organization of a library and then provides methods of locating the information needed at the library, which includes browsing shelves, checking card catalogs, and using an online catalog.

4. Searching Databases (1 week)

This lecture introduces the basic architecture of a database first, then the key items and methodologies for indexing. Afterward, finding an article from magazines, newspapers, journals, and reference books in full text or reference databases is discussed.

5. Searching the Internet (2 weeks)

This lecture first introduces the architecture of the World Wide Web and then explains the search engines, including their foundation, principles, elements, and workflow (crawling, indexing, and query). Next, we explain how search engines rank results and how PageRank measures individual web pages. Finally, we

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Information Literacy for Academic Study-E2(2)

discuss the method of precisely locating information from the internet.

6. Evaluating Sources (3 weeks)

This lecture explains the differences between various information materials and their formats and introduces the evaluation criteria that one needs to apply to sources.

7. Referring Sources and Academic Integrity (2 weeks)

This lecture introduces the reasons, rules, and types of citing sources. The issues of copyright and plagiarism and their relationships are discussed as well.

8. Presenting Information (2 weeks)

This lecture provides tips as to how to present the information gathered in research work.

9. Feedback (1 week)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation is based on class participation (15%) and assignments (85%).

[Textbooks]

Lecture handouts will be provided in the class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The instructor expects students to spend over 60 minutes after each class reviewing the content and building up their own logic.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No office hours are specified. However, questions and requests are welcome by email.

Lecture code: T057002

Course number		U-LAS30 20036 LE10									
Course title (and course title in English)	Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence-E2 Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Informatics Program-Specific Associate Professor, CHU, Chenhui						
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)		(Issues)						
Language of instruction	English		Old group		Number of credits		2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Mon.2		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors					
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Recent development in artificial intelligence techniques (AI), in particular the set of techniques commonly referred to as “deep learning,” has significantly increased the number of tasks that computers can solve easily. This leads to a current explosion in the use of AI: chatbots helping users on commercial websites, self-driving cars, automatic translation, automatic photo tagging, etc. It is, of course, not possible to introduce all aspects of AI in one semester, but this course will attempt to give a sufficiently detailed explanation of at least a few of the most common AI techniques. We will focus on supervised machine learning in general and deep learning in particular. One goal will be to give practical and working knowledge to students so that they can apply what they learned to at least some simple tasks.											
[Course objectives]											
Students will have a good understanding of simple supervised machine learning techniques and be able to implement and use some for automatic classification tasks.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
1. Overview of Artificial Intelligence and this Course (1 week) This will give a “big picture” description of the field of AI. We would first discuss some common applications of AI: game AI, chatbots, machine translation, automation (self-driving vehicles, robots), etc. Then, we will discuss the paradigm of machine learning (supervised, semi-supervised, and unsupervised) and give an overview of this course.											
2. Fundamental of Machine Learning (3 weeks) Firstly, we will spend one lecture studying the basics of the Python programming language. Then, we will review some of the mathematics concepts that are the most necessary for the understanding of AI methods. In particular, we will review essential notions of calculus and optimization (derivative, numerical methods for finding a minimum), vector, and matrix. Finally, we will learn how to minimize a function with stochastic gradient descent and implement it in Python.											
3. Basic Supervised Machine Learning (3 weeks) Focusing on simple tasks of simple/multiple linear regression and classification, we introduce the terminology and basics of machine learning: defining a parameterized model, defining a loss, and training the model parameters by minimizing the loss. We will also introduce how to implement simple/multiple linear regression in Python.											
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4. Deep Learning (3 weeks)

We will first introduce the basic ideas of deep learning neural networks. Then, we will study the architecture of neural networks and the back-propagation algorithm for optimizing neural networks. Finally, we will look at one of the most important types of neural network architectures, feed-forward with fully-connected layers, and study how to implement them using the deep learning framework Chainer.

5. Computer Vision and Natural Language Processing (4 weeks)

We will first give a brief introduction to computer vision: what is an image for a computer, and what are convolution layers? Then, we will study how to build an object recognition neural network with convolution layers, max-pooling layers, and fully-connected layers. Next, we will implement and train a real object recognition neural network in Chainer. Finally, we will have a quick look at recurrent architectures and how they are used to process text. As a final application, students will be asked to solve a real problem in their studies using the models (either basic supervised machine learning or deep learning) introduced in this course.

10. Feedback (1 week)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation is based on class participation (15%), mini-reports and exercises (60%), and the final report of solving a real problem in students' studies using the models learned in this course (25%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

Lecture handouts will be provided in the class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio and Aaron Courville 『Deep Learning』 (The MIT Press) ISBN:978-0262035613

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The instructor expects students to spend over 60 minutes after each class reviewing the content. Some practical exercises will also be given at the end of some lectures so as to let the students see how much of the content they do understand practically.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No office hours are specified. However, questions and requests are welcome by email.

Lecture code: T057001

Course number		U-LAS30 20036 LE10				
Course title (and course title in English)	Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence-E2 Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Kyoto University Not fixed	
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)		(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English			Old group		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods		Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Recent development in artificial intelligence techniques (AI), in particular the set of techniques commonly referred to as “deep learning,” has significantly increased the number of tasks that computers can solve easily. This leads to a current explosion in the use of AI: chatbots helping users on commercial websites, self-driving cars, automatic translation, automatic photo tagging, etc. It is, of course, not possible to introduce all aspects of AI in one semester, but this course will attempt to give a sufficiently detailed explanation of at least a few of the most common AI techniques. We will focus on supervised machine learning in general and deep learning in particular. One goal will be to give practical and working knowledge to students so that they can apply what they learned to at least some simple tasks.

[Course objectives]

Students will have a good understanding of simple supervised machine learning techniques and be able to implement and use some for automatic classification tasks.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Overview of Artificial Intelligence and this Course (1 week)

This will give a “big picture” description of the field of AI. We would first discuss some common applications of AI: game AI, chatbots, machine translation, automation (self-driving vehicles, robots), etc. Then, we will discuss the paradigm of machine learning (supervised, semi-supervised, and unsupervised) and give an overview of this course.

2. Fundamental of Machine Learning (3 weeks)

Firstly, we will spend one lecture studying the basics of the Python programming language. Then, we will review some of the mathematics concepts that are the most necessary for the understanding of AI methods. In particular, we will review essential notions of calculus and optimization (derivative, numerical methods for finding a minimum), vector, and matrix. Finally, we will learn how to minimize a function with stochastic gradient descent and implement it in Python.

3. Basic Supervised Machine Learning (3 weeks)

Focusing on simple tasks of simple/multiple linear regression and classification, we introduce the terminology and basics of machine learning: defining a parameterized model, defining a loss, and training the model parameters by minimizing the loss. We will also introduce how to implement simple/multiple linear regression in Python.

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Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence-E2(2)

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10. Feedback (1 week)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation is based on class participation (15%), mini-reports and exercises (60%), and the final report of solving a real problem in students' studies using the models learned in this course (25%).

[Textbooks]

Lecture handouts will be provided in the class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio and Aaron Courville 『Deep Learning』 (The MIT Press) ISBN:978-0262035613 (2016)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The instructor expects students to spend over 60 minutes after each class reviewing the content. Some practical exercises will also be given at the end of some lectures so as to let the students see how much of the content they do understand practically.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No office hours are specified. However, questions and requests are welcome by email.

Lecture code: T052003

Course number	U-LAS30 20030 LE10						
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Algorithms-E2 Introduction to Algorithms-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Informatics Program-Specific Associate Professor,Jesper Jansson		
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)		(Issues)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Mon.2		Target year	All students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
<p>An algorithm is a well-defined procedure for solving a computational problem. Reliable algorithms have become crucial components of people's daily lives; for example, the Internet or our smartphones would not work without them.</p> <p>The purpose of this course is to provide a basic introduction to algorithms for non-computer science students. General techniques for designing algorithms and analyzing their efficiency, as well as examples of widely used algorithms with important real-life applications, will be presented.</p>							
[Course objectives]							
<p>After completing this course, the student should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apply various algorithm design techniques for solving computational problems. - Measure the efficiency of an algorithm. - Explain how famous algorithms such as Google's PageRank, Quicksort, and Dijkstra's shortest-path algorithm work. 							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
<p>The course will cover the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. Graph traversal 3. Data compression 4. Cryptography 5. Topological sort 6. Shortest paths 7. PageRank 8. Voting systems 9. Searching 10. Sorting 11. Hash tables 12. String matching 13. Randomization 14. Course summary and Q & A session <p><<Final examination>></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Feedback 							
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Introduction to Algorithms-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

An ability to think abstractly and to solve problems of a mathematical nature will be required for this course. No programming skills are needed.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

A written examination at the end of the course.

[Textbooks]

P. Louridas 『Real-World Algorithms - A Beginner's Guide』 (The MIT Press, 2017. ISBN-13: 978-0262035705.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to spend about 3 hours per week to prepare for and review the lessons.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: T052002

Course number	U-LAS30 20030 LE10						
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Algorithms-E2 Introduction to Algorithms-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Informatics Program-Specific Associate Professor,Jesper Jansson		
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)		(Issues)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		
Days and periods	Mon.2		Target year	All students	Eligible students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
<p>An algorithm is a well-defined procedure for solving a computational problem. Reliable algorithms have become crucial components of people's daily lives; for example, the Internet or our smartphones would not work without them.</p> <p>The purpose of this course is to provide a basic introduction to algorithms for non-computer science students. General techniques for designing algorithms and analyzing their efficiency, as well as examples of widely used algorithms with important real-life applications, will be presented.</p>							
[Course objectives]							
<p>After completing this course, the student should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apply various algorithm design techniques for solving computational problems. - Measure the efficiency of an algorithm. - Explain how famous algorithms such as Google's PageRank, Quicksort, and Dijkstra's shortest-path algorithm work. 							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
<p>The course will cover the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. Graph traversal 3. Data compression 4. Cryptography 5. Topological sort 6. Shortest paths 7. PageRank 8. Voting systems 9. Searching 10. Sorting 11. Hash tables 12. String matching 13. Randomization 14. Course summary and Q & A session <p><<Final examination>></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Feedback 							
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Introduction to Algorithms-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

An ability to think abstractly and to solve problems of a mathematical nature will be required for this course. No programming skills are needed.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

A written examination at the end of the course.

[Textbooks]

P. Louridas 『Real-World Algorithms - A Beginner's Guide』 (The MIT Press, 2017. ISBN-13: 978-0262035705.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to spend about 3 hours per week to prepare for and review the lessons.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: T065001

Course number	U-LAS30 20044 LE10				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Formal Languages-E2 Introduction to Formal Languages-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Informatics Program-Specific Associate Professor, Jesper Jansson	
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)	(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group		Number of credits 2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Mon.1	Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors
[Overview and purpose of the course]					
Formal language theory is a fundamental area of theoretical computer science that studies (among other things) different ways of representing possibly infinite collections of words having some shared structure. It is closely related to computability, computational complexity, and mathematical logic, and has practical applications in linguistics, artificial intelligence, and the design of programming languages. The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to formal language theory for non-computer science students. The main topics include finite-state automata, regular languages, pushdown automata, context-free languages, Turing machines, and decidability.					
[Course objectives]					
After completing this course, the student should be able to:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explain the relationships between different classes of formal languages, automata, and grammars. - Design an automaton or a grammar that accepts or generates a specified formal language, and conversely, determine the formal language that is accepted or generated by a specified automaton or grammar. - Prove or disprove mathematical properties of formal languages, grammars, and automata. - Use the diagonalization method or reductions to establish that certain languages are undecidable. - Understand how the concept of "information" can be defined using computability theory. 					
[Course schedule and contents)]					
The course will cover the following topics:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. Finite-state automata, regular languages, nondeterminism (1) 3. Finite-state automata, regular languages, nondeterminism (2) 4. Finite-state automata, regular languages, nondeterminism (3) 5. Finite-state automata, regular languages, nondeterminism (4) 6. Pushdown automata, context-free languages, grammars (1) 7. Pushdown automata, context-free languages, grammars (2) 8. Pushdown automata, context-free languages, grammars (3) 9. Turing machines (1) 10. Turing machines (2) 11. Decidability 12. Reducibility (1) 13. Reducibility (2) 					
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Introduction to Formal Languages-E2(2)

14. Course summary and Q & A session

<<Final examination>>

15. Feedback

[Course requirements]

An ability to think abstractly and to solve problems of a mathematical nature will be required for this course.
No programming skills are needed.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

A written examination at the end of the course.

[Textbooks]

M. Sipser 『Introduction to the Theory of Computation, Third Edition』 (Cengage Learning) ISBN:978-1133187790 (2012)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to spend about 3 hours per week to prepare for and review the lessons.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: T065002

Course number	U-LAS30 20044 LE10				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Formal Languages-E2 Introduction to Formal Languages-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Informatics Program-Specific Associate Professor, Jesper Jansson	
Group	Informatics		Field(Classification)	(Issues)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group		Number of credits 2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Mon.1	Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors
[Overview and purpose of the course]					
Formal language theory is a fundamental area of theoretical computer science that studies (among other things) different ways of representing possibly infinite collections of words having some shared structure. It is closely related to computability, computational complexity, and mathematical logic, and has practical applications in linguistics, artificial intelligence, and the design of programming languages. The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to formal language theory for non-computer science students. The main topics include finite-state automata, regular languages, pushdown automata, context-free languages, Turing machines, and decidability.					
[Course objectives]					
After completing this course, the student should be able to:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explain the relationships between different classes of formal languages, automata, and grammars. - Design an automaton or a grammar that accepts or generates a specified formal language, and conversely, determine the formal language that is accepted or generated by a specified automaton or grammar. - Prove or disprove mathematical properties of formal languages, grammars, and automata. - Use the diagonalization method or reductions to establish that certain languages are undecidable. - Understand how the concept of "information" can be defined using computability theory. 					
[Course schedule and contents)]					
The course will cover the following topics:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. Finite-state automata, regular languages, nondeterminism (1) 3. Finite-state automata, regular languages, nondeterminism (2) 4. Finite-state automata, regular languages, nondeterminism (3) 5. Finite-state automata, regular languages, nondeterminism (4) 6. Pushdown automata, context-free languages, grammars (1) 7. Pushdown automata, context-free languages, grammars (2) 8. Pushdown automata, context-free languages, grammars (3) 9. Turing machines (1) 10. Turing machines (2) 11. Decidability 12. Reducibility (1) 13. Reducibility (2) 					
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Introduction to Formal Languages-E2(2)

14. Course summary and Q & A session

<<Final examination>>

15. Feedback

[Course requirements]

An ability to think abstractly and to solve problems of a mathematical nature will be required for this course.
No programming skills are needed.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

A written examination at the end of the course.

[Textbooks]

M. Sipser 『Introduction to the Theory of Computation, Third Edition』 (Cengage Learning) ISBN:978-1133187790 (2012)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to spend about 3 hours per week to prepare for and review the lessons.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: U156001

Course number		U-LAS40 10013 LE26						
Course title (and course title in English)	Health Psychology I-E2 Health Psychology I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for the Future of Human Society Senior Lecturer,DE ALMEIDA, Igor			
Group	Health and Sports		Field(Classification)		Health and Sports Sciences(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English			Old group				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
This course will introduce students to the social and psychological variables that influence our physical health and our ability to cope with illness. Topics include stress reactions, risk factors in chronic disease, and prevention of disease.								
[Course objectives]								
At the conclusion of this course, students will be able to:								
1. Describe the basic function of the cardiovascular, immune, and endocrine system, and how health behaviors, personal relationships, and stress can influence these systems								
2. Demonstrate understanding of the methods and evidence that exists to explain how psychology can impact physical health								
3. Critically apply research findings in health psychology to real world health problems and solutions								
This course will also develop students' communication and critical thinking skills in English.								
[Course schedule and contents])								
As required, and with advanced notice to students, the instructor may make some minor adjustments to the schedule below.								
1 Course welcome and topic introduction 2 Health Behaviours I 3 Health Behaviours II 4 Class activity I 5 Class activity II 6 Stress and illness I 7 Stress and illness II 8 Class activity III 9 Patients, providers and the health system 10 Pain, coping and alternative medicine 11 Chronic illness 12 Health status and quality of life 13 Culture and health 14 Class Activity IV								
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Health Psychology I-E2 (2)

15 Presentations and feedback

The course format includes interactive lectures accompanied by powerpoint slides and demonstrations (interactive activities, short film) to illustrate concepts. Course time regularly includes small group / class discussions.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Each class activity and presentation accounts for 20% of the grade.

This course uses a raw score grading system (0-100).

Optional extra activities such as reports and participation in research may be introduced during class. These activities may provide additional points to the final grade.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

Class contents are based on several sources, these are the main references:

Ogden, J. (2019). Health Psychology. ISBN: 0335251862

Cassidy, T. (2022). Stress, Cognition and Health. ISBN: 0367564181

Straub, R. O. (2014) Health Psychology: A Biopsychosocial Approach. ISBN: 1464109370

Irwin, M. R. (2008). Human psychoneuroimmunology: 20 years of discovery. Brain, behavior, and immunity, 22(2), 129-139.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Tony Cassidy 『Stress, Cognition and Health』 (2022) ISBN:0367564181 (Reference book)

Jane Ogden 『Health Psychology』 (2019) ISBN:0335251862

Richard O. Straub 『Health Psychology: A Biopsychosocial Approach』 (2014) ISBN:1464109370

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To make satisfactory progress in the course, students will be expected to spend approximately 90 minutes each week outside of class reviewing lecture materials, class notes, and recommended texts.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Walk-in office hours will be available each week. Students may use office hours to discuss course material or for other general questions, such as studies / careers in psychology. The time and location for walk-in hours will be announced in the first week. Students are also welcome to make appointments for office hours by emailing the instructor in advance and arranging a mutually convenient time.

Lecture code: U148001

Course number	U-LAS40 10012 LE26				
Course title (and course title in English)	Structures and Mechanisms of Human Movement-E2 Structures and Mechanisms of Human Movement-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Associate Professor,PATAKY, Todd
Group	Health and Sports		Field(Classification)		Health and Sports Sciences(Foundations)
Language of instruction	English			Old group	
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Fri.3	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors
[Overview and purpose of the course]					
This course will consider how humans move and how human movements can be scientifically described. Key anatomical structures (bones and muscles) will be reviewed, along with the anatomical terminology needed to describe movement. Basic mechanical principles will be used to describe how our bodies interact with the environment. Students will also learn computer techniques for processing and displaying human motion data. Open-source software tools (Jupyter and Blender) will be used to emphasize concepts and conduct analyses.					
[Course objectives]					
This course provides an understanding of the biomechanical concepts and computer methods needed to objectively describe human movement. Key biomechanics concepts include: functional anatomy, forward and inverse kinematics. Computer methods include: motion capture data processing, 3D data display and animation, and data extraction for figure generation. Through programming-based assignments students will incrementally learn how to apply these concepts to descriptions of real-world human movement data. As a Final Project, students will comprehensively compare two, similar movement types, using the biomechanical and computer skills learned in this course.					
[Course schedule and contents])					
Over this 14-class lecture, the following topics will be covered:					
1) Anatomy I: Body Segments, Joints and Muscles 2) Anatomy II: Directions and Movements 3) Dynamics I: Linear 1D Movement 4) Dynamics II: 2D & 3D Movement 5) Dynamics III: 3D Movement 6) Motion Capture I: Introduction 7) Motion Capture II: Exploring Human Kinematics 8) Motion Capture III: Describing Human Kinematics 9) Motion Capture IV: Graphing Human Kinematics 10) Kinematic Chains I: Forward Kinematics 11) Kinematic Chains II: Inverse Kinematics 12) Final Project Work Session I: Creating Figures 13) Final Project Work Session II: Segmentation 14) Final Project Work Session III: Figure Interpretation 15) Feedback					

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Structures and Mechanisms of Human Movement-E2(2)

Total: 14 classes, 1 Feedback session

[Course requirements]

There are no specific requirements for this class. However, experience in computer programming, physics and mathematics may help you to learn concepts more quickly.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students are expected to complete regular assignments. Evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

- Assignments (63%) [9 Assignments @ 7% each]
- Final Project (37%)

TOTAL: 100%

[Textbooks]

An open, electronic textbook called "Introduction To Human Biomechanics" will be distributed electronically to students and will be used in most classes. All additional materials will also be distributed electronically and will be discussed in class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

A variety of links to relevant websites will be provided in the lecture notes. Students are also encouraged to search for additional relevant internet sites to supplement learning.

(Related URL)

<https://jupyter.org>(The Jupyter platform will be used for all lecture notes and assignments. No experience is required.)

<https://www.blender.org>(Blender will be used for 2D and 3D human movement visualizations.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

This course has a number of out-of-class assignments and a final project. There is no exam. Students who do not pay attention to the lecture content during class will likely have difficulties completing the assignments.

All lecture content will be made available online prior to the lecture. It is recommended that students review this content prior to the lecture.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

OFFICE HOURS:

Immediately before/after lecture or by appointment (pataky.todd.2m @ kyoto-u.ac.jp)

Lecture code: U106001

Course number		U-LAS40 10008 LE26				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Lifestyle Related Diseases-E2 Introduction to Lifestyle Related Diseases-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Assistant Professor, RAUDZUS, Fabian	
Group	Health and Sports		Field(Classification)		Health and Sports Sciences(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English			Old group		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Tue.5		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Did you know that a substantial portion of global deaths can be attributed to lifestyle-related factors? According to the World Health Organization (WHO), approximately 70% of all deaths worldwide are linked to non-communicable diseases, which are mainly influenced by lifestyle choices. These include heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and certain types of cancer.

The potential impact of lifestyle changes on public health is huge. By adopting healthier habits, we have the capacity to significantly reduce both mortality rates and enhance overall quality of life. Current statistics underscore the urgency for such shifts in behavior.

Moreover, the quality of life for countless individuals can be greatly improved by adopting healthier habits. Factors such as improved mental well-being, enhanced physical vitality, and increased overall productivity are direct outcomes of a balanced and health-conscious lifestyle.

In this course, we will explore the transformative potential of lifestyle changes, aiming to not only prolong life but also elevate its quality. By understanding the far-reaching effects of our choices, we empower ourselves and those around us to lead healthier, more fulfilling lives.

We will learn about the causes and mechanisms behind the impact of lifestyle on health outcomes, with a special focus on the biological mechanisms of non-communicable diseases. Through interactive discussions and practical exercises, you will gain valuable insights and tools to implement positive changes in your own life. Together, we will begin a journey towards a healthier, more vibrant future for ourselves and our communities. Get ready to take charge of your well-being and unlock the full potential of a balanced and mindful lifestyle!

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Introduction to Lifestyle Related Diseases-E2(2)

[Course objectives]

Throughout this lecture series, you will be introduced to the most common lifestyle-related diseases. This foundational knowledge will enable you to understand the key causes behind these conditions. Through guided personal study, you will develop effective prevention strategies. By the end of this course, you will understand the diseases that are increasingly placing a significant financial and social burden on society, yet are avoidable through mindful lifestyle choices.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Understanding the Global Impact of Lifestyle-Related Diseases
2. The Role of Diet and Physical Activity in Health
 - 2.1. Unraveling Hypertension: The Risks of Prolonged High Blood Pressure
 - 2.2. Ischemic Stroke: Dissecting Interruptions in Brain Blood Supply
 - 2.3. Diabetes Mellitus: Exploring the Impact of Sugar Imbalance
3. Investigating the Effects of Air Pollution and Smoking on Health
 - 3.1. Navigating Asthma and COPD: Airway Conditions
 - 3.2. Lung Cancer: Tracing Cellular Damage from Smoking
 - 3.3. Alzheimer's Disease: Understanding the Connection between Environmental Factors and Neurodegeneration
4. The Hidden Dangers of Alcohol Misuse
 - 4.1. Understanding Alcohol Dependence: Craving, Control, and Tolerance
 - 4.2. Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis: Unveiling Alcohol-Induced Liver Damage
5. Major Depressive Disorder: Interaction with Lifestyle Factors
6. Proactive Measures for Preventing Lifestyle-Related Diseases
7. Culminating Assignment: Applying Knowledge to Practical Scenarios
8. Reflecting on Progress: Session Feedback and Insights

Changes in order and/or content might occur.

[Course requirements]

While enrollment is open to all students, it is advisable to have a basic understanding of biology for optimal engagement and comprehension. This course offers valuable insights and is designed to be interesting and meaningful for students across various academic programs.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and active participation: 20%

Midterm assignment: 40%

Self-Reflection Paper: 40%

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Hall PhD, John E.; Hall MD MSc., Michael E. 『Guyton and Hall Textbook of Medical Physiology 14th Edition』 (Elsevier, June 30, 2020) ISBN: 978-0323597128

Additional literature and Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) will be introduced during the lectures.

Continue to Introduction to Lifestyle Related Diseases-E2(3) ↓↓

Introduction to Lifestyle Related Diseases-E2(3)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Self-study outside of class is important for maximizing understanding and retention. This includes reviewing class materials, such as lecture slides, reading supplementary readings, and utilizing the Discussion and Commons section on PandA.

Additionally, expect assignments that necessitate timely preparation. These may encompass crafting concise individual or group presentations, responding to queries, and conducting independent studies on specific subjects. On average, allocating approximately 60-90 minutes per week for revision and preparation is recommended. This balanced approach ensures thorough comprehension and application of course content.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

For students interested in diving deeper into nervous system disorders, I additionally recommend attending the seminar titled 'Z002096 - Disorders of the Nervous System'.

If you have further questions, feel free to write me an email.

Lecture code: U165001

Course number		U-LAS40 10016 LE26				
Course title (and course title in English)	Physiology in Health and Sports-E2 Physiology in Health and Sports-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Assistant Professor, RAUDZUS, Fabian	
Group	Health and Sports		Field(Classification)		Health and Sports Sciences(Foundations)	
Language of instruction	English			Old group		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Tue.5		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Understand the secrets of the human body in the lecture 'Physiology in Health and Sports'. Dive into the exciting world of physiology, where you will not only gain a solid understanding of how our body works, but also discover the vital connections between physiology, health, and sports.

Why Choose This Course?

1. Relevance Across Disciplines: This course offers a multidisciplinary exploration of physiology that applies to various academic fields and interests. Due to the focus on health and sports, physiology is embedded in a context everyone can relate to.
2. Practical Insights for Well-being: Learn how understanding physiology can directly impact your health and well-being.
3. Enhancing Athletic Performance: This lecture helps you to uncover the physiological principles that drive sports performance. From endurance to strength, understand how your body can excel in athletic endeavors.
4. Real-world Applications: Explore case studies, practical examples, and contemporary research demonstrating how physiological knowledge is applied in healthcare, fitness, and sports.
5. Interactive Learning Environment: Engage in stimulating discussions, hands-on activities, and collaborative projects that foster a dynamic and enriching learning experience.

In summary, this course is targeted at all students who want to learn more about human physiology and its relevance for health and sports.

Continue to Physiology in Health and Sports-E2(2) ↓↓↓

Physiology in Health and Sports-E2(2)

[Course objectives]

By the end of this lecture series, you will possess the essential knowledge to understand the details of your body's organization and operations. Through in-depth exploration of key physiological mechanisms, you'll gain deep insights into their structures, characteristics, functions, and their interplay with other bodily systems and organs. This newfound expertise will empower you to effectively analyze and address complex issues, including the effects of diseases, in the context of health and sports.

[Course schedule and contents]

1. Understanding the Body's Functional Organization
2. Exploring Cellular Physiology
3. Powering Motion: Unveiling the Muscular System
4. Blood's Vital Role
5. Peak Performance: Cardiovascular Physiology
6. Breathing Easy: Respiratory
7. Nervous System Dynamics in Health and Athletic Endeavors
8. Sensory Physiology and Its Impact on Health and Sports
9. Digestive Health: Physiology of the Gastrointestinal System for Active Lifestyles
10. Fluid Balance: The Urinary System
11. Hormonal Harmony: Exploring the Endocrine System's Role in Health and Sports
12. Reproductive Physiology
13. From Conception to New Beginnings: Fetal and Neonatal Physiology
14. Synergy of Systems: Integrating Physiology with Overall Health
15. Feedback

The content and order might be adjusted.

[Course requirements]

While there are no requirements for this course, a basic understanding of biology is very helpful. This background knowledge will enhance your comprehension and engagement with the material presented. Students from all academic backgrounds are welcome and encouraged to participate in this exploration of physiology in health and sports.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and Active Participation: 20%

Midterm Assignment: 40%

Final Assignment: 40%

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

John E. Hall, Michael E. Hall 『Guyton and Hall Textbook of Medical Physiology (Guyton Physiology)』 (Elsevier, 2020) ISBN:9780323597128 (<https://shop.elsevier.com/books/guyton-and-hall-textbook-of-medical-physiology/hall/978-0-323-59712-8>)

Christopher Madden, Margot Putukian, Eric McCarty, Craig Young 『Netter's Sports Medicine, 3rd Edition』 (Elsevier, 2022) ISBN:9780323796699 (<https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/product/9780323796699?role=student>)

Further material will be given in class if needed.

[Continue to Physiology in Health and Sports-E2\(3\)](#) ↓ ↓ ↓

Physiology in Health and Sports-E2(3)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To ensure you make the most out of every lecture in the "Physiology in Health and Sports" series, it is strongly recommended to dedicate some time to preparation and review before each session. This will help you engage with the material more effectively and deepen your understanding of the fascinating topics we'll be covering. Your proactive approach to learning is the key to success in this course.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

If you have further questions, feel free to write me an email.

Lecture code: U149001

Course number		U-LAS40 10011 LE26						
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Basic Concepts of Health Psychology-E2 :Health Behavior and Behavior Change Introduction to Basic Concepts of Health Psychology-E2 :Health Behavior and Behavior Change			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Associate Professor,ANAGNOSTOU, Despoina			
Group	Health and Sports		Field(Classification)		Health and Sports Sciences(Foundations)			
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Number of credits			
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Tue.3		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
<p>This module will introduce the principle concepts of health psychology and its research basis. It includes a breath of material covering from health and illness beliefs, behavior and outcomes, but also socio-economic factors impacting population health, as well as individual and cultural differences.</p> <p>The module is organized in two parts: 1. Health promotion and illness prevention; 2. Psychological approaches to chronic illness. Every session is organized on key principles of the theme, the theory behind, research evidence in support of the theory and examples of real applications.</p>								
<p>Students will develop an understanding of the key factors that contribute to health and how health psychology can support the maintenance of health. In addition, this module will explore the psychological factors that might contribute to the development and impact of illness. Moreover, we will explore how people cope with illness and how the health care system respond to this challenge. Finally, we will look at family support systems and what interventions can support them.</p>								
[Course objectives]								
<p>To develop understanding of the key approaches to health psychology</p> <p>To understand key theories of health and illness and the subsequent models of health care</p> <p>To understand the key theories of health behavior and behavior change and how they are used in health promotion</p> <p>To explore psychological mechanisms in illness management and the development of psychological interventions to support chronic illness</p> <p>To understand key theories of coping with chronic pain</p> <p>To explore the key psychological impact on the management of chronic illness for the family</p>								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
<p>Part I: Health promotion- illness prevention</p> <p>Session 1: Introduction to Health Psychology module-Defining health psychology</p> <p>Session 2: Health psychology approaches to health and illness; the biological and biopsychosocial model</p> <p>Session 3: Wellbeing and its association with health behavior- implications for health care models</p> <p>Session 4: Health inequalities: The impact of poverty, socio-economic deprivation, unemployment and minority status in health outcomes.</p> <p>Session 5: Understanding health behavior</p> <p>Session 6: Models of behavior change in health prevention and promotion</p>								
Continue to Introduction to Basic Concepts of Health Psychology-E2 :Health Behavior and Behavior Change(2) ↓↓								

Session 7: Changing health behavior- its use in public health interventions

Part II: The role of health psychology in chronic illness

Session 8: Stress management

Session 9: Health psychology of chronic illness- the role of positive psychology

Session 10: Psychological approaches to chronic pain

Session 11:Treatment decision making: insights into medical consultation

Session 12: Adjustment to chronic illness- Quality of life

Session 13: Advanced Care Planning (ACP)as a behavior change intervention

Session 14: The psychological consequences of caring for the family

Session 15: Presentations- feedback

[Course requirements]

At the beginning of the class, you do not need the knowledge of health psychology, essential knowledge for the class will be provided as needed in class.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation with power point oral presentation by all students (80% of mark) and participation and attendance (20%). The oral presentations will be at the end of the course, and depending on student numbers, they can be either group or individual presentations.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

References to e-textbooks already provided by Kyoto University library will be introduced during the course. All material and online resources will be uploaded in the PANDA page of the course

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

References will be introduced during the course. All resources will be uploaded in the PANDA page of the course

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Preparation is required for the final course presentations(pptx of 10-15min).

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Key lectures will be given by the lecturer.

Some group work will be introduced to discuss key issues in comparing Japan with the Europe.

Students will give presentations during the last sessions of the course. Instructions for the presentations will be given in class.

It is advisable to participate actively and share comments and ask questions during the class.

Students should make an appointment through e-mail, in the case they need any advice.

Students will not be able to keep their position in the course, if they have more than 3 absence incidences, unless there is a special reason.

If you have any questions please email the teacher: anagnostou.despoina.2a@kyoto-u.ac.jp

Lecture code: U155001

Course number		U-LAS40 20036 LE26						
Course title (and course title in English)	Psychopathology I-E2 Psychopathology I-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies Associate Professor, TAJAN, Nicolas Pierre			
Group	Health and Sports		Field(Classification)		Health and Sports Sciences(Development)			
Language of instruction	English		Old group			Number of credits 2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		
Days and periods	Tue.5		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
This course introduces most common mental disorders (autism, schizophrenia, depression, etc.) and their symptoms using videos and case studies. The approach is integrative: it combines most recent psychiatric definitions (DSM-5; ICD-11), psychopathological and psychoanalytical understanding of human distress. By the end of this course, students will know how to diagnose mental disorders such as autism, schizophrenia, PTSD and depression.								
[Course objectives]								
To provide you with a general introduction to and understanding of mental disorders. To increase your emotional intelligence through psychopathological knowledge. To help you develop your analytical and critical thinking regarding the diagnosis of mental disorders.								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
1) Introduction 2) Neurodevelopmental disorders: Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) I 3) Neurodevelopmental disorders: Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) II 4) Neurodevelopmental disorders: Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) III 5) Schizophrenia 6) Paranoia (Paranoid personality disorder), Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)I 7) Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)II 8) Depression 9) Culture and psychopathology 10) Cultural Formulation Interview 11) Cultural concepts of distress 12) Other mental disorders 13) Other mental disorders 14) Conclusion 15) Feedback								
[Course requirements]								
None								
[Evaluation methods and policy]								
Students are expected to actively participate in discussion and read material during class. Evaluation is based on the following:								
----- Continue to Psychopathology I-E2(2) ↓ ↓ ↓								

Psychopathology I-E2(2)

3 short tests (Multiple choice questionnaires with 3 possible answers) Short test 1 (30%), Short test 2(30%), Short test 3 (40%).

[Textbooks]

Relevant material is distributed in class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

American Psychiatric Association. (2013) 『Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders (5th ed.)』 (Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Publishing, Inc.)

Barnhill, J. W. (Ed.). (2014) 『DSM-5 clinical cases』 (Arlington, VA, US: American Psychiatric Publishing, Inc.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students do not have homework assignments. However, they are advised to take notes during class and to review the course material before short tests.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

[Courses delivered by instructors with practical work experience]

(1) Category

A course with practical content delivered by instructors with practical work experience

(2) Details of instructors' practical work experience related to the course

Clinical experiences in a variety of fields as a psychoanalyst, psychologist

(3) Details of practical classes delivered based on instructors' practical work experience

Lecture code: U135001

Course number		U-LAS40 20031 LE26					
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Medical Psychology-E2 Introduction to Medical Psychology-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Senior Lecturer,SAHKER, ETHAN KYLE		
Group	Health and Sports		Field(Classification)		Health and Sports Sciences(Development)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A	Number of credits	2	
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester	
Days and periods	Fri.4	Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors	

[Overview and purpose of the course]

The mind-body connection is an important concept for understanding both health and illness. In medicine, behavior and emotion contribute to major risk and protective factors for many physical illnesses. Importantly, chronic illnesses and lifestyle diseases may be effectively treated with psychological interventions and behavioral medicine. This is because if one thinks and behaves in a healthy way, they start to feel healthier. If they change their harmful behaviors, their physical health will improve. This understanding is the foundation of medical psychology. In this course students will gain a broad overview of medical psychology. They will gain knowledge in the history of psychology evolving from early medical disciplines. They will also be introduced to the foundational theories behind medical psychology. Additionally, students will learn about the primary roles of behavioral health in evidence-based medicine.

[Course objectives]

To understand how the mind and body interact through thoughts, emotions, and behaviors
To gain insight into the role of psychology and clinical psychologists in medicine

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Ethics
2. History and Systems
3. Biological Bases of Behavior
4. Cognitive and Affective Bases of Behavior
5. Social Bases of Behavior
6. Personality, Culture, and Identity
7. Clinical Psychology
8. Theoretical Orientations
9. Health Psychology and Psychosomatic Medicine
10. Abnormal Psychology
11. Common Mental Disorders
12. Stress and Trauma
13. Intelligence and Ability
14. Neuropsychology
- << Final Exam >>
15. Feedback

Continue to Introduction to Medical Psychology-E2(2) ↓↓↓

Introduction to Medical Psychology-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

40% - Final Exam
20% - Quizzes
20% - Short Personal Essay
20% - Class Participation

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class
Reference materials will be provided in class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to complete assigned readings and assignments before class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students may contact the instructor if they have questions and they may schedule an in-person appointment by email.

Lecture code: U154001

Course number		U-LAS40 20033 LE26				
Course title (and course title in English)	Cultural Aspects of Health Care-E2 Cultural Aspects of Health Care-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Associate Professor, ANAGNOSTOU, Despoina	
Group	Health and Sports		Field(Classification)		Health and Sports Sciences(Development)	
Language of instruction	English		Old group			Number of credits 2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Thu.3		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Culture has an important influence on many aspects of people's lives, such as beliefs, behaviors, emotions, religion, ritual, diet, body image, attitudes to illness, pain and other symptoms. This module explores the way that cultures have different systems of health beliefs to explain what causes illness, how it can be cured or treated, and who should be involved in the process.

This module explores the cultural influences from the perspective of the individual (personal health beliefs and behaviors) but also from society perspective (governments and health care systems). Specifically, it explores the influence of different religions, cultures, beliefs, and ethnic customs on how patients understand health concepts, how they take care of their health, and how they make decisions related to their health. It also provides knowledge with regards to the interplay between culture and health care structures and of their consequences to clinical practice. Moreover, this course looks at the cultural perspectives to population health, health inequalities and current health challenges such as organ donation and management of epidemics. Finally, it explores the concept of cultural competence in care provision, with a focus on multi-cultural societies.

[Course objectives]

- To understand the interplay between culture and health care
- To explore how the different cultural contexts may influence perceptions and behaviors in relation to health, illness and organization of health care
- To explore the impact of different cultural ideas of body image and the various representations of a health body in different times in history.
- To understand the influence of socio-economic factors to population health.
- To explore different approaches to health issues that carry stigma in different cultural contexts (i.e. disability, AIDS)
- To understand the current debates of providing care, considering patients cultural backgrounds

[Course schedule and contents)]

- Part I: Cultural perspectives in Health and illness
- Session 1: Introduction to the module
- Session 2: Definition and different approaches to culture and health
- Session 3: Culture and wellbeing; its implications on the industry of wellness across the world
- Session 4: Migration, globalization and health
- Session 5: Socio-economic factors and health inequalities- the examples of UK and US

Continue to Cultural Aspects of Health Care-E2(2) ↓↓

Cultural Aspects of Health Care-E2(2)

Session 6: The body: cultural definitions of body image and health

Session 7: Social approaches to disability

Session 8: Informal caregiving in an aging society: the unspoken reality of care in the 21st century

Part II: Cultural perspectives in the design and delivery of health care

Session 9: Cultural approaches to pain and pain management

Session 10: Cultural approaches to treatment decision-making; doctor-patient interactions

Session 11: Cultural competency in health care

Session 12: The AIDS pandemic and different country approaches

Session 13: Cultural approaches to organ donation and the impact of globalization to organ trafficking

Session 14: Cultural perspectives on death and dying

Session 15: Presentations- feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students will be evaluated based on their final course oral presentations (80% of mark) and participation and attendance in class (20%).

Students will not be able to retain their position in the course if they exceed 3 absence incidences, unless there is a special reason for it.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

E-resources,published papers and e-textbook chapters will be introduced during the course.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

References will be provided during the course. All material will be saved on the PANDA page of the course for students to access

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Preparation is required for the final course oral presentations (10-15min, PPTx)

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Key lectures will be given by the module leader, using visual and audio material to illustrate key ideas within different sessions.

Group work during lectures will support discussions around key issues and possible comparison between Japan with Europe/US.

Students will give presentations during the last sessions of the course. Instructions for the presentations will be given in class.

It is advisable to participate actively and share views during the class.

Students should make an appointment through e-mail, in the case they need any advice.

If you have any questions, please e-mail the teacher: anagnostou.despoina.2a@kyoto-u.ac.jp

Lecture code: W224001

Course number		U-LAS51 10014 SB48									
Course title (and course title in English)	科学コミュニケーションの基礎と実践（薬・英）A-E3 Theory and Practice in Scientific Writing and Discussion (Pharmaceutical Sciences, English)A-E3			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences Senior Lecturer, MACPHERSON TOM						
Group	Career Development		Field(Classification)		International Communication						
Language of instruction	Japanese and English		Old group	Group C		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Mon.4		Target year	2nd year students or above		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
<p>Have you ever watched a science talk or read a scientific article and found the language difficult to understand? “Theory and Practice in Scientific Writing and Discussion” provides an introduction to the fundamentals of scientific writing and communication in English. Students will learn useful scientific English vocabulary and expressions, as well as how to communicate scientific findings in written and oral forms. Students will have the opportunity to explore scientific topics of their own interests through oral class presentations.</p> <p>This course is targeted at any 2nd year or above science students, and will be especially useful for those interested in pursuing a career in scientific research or journalism.</p>											
[Course objectives]											
<p>Students will gain a basic understanding of the structure and vocabulary of scientific English.</p> <p>Students will learn to read and write scientific reports in the structure used in English-language scientific journals.</p> <p>Students will learn to orally communicate scientific concepts and findings.</p>											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is scientific English? Units, Sizes, and Dimensions Chemicals and Formulas Latin and Greek roots of modern scientific English Position, Movement, Action, and Direction Experimental Setups in Biology and Chemistry Mid-term exam + Feedback, Explanation of Class Presentations Key scientific vocabulary and phrasing How to structure a lab report/scientific article How to read and critique scientific articles How to give a scientific talk Examples of Scientific Communication in TV/Film/Media pt.1 Examples of Scientific Communication in TV/Film/Media pt.2 Spotting and Debunking Bad Science Final Exam (Class Presentations) Feedback 											
<p>Continue to 科学コミュニケーションの基礎と実践（薬・英）A-E3(2) ↓↓↓</p>											

[Course requirements]

This is an introductory course and prior knowledge of the topic is not necessary. All essential knowledge for the class and exams will be provided in class. Students need only to be interested in learning about scientific communication in English.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and Participation, 20%.

Midterm exam, 30%.

Final examination 50%.

[Textbooks]

Anthony FW FOONG 『Comprehensive Scientific English (A) 4th Edition』 (IMEX. Japan) ISBN:978-4-9905790-2-9 (4th edition, April 2020)

OpenStax Biology, Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry and Physics, freely available to download at the URL below.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

References and articles will also be given via PandA.

(Related URL)

<https://openstax.org/details/books/biology-2e>

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Review from the textbook, listening exercises on the CDs, and preparation for assignments to be presented in class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

The contents of the syllabus are a guide to the content of the course, the exact content may change. Input and suggestions from students are very welcome and I am happy to discuss the course material with students via email or in-person meeting.

Lecture code: W225001

Course number		U-LAS51 10015 SB48				
Course title (and course title in English)	科学コミュニケーションの基礎と実践（薬・英）B-E3 Theory and Practice in Scientific Writing and Discussion (Pharmaceutical Sciences, English)B-E3			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences Associate Professor,Martin Robert	
Group	Career Development		Field(Classification)		International Communication	
Language of instruction	Japanese and English		Old group	Group C	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Mon.4/Mon.5	Target year	2nd year students or above		Eligible students	For science students

[Overview and purpose of the course]

The ability to effectively communicate science in English is an essential skill for students and aspiring young researchers, whether it is for a lab report, preparing an abstract and/or poster or an oral presentation for a conference, a journal club, a thesis, or a full research article. Failure to produce a good narrative results in lost opportunities for both the writer and the reader. Developing skills in both written and oral forms of communication is therefore important to successfully progress in science.

This course will aim to improve student confidence in communicating science in English. Opportunities will be provided to learn and practice the basics of effective scientific writing and communication in English. Emphasis will be placed on learning the basic structures and logic of different forms of scientific communication and practicing through the analysis of scientific material and writing. Practical exercises to develop those skills, will include among others, preparing a good title and abstract, analyzing scientific text, and presenting science news and a full research article (journal club presentation) and their evaluation. Many exercises will be completed in small groups. The course will be targeted to non-native speakers of English.

[Course objectives]

This main objective of this course is to learn and practice skills for communicating scientific content effectively in English. The emphasis will be on structuring and organizing content, data and figures, and their interpretation to build a coherent narrative. Tips and tricks about writing and presenting as well as patterns to avoid will also be presented.

At the end of this course students will:

- Understand and be able to explain the basic structure and format of different forms of scientific communications
- Master key conventions and structures essential for effective scientific communication
- Have gained skills in organizing concepts and ideas into a coherent narrative, using the appropriate words, units, logic, etc.
- Be able to produce clear short text and make an oral presentation of a research article following the formal scientific style of writing and presenting
- Have acquired confidence and practiced critical evaluation skills by reviewing and providing constructive feedback about their peers' work.

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[Course schedule and contents]

The following topics will be covered over the course of 15 classes, not necessarily in that order:

Week 1 Course guidance and introduction

Week 2 Introduction to communication

Week 3 Finding and managing scientific literature and resources (databases and reference management software)

Week 4 Crafting a good title

Week 5 Analyzing and preparing a good abstract

Week 6 The basics of scientific writing. Structure and logic

Week 7 How to write different parts of a manuscript or report

Week 8 Tips for reading and understanding scientific content

Week 9 Making good figures and visuals and describing them well

Weeks 10-14 Research article presentations - Critical thinking and evaluation

Week 16 Feedback

[Course requirements]

Access to a personal computer or device is required to complete homework assignments and other practice.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

20 % Class attendance and active participation

60 % In-class exercises/quizzes and homework assignments

20 % Presentation

[Textbooks]

Lebrun, J.-L. 『Scientific Writing 2.0: A Reader And Writer's Guide』 (World Scientific Publishing Company, 2011)

Glasman-Deal, H. 『Science Research Writing: A Guide for Non-native Speakers of English.』 (Imperial College Press, 2010)

The books above will be used for part of course but students are not required to buy them. Kyoto University Library has some digital license for the Lebrun and Glasman-Deal books.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Hofmann, A. 『Writing in the Biological Sciences: A Comprehensive Resource for Scientific Communication.』 (Oxford University Press, 2015)

Another useful resource:

English communication for scientists is listed below.

(Related URL)

<https://www.nature.com/scitable/ebooks/cntNm-14053993/contents/>

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students can expect to spend on average about 1-2 hours per week on homework assignments and preparation for in-class exercises.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Some of the content is subject to change according to the class size.

The instructor can be contacted by e-mail to arrange an appointment.

Lecture code: W236001

Course number		U-LAS51 10028 SE48						
Course title (and course title in English)	Scientific English II-E3 (Presentation & Discussion) Scientific English II-E3 (Presentation & Discussion)			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,Zhu Fan			
Group	Career Development		Field(Classification)		International Communication			
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group C	Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Fri.3	Target year	2nd year students or above		Eligible students	For science students		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
Forbes magazine reports that "seventy percent of employed Americans who give presentations agree that presentation skills are critical to their success at work (...) The other 30% don't know it yet."								
In this new global and interconnected world, being able to clearly and succinctly communicate ideas is becoming more and more a basic requirement for success at work. Presentation skills are to the XXI century what English skills were to the XX century: a necessity, rather than a luxury.								
The aim of this class is to help you improve your communication proficiency, focusing on presentation and discussion skills in English.								
[Course objectives]								
At the end of the course, you should be able to present ideas in a concise and orderly manner, in both small and large settings, either individually or as part of a group. The principles behind the use of slideware, color and presentation theory, graphic creation, data delivery, etc., will be introduced during this practical class.								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
This practical class will divide the learning of presentation skills in the following building blocks:								
A) Preparation (Definition of main idea, structure, story, research, etc.)								
B) Design (Principles of design, color theory, typography, images, etc.)								
C) Delivery (Rehearsal, connecting with an audience, Q&A, etc.)								
These themes will be built in conjunction with permanent practice and discussion. Students will have to prepare and present both individual and group presentations during the course. This course consists of 15 classes including one feedback class. A general schedule of the classes is given below.								
1) Technical presentation 2) Preparation 3) Analysis of structure 4) Creating the structure 5) Basic design rules 6) Principles of visual design 7) Presenting data 8) Bad data display 9) Basic principles of delivery								
----- Continue to Scientific English II-E3 (Presentation & Discussion)(2) -----								

Scientific English II-E3 (Presentation & Discussion)(2)

- 10) Group presentation exercise
11-14) Individual presentation exercises
15) Feedback & report

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class participation and homework (25%), feedback from other students (15%), and performance in group and individual presentations (60%). Details will be explained in class. This class will have no written examination.

To pass this class, you need to be able to proficiently prepare, design, and deliver general and technical presentations in English.

[Textbooks]

Handouts will be provided at the beginning of each section.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Garr Reynolds 『Presentation Zen: Simple Ideas on Presentation Design and Delivery』 ISBN: 9780321525659

Nancy Duarte 『Slide:ology: The Art and Science of Creating Great Presentations』 ISBN: 9780596522346

Dan Roam 『Show and Tell: How Everybody Can Make Extraordinary Presentations』 ISBN: 9781591846857

Dona Wong 『The Wall Street Journal Guide to Information Graphics』 ISBN: 9780393072952

Stephen Few 『Show Me the Numbers: Designing Tables and Graphs to Enlighten』 ISBN: 9780970601971

Edward Tufte 『The Visual Display of Quantitative Information』 ISBN: 9780961392147

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

As an eminently practical class, you will be expected to work on your own time, preparing and honing the ideas and presentations that you will deliver during class.

Additional time to watch notable presentations online (TED, PechaKucha, Toastmasters, etc., as recommended by the instructor during classes) will be required.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Information related to office hours and contact of instructors will be provided during the first lecture.

Lecture code: W237001

Course number		U-LAS51 10029 SE48									
Course title (and course title in English)	Advanced Scientific English-E3 (Debate) Advanced Scientific English-E3 (Debate)				Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,SCHMOECKER, Jan-Dirk Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,AN RIN Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,Chang, Kai-Chun Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,KHAYYER ABBAS Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,KIM SUNMIN Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,QURESHI, Ali Gul Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,Zhu Fan					
Group	Career Development			Field(Classification)		International Communication					
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group C	Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)			Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester				
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	2nd year students or above		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Debating and negotiating are skills needed in most professions students will enter after graduation. The course aims to improve critical thinking and general abilities to discuss scientific issues.											
[Course objectives]											
1) To improve students' ability to discuss scientific issues in a set format. Students will learn to defend their opinions and to react to counter-arguments. 2) Students will be introduced to a number of current issues in Civil Engineering through the debate topics.											
[Course schedule and contents])											
The first lecture will give an introduction to the course and to debating: What makes a good debate, introduction on how to prepare for a debate, some helpful tools for organizing the debate, etc. The second lecture then will be an initial test debate. The following lectures are then grouped into four units of 3 lectures, each unit is taught by a different faculty member and discusses different debate topics, often related to the teacher's research interest. Each unit has following outline. In Lecture 1 of a unit the topic will be introduced and students choose a role (pro or contra the debate motion). Then in Lecture 2 students collect some information and arguments on the topic by reading articles or collecting information from the internet. The lecture is further meant to prepare debate talks and to prepare for potential counter- arguments. In the final classes of each unit students are then performing the actual debate. Debate topics are chosen by teachers from engineering issues as well as current issues.											
Weeks 1-2: Introduction, debate exercises. Debate theory will be introduced and an exercise will be conducted on a current issue.											
Weeks 3-5: Debating on topics related to transport planning, for example, debates about the feasibility to											
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Advanced Scientific English-E3 (Debate)(2)

introduce "shared space" in Kyoto. Students will learn to discuss pros and cons of traffic management policies.

Weeks 6-8: Debating on topics related to large civil engineering projects. For example debates on the usage of hydraulic energy will help students express the issues involved with different energy sources.

Weeks 9-11: Debating on topics related to sustainable vs efficient technology. For example, debates about recycling of material will be conducted to trade off cost issues and environmental benefits

Weeks 12-14: Debating on topics related to current affairs. For example, debates on the usage of chatbots at university will be conducted. This will help students to understand and articulate the pros and cons of using this technology for educational purposes.

There is no written exam at the end of the semesters. Feedback is given during regular classes and as feedback session after the course completion. (Total 14 classes plus 1 feedback session).

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The grade will be based mainly on the presentations about the debate topics (70%). In addition active participation in the class (30%) are evaluated.

[Textbooks]

Not used

No textbook is required for this course. Handouts will be distributed by the instructors as needed.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

In some weeks students will be asked to collect information material for the debates and to complete the preparation for the debates that can not be carried out during the class period.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

All instructors will provide their contact information for questions and feedback.

Lecture code: W228001

Course number	U-LAS51 10018 SE48				
Course title (and course title in English)	Business English-E3 Business English-E3		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Management Professor, WILLIAM BABER	
Group	Career Development		Field(Classification)	International Communication	
Language of instruction	English		Old group		Number of credits 2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Tue.2	Target year	2nd year students or above	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course is for students with Intermediate to Low-Advanced English skills. Students with higher English skills may not take the course. The course practices English skills that are necessary for business.

[Course objectives]

Students will learn about

- Formal business email
 - Informal business email
 - Summarizing (verbal and written)
 - Short written reports
 - Short verbal representations to small groups
 - Understanding and communicating precise rules

[Course schedule and contents])

Week 1: Informal work email, speaking skills

Week 2: Formal and "bad news" email

Week 3: Summarizing

Week 4: Talking about business models

Week 5-14: Above skills, presenting, writing, and more.

Number 15: Feedback session

"Total : 14 classes, 1 Feedback session"

[Course requirements]

Students with English skills below "Intermediate" or above "Low Advanced" will not be accepted.

The course is targeted for students with middle level skills (CEFR B1-C1).

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students are graded based on the number and level of tasks completed. Tasks increase with difficulty as each level is cleared. The grading is explained further in class and in handouts.

Continue to Business English-E3(2) ↓ ↓ ↓

Business English-E3(2)

[Textbooks]

Students will receive materials from the professor.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Students will receive materials from the professor.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to complete tasks outside of class and in class. Class time is mainly for support, question asking, and skills review with the professor.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

In class meetings.

Size limit: 20 students

Size is limited in order to allow time for frequent interaction with the professor.

Lecture code: W228002

Course number	U-LAS51 10018 SE48				
Course title (and course title in English)	Business English-E3 Business English-E3			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Management Professor, WILLIAM BABER
Group	Career Development		Field(Classification)	International Communication	
Language of instruction	English		Old group		Number of credits 2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Wed.5	Target year	2nd year students or above	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course is for students with Intermediate to Low-Advanced English skills. Students with higher English skills may not take the course. The course practices English skills that are necessary for business.

[Course objectives]

Students will learn about

- Formal business email
 - Informal business email
 - Summarizing (verbal and written)
 - Short written reports
 - Short verbal presentations to small groups
 - Understanding and communicating precise rules

[Course schedule and contents])

Course Schedule and Contents

Week 1: Informal work email, speaking skills

Week 2: Formal and "b

Week 3: Summarizing

Week 4: Talking about business models

Week 5-14: Above skills, presentation

Number 15: Feedback session

[Courses required]

[Course Requirements] Students will be required to attend all lectures, participate in class discussions, complete weekly assignments, and take a final exam.

The course is targeted for students with middle-level skills (CEFR B1-C1).

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation methods and policy: Students are graded based on the number and level of tasks completed

Continue to Business English-E3(2) ↓ ↓ ↓

Business English-E3(2)

[Textbooks]

Students will receive materials from the professor.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Students will receive materials from the professor.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to complete tasks outside of class and in class. Class time is mainly for support, question asking, and skills review with the professor.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

In class meetings.

Size limit: 20 students

Size is limited in order to allow time for frequent interaction with the professor.

Office hours: Monday and Friday afternoons by appointment.

Lecture code: W229001

Course number		U-LAS51 10019 SE48						
Course title (and course title in English)	Business Thinking-E3 Business Thinking-E3			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Management Professor, WILLIAM BABER			
Group	Career Development		Field(Classification)		International Communication			
Language of instruction	English		Old group			Number of credits 2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Wed.2		Target year	2nd year students or above	Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
This course teaches some core approaches to thinking about business: understanding quality; understanding user reactions to products; understanding business models; and so on.								
[Course objectives]								
Students will learn about these basic concepts - they will be discussed and handled at a level appropriate to the knowledge and language skills of the class.								
- defining and communicating quality - understanding business processes - understanding business models with Business Model Canvas								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
Week 1-3: Understanding business models Week 4-6: Understanding platform business models Week 7-10: Business Model Canvas Week 11-13: Business structures Week 14: In class presentations and course summary Number 15: Feedback session "Total : 14 classes, 1 Feedback session"								
[Course requirements]								
None								
[Evaluation methods and policy]								
Strong English speaking skills will be necessary. Students are expected to work in small groups in English weekly, and to make presentations to the class at least three times in the semester. Presentations to the class will count for approximately 40% of the course points. Presentations in small groups to the class will count for approximately 60% of the course points.								
[Textbooks]								
Materials will be provided by the professor.								
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Business Thinking-E3(2)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Materials will be provided by the professor.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Some projects will require work at home or outside of the classroom to collect information about businesses and products in Kyoto.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

office hours: Monday and Friday afternoons by appointment.

Lecture code: W230001

Course number	U-LAS51 10020 SE48				
Course title (and course title in English)	Negotiation-E3 Negotiation-E3			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Management Professor, WILLIAM BABER
Group	Career Development		Field(Classification)	International Communication	
Language of instruction	English		Old group		Number of credits 2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Wed.4		Target year	2nd year students or above	Eligible students For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Tools and practical experience for conducting negotiations from pre-planning to agreement, so-called Harvard Method or Mutual Gains Negotiation. The course is conducted entirely in English and requires strong speaking and listening skills. The focus is generally on business, however the skills are applicable to other kinds of negotiation, such as politics.

Practices may include remote negotiations with students in overseas universities.

[Course objectives]

Students will understand basic concepts such as alternative, zone of agreement, reserve points, planning, creating new value, problem solving, satisfaction, relationship building, and the overall process of negotiation.

[Course schedule and contents])

- Lecture 1: Basic negotiation skills 1
- Lecture 2: Basic negotiation skills 2
- Lecture 3: Basic negotiation skills 3
- Lecture 4-13: Case practices and skills
- Lecture 14: Overview
- Number 15: Feedback session
- "Total : 14 classes, 1 Feedback session"

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Ongoing evaluation of skills in class including verbal and written assignments.

About 20% of the points will be scored in quizzes.

About 20% of the points will be scored in reflective writing assignments.

About 50% of points will be scored in assignments such as submitted agreements and planning documents.

About 10% of points will be scored for active participation in simulations and classroom discussions.

Continue to Negotiation-E3(2) ↓ ↓ ↓

Negotiation-E3(2)

[Textbooks]

Baber, Chen 『Practical Business Negotiation』 (Routledge) ISBN:9780367421731

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Readings from the textbook may be assigned for preparation before class.

Additional materials (cases) will be given to students for preparation before a practice negotiation. students are expected to read and prepare in advance.

Some activities may occur outside of classes (evening or weekend); specific information will be found in the class materials.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours: Monday and Friday afternoons by appointment

Lecture code: W231001

Course number		U-LAS51 10021 SE48				
Course title (and course title in English)	Digesting Scientific English-E3 Digesting Scientific English-E3			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Senior Lecturer,Duncan Wilson	
Group	Career Development		Field(Classification)		International Communication	
Language of instruction	English		Old group			Number of credits 2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Fri.4		Target year	2nd year students or above	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Students will be tutored in how to improve their English reading skills, using a variety of texts and exercises. Passages or terms identified as difficult will be analyzed and explained in simpler language, and possible alternatives presented. The structure and content of scientific reports will be examined. Short texts on a range of scientific topics followed by multiple-choice questions will be used to build confidence and understanding. The overall aim is to foster students' abilities to extract the most important content from scientific texts, find specific information, and draw appropriate conclusions.

[Course objectives]

Students will gain experience in reading scientific texts and extracting the most important information from them. They will also learn to identify good and poor scientific writing.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Style and Content in Scientific Papers
2. Good Scientific Writing Style and Spelling
3. Names, Numbers and a Scientific Article
4. Getting the Message: Reading Scientific Texts
5. Asking Questions, Predictions and Hypotheses
6. How Articles Get Published and Editorial Correspondence
7. Citations and Reference Style
8. Scientific Poster Presentations: Good and Bad
9. Active and Passive Voice and CV Writing Tips
10. How Punctuation Affects Meaning, and Ambiguity
11. Scientific Misconduct
12. Writing Exercises I
13. Writing Exercises II
14. Course Review
15. Course Feedback

Note: The contents of specific classes may change.

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Digesting Scientific English-E3(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class participation (20%) and a final, multi-component exam (80%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

Lecture notes/slides will be distributed and posted on KULASIS.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

No special preparations are required before or after classes, other than revising the material covered.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: W232001

Course number	U-LAS51 10022 SE48				
Course title (and course title in English)	Scientific Writing and Presenting in English-E3 Scientific Writing and Presenting in English-E3		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Senior Lecturer,Duncan Wilson	
Group	Career Development		Field(Classification)	International Communication	
Language of instruction	English		Old group		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Fri.4	Target year	2nd year students or above	Eligible students	For all majors
[Overview and purpose of the course]					
Students will be introduced to issues surrounding scientific writing and presenting. Topics will include how to avoid the most common errors of expression (written and oral), through the use of examples and opportunities to practice. Focus will be on how to structure a scientific report and to write concisely in English, with help from real-life examples. Teaching will include open discussions and an opportunity for students to participate in a mini-symposium as both presenters and audience members.					
[Course objectives]					
Students completing the course will have improved knowledge of the structure of scientific papers and presentations, as well as clearer ideas of what to do and what not to do to write or present successfully in English.					
[Course schedule and contents)]					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction and Aims of Scientific Writing 2. Good Scientific Writing 3. Common Errors in Scientific English 4. Scientific Papers: Structure and Function 5. Citations and Reference Style 6. Scientific Misconduct 7. Punctuation, Ambiguity, Active and Passive Voice and CV Writing 8. Asking Questions, Predictions and Hypotheses 9. Poster Presentations: Good and Bad 10. Verbal and Non-verbal Skills for Oral Presentations 11. Mini-Symposium: Student Oral Presentations 12. The Process of Getting Published 13. Writing Exercises 14. Course Review 15. Course Feedback 					
Note: The contents of specific lectures may change.					
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Scientific Writing and Presenting in English-E3(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class participation (20%), a short oral presentation (10%) and a final written exam (70%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

Class notes/slides will be distributed.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to review the class hand-outs after each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: Y102001

Course number		U-LAS60 10002 LE17				
Course title (and course title in English)	Interdisciplinary Sciences-E2 :Global Changes Interdisciplinary Sciences-E2 :Global Changes			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Disaster Prevention Research Institute Professor,Sameh Kantoush Graduate School of Science Professor,ZWINGMANN, Horst Friedrich August Disaster Prevention Research Institute Senior Lecturer,LAHOURNAT, Florence	
Group	Interdisciplinary Sciences		Field(Classification)		Interdisciplinary Sciences	
Language of instruction	English		Old group		Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Thu.5		Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

The main purpose of this course is to address the phenomenon of climate change from a variety of angles, using the IPCC 6th Assessment Reports (Summary for Policymakers) as a base for learning, reflection, and discussion.

Along the semester, we will be using the three IPCC Working Group reports:

- WG I: The physical science basis,
- WG II: Impacts, adaptation, and vulnerability, and
- WG III: Mitigation of climate change.

This course encourages students to develop self-learning skills and English expression skills, through assigned self-directed group discussions and presentations.

[Course objectives]

To gain knowledge regarding the current understanding of the scientific basis of the global warming issue, and some of the perspectives for adaptation and mitigation.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Detailed orientation (1 week) “Preparation to understand the class”
 - Short self-introduction from each lecturer
 - Identification of each part of the class as independent and expertise area
 - Description of the class outline and objectives
 - Schedule, assignments, evaluation, textbooks/references, …
2. General introduction (1 week) “Fundamental perspectives on global changes based on the IPCC reports”
 - General Q&A session about global changes
 - Group composition
 - we expect six groups (about 5 students/group) working through each theme and re-shuffling to ensure a good balance of nationality, background, and gender within each group
 - Self-introduction of all students
- 3.~6. Theme 1 (4 weeks) “The physical science basis of global warming”
 - Week 1: short lecture by Zwingmann, and the commencement of group work
 - Week 2: group work (preparation of presentation)
 - Week 3 & 4: group presentations and discussions (25 min x 3 groups x 2 weeks)
 - ★Feedback will be given at the end of the presentation sessions (15 min)

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7.~10. Theme 2 (4 weeks) “Impacts, adaptation and vulnerability”

- Week 1: short lecture by Lahournat, and the commencement of group work
 - Week 2: group work (preparation of presentation)
 - Week 3 & 4: group presentations and discussions (25 min x 3 groups x 2 weeks)
- ★Feedback will be given at the end of the presentation sessions (15 min)

11.~14. Theme 3 (4 weeks) “Mitigation of climate change”

- Week 1: short lecture by Kantoush, and the commencement of group work
 - Week 2: group work (preparation of presentation)
 - Week 3 & 4: group presentations and discussions (25 min x 3 groups x 2 weeks)
- ★Feedback will be given at the end of the presentation sessions (15 min)

15. Feedback (1 week) “Closing session”

- General discussion: remarks and comments by all
- Final remarks

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Assessment for the class will base on the following four criteria:

1. Class attendance/active participation in the group work (40%),
2. Group presentations for the three Themes (40%), and
3. Individual report for one of the three Themes (20%).

Details on each criterion will be announced during the first week of class.

[Textbooks]

Not used

No textbook. Use the pdf files of the IPCC WG reports, which will be available on PandA.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

IPCC, 2021: Summary for Policymakers. In: Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis. Contribution of Working Group I to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. [Masson-Delmotte, V., P. Zhai, A. Pirani, S.L. Connors, C. Pean, S. Berger, N. Caud, Y. Chen, L. Goldfarb, M.I. Gomis, M. Huang, K. Leitzell, E. Lonnoy, J.B.R. Matthews, T.K. Maycock, T. Waterfield, O. Yelekci, R. Yu, and B. Zhou (eds.)]. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, United Kingdom and New York, NY, USA, pp. 3—32, doi:10.1017/9781009157896.001.

IPCC, 2022: Summary for Policymakers. In: Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability. Contribution of Working Group II to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. [H.-O. Poertner, D.C. Roberts, M. Tignor, E.S. Poloczanska, K. Mintenbeck, A. Alegria, M. Craig, S. Langsdorf, S. Loeschke, V. Moeller, A. Okem, B. Rama (eds.)]. Cambridge University Press. In Press. pp. 1-35. <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/>

IPCC, 2022: Summary for Policymakers. In: Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change. Contribution of Working Group III to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on

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Interdisciplinary Sciences-E2 :Global Changes(3)

Climate Change. [P.R. Shukla, J. Skea, R. Slade, A. Al Khourdajie, R. van Diemen, D. McCollum, M. Pathak, S. Some, P. Vyas, R. Fradera, M. Belkacemi, A. Hasija, G. Lisboa, S. Luz, J. Malley, (eds.)]. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK and New York, NY, USA. pp. 1-52. doi: 10.1017/9781009157926.001.

Also, some reference books as

Koonin, S. E., 2021: Unsettled: What Climate Science Tells Us, What It Doesn't, and Why It Matters. BenBella Books, Inc., Dallas, 306pp.

クーニンスティーブン・E (著) 三木 俊哉 (訳) , 2022: 気候変動の真実 科学は何を語り、何を語っていないか? 日経BP, 372pp.

Vince, G., 2022: Nomad Century: How to Survive the Climate Upheaval. Allen Lane, 288pp.

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[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to read the recommended resources for each WG report, to be able to actively participate during discussion.

To prepare for each presentation, students may need to meet with their group in between sessions, outside the class time.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

- The expected number of students is about 30, distributed across 6 groups of about 5 students each. Priority will be given to the ILAS International Education Program students (compulsory credits) and the Kyoto iUP students enrolled in the programs, with any remaining slots open to other students.
- Students are expected to bring their own computer device (laptop, tablet, etc.).
- Regarding office hours, use PandA to send an e-mail to request an appointment.

Lecture code: Y102002

Course number		U-LAS60 10002 LE17				
Course title (and course title in English)	Interdisciplinary Sciences-E2 :Foods and Microbes Interdisciplinary Sciences-E2 :Foods and Microbes			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences Program-Specific Professor,KOYANAGI YOSHIO Institute for Life and Medical Sciences Associate Professor,VANDENBON, Alexis Graduate School of Agriculture Associate Professor,Hart Nadav FEUER	
Group	Interdisciplinary Sciences		Field(Classification)		Interdisciplinary Sciences	
Language of instruction	English		Old group		Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Mon.5		Target year	All students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course takes an interdisciplinary systems approach to broaden your understanding of the microbiome. One key direction of study is the interaction between food and gut microbiome, in particular how enzymes, bacteria and yeasts break-down, interact, and respond to the food we eat. How foods are processed in preparation for consumption, including fermentation, sterilization, and modification are also key factors in food safety, public health, and culinary culture. To achieve a holistic view of the complex role of microbes in human food systems, the course unfolds in three multidisciplinary modules focusing on biology, culture and food science, and informatics. Each module includes preparatory coursework, case studies, and group activities aiming to foster knowledge exchange and communication between participants. The teaching team consists of staff from three faculties and is aimed at wide audience of local and international students. This course aims to equip participants with lateral, integrative and forward thinking skills that cultivate interest in contributing to and leading future changes in complex food science from the biological scale to the global scale.

Course content includes multilateral reports, media, and academic literature illuminating the food microbiome from three perspectives:

Working Group I: The foundations of modern biology including using artificial intelligence (AI) technology,
Working Group II: Food science and culture, and

Working Group III: Statistics.

This course encourages students to develop self-learning skills and English expression skills, through assigned self-directed group discussions and presentations.

[Course objectives]

The expectations and goals for students taking this course are:

1. Be able to define and explain the biological importance of foods from various countries, especially complex microorganisms, and food system issues from multiple perspectives.
2. Learn food, biology, economics, and related critical thinking skills.
3. Develop effective communication skills and be able to participate in discussions on class topics.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Introduction (1 week)
- Outline of the course and explanation of objectives
- Introduction to basic concepts and content expectations
- Self-introduction of participants
- Group composition: Considering the balance of nationality, background, and gender, we plan to work in Continue to Interdisciplinary Sciences-E2 :Foods and Microbes(2) ↓ ↓ ↓

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eight groups (planned) throughout the semester.

- For each theme, multiple groups will be assigned to specific working group report sections, allowing for cross-group discussion.

2.- 5. Theme 1 (4 weeks) “Human system and microbes”

- Week 1: Skills and concepts training by Koyanagi and assignment of sub-topics
- Week 2: Group work (research, analysis, collaboration with other groups, presentation preparation)
- Weeks 3 and 4: Group presentations and discussions (3 groups/sessions x 25 minutes)

Feedback will be provided at the end of the presentation session (15 minutes).

Homework: Personal report.

6.- 9. Theme 2 (4 weeks) “Contemporary scientific perspectives on traditional diets”

- Week 1: Skills and concept training Feuer and assignment of sub-topics
- Week 2: Group work (research, analysis, collaboration with other groups, presentation preparation)
- Weeks 3 and 4: Group presentations and discussions (3 groups/sessions x 25 minutes)

Feedback will be provided at the end of the presentation session (15 minutes)

Homework: Edutainment social media post

10.- 13. Theme 3 (4 weeks) “Data analysis methods for microbes and human genome”

- Week 1: Skills and concepts training by Vandenbon and assignment of sub-topics
- Week 2: Group work (research, analysis, collaboration with other groups, presentation preparation)
- Weeks 3 and 4: Group presentations and discussions (3 groups/sessions x 25 minutes)

Feedback will be provided at the end of the presentation session (15 minutes)

Homework: Data visualization

14. Closing session (1 week)

- General discussion: remarks and comments by all
- Final remarks

15. Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Assessment for the class will base on the following three criteria:

1. Class attendance/active participation in group work.
2. Group presentations and personal report.
3. Individual homeworks (interim and final).

Details on each criterion will be announced during the first class.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Microbial Biotechnology. 2023 Jul;16(7):1412-1422. doi: 10.1111/1751-7915.14263

Microbial Biotechnology 2024 Feb;17(2):e14428. doi: 10.1111/1751-7915.14428.

FAO and original manuscripts

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(Related URL)

<https://openknowledge.fao.org/items/5622146b-4e2b-413e-b092-aa8551a619fb>(Microbiome: The missing link? Science and innovation for health, climate and sustainable food systems)

<https://www.microbiomesupport.eu/>(Within the European-funded Coordination and Support Action Microbiome Suppor, the Workshop ‘Education in Food Systems Microbiome Related Sciences’)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

We expect students to read the recommended resources for each session, in order to be able to actively participate in discussion. In order to prepare for each presentation, students will need to meet with their group in between sessions, outside the class time.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

- The expected number of students is 45 to 54 (= 5 to 6 x 9 groups). Priority will be given to iUP Japanese and international students enrolled in the program, and other students will be registered in the available slots.
- Regarding office hours, use PandA to send an e-mail to request an appointment.

Lecture code: Y212001

Course number	U-LAS61 10013 LE78				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Food Sustainability-E2 Introduction to Food Sustainability-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Agriculture Associate Professor, HSIANG Tzu-Fan
Group	Interdisciplinary Sciences		Field(Classification)	Environmental Sciences	
Language of instruction	English		Old group		Number of credits 2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Thu.2	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

In this course an interdisciplinary, systems approach is taken to broaden and deepen the understanding of concepts, stakeholder perspectives and the complexity of food systems sustainability beyond their own chosen discipline. To achieve this, course work, case studies from various countries, as well as group activities, will be undertaken to foster knowledge exchange and communication between the participants, who come from a diverse range of faculties and schools within Kyoto University. By doing so, the course aims to equip participants with lateral, integrative and forward-thinking skills; who have the capability to contribute to and lead future changes in the food system from a local to a global scale.

[Course objectives]

The expectations and goals for the students taking this course are as follows:

1. Be able to define and explain key issues in sustainable food systems from multiple perspectives.
2. Develop their critical and reflective thinking skills related to food, environmental, economical and social interactions.
3. Develop effective communication skills and be able to engage in thoughtful discussion of current food security issues

[Course schedule and contents)]

Class Schedule

1. Introduction
2. Origins of Sustainability
3. Tragedy of the Commons
4. Population Growth & Urbanization
5. Economic Development— Changes in Dietary Patterns
6. Food Security/ Sovereignty
7. Climate Change & its Impacts
8. Food: Biodiversity
9. Food: Water
10. Food: Energy
11. Food: Fertilizers
12. Food: Land & Soils
13. Food: Environmental Impacts/ Waste
14. Emerging Issues: Biotechnology, Biofuels
15. Feedback

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Introduction to Food Sustainability-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading: Active participation and listening quizzes (20%), weekly writing exercises based on assigned pre-class reading materials (30%), mid-term essay (30%), and an in-class group presentation (20%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Handouts and supplemental readings will be distributed electronically and/or as a hard copy in class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should read or listen to the required pre-class materials and submit any required assignment before the class, and come to class ready to participate in class activities. Typically, this will entail listening to a short video or podcast (10 min. or less), as well as reading a 2 or 3 page handout and be prepared to write answers to 1 or 2 questions about the reading material in the following class (15 to 20 minutes provided in class).

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Open door policy during office hours, and anytime by email.

Lecture code: Y213001

Course number		U-LAS61 10014 LE17						
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Sustainable Development-E2 Introduction to Sustainable Development-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Energy Science Associate Professor,AU Ka Man Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies Associate Professor,TRENCHER, Gregory			
Group	Interdisciplinary Sciences		Field(Classification)		Environmental Sciences			
Language of instruction	English			Old group				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Thu.4		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
Sustainable development tries to satisfy people's present needs while maintaining the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It also requires a triple focus on environmental, economic and social aspects. In this course we will explore how nations can balance growth with environmental health. After studying about various sustainability challenges such as climate change, plastic waste, agriculture, health/diets, energy and social capital, students will develop their own development project proposals.								
[Course objectives]								
Students will gain an understanding of the core principles of sustainable development and their application through global and local case studies. At the conclusion of the course students will present their own sustainable development project proposals to the class, applying a Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) approach to determine the best approach for addressing specific societal and environmental problems.								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
This course will cover the following topics (and may change if required):								
1.Introduction to sustainable development (Trencher) 2.Climate change (Trencher) 3.Sustainable mobility for ageing society (Trencher) 4.Meat consumption (Trencher) 5.Guidance on project work (Both) 6.Case studies in Japan and around the world - guest speakers (Trencher) 7.Natural capital (Au) 8.Social capital (Au) 9.Energy (Au) 10.The future of energy and more on climate change (Au) 11.Guest lecture or specialized topics (Au) 12.Proposal preparation (Both) 13.Student development proposals (Both) 14.Student development proposals and conclusion (Both) 15. Feedback (by appointment)								
[Course requirements]								
- Participation is required. This is not just attendance - it means joining the conversation. If you must miss a class, explain reason to instructor. Come on time (2 lates = 1 absent).								
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Introduction to Sustainable Development-E2(2)

- Come to class prepared. Read the chapters or articles to be covered before class. Be ready to discuss your ideas. Files will generally be uploaded to the PandA site before class.
- Complete assignments on time. Assignments must be handed in on their due dates and by the due time. All written work must be original to receive credit.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Individual components

- 1.Attendance and participation: 10%
- 2.In-class exercises and short assignments: 40%

Group-work components

- 3.Group project proposal outline (1 page) 5%
- 4.Final group presentation: 25%
- 5.Final group report: 20%

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Final presentation requires students to spend time out of class hours in preparation.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Consultation is available by prior arrangement.

Lecture code: Y213002

Course number		U-LAS61 10014 LE17						
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Sustainable Development-E2 Introduction to Sustainable Development-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies Associate Professor,TRENCHER, Gregory Graduate School of Energy Science Associate Professor,AU Ka Man			
Group	Interdisciplinary Sciences		Field(Classification)		Environmental Sciences			
Language of instruction	English			Old group				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		
Days and periods	Thu.4		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
Sustainable development tries to satisfy people's present needs while maintaining the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It also requires a triple focus on environmental, economic and social aspects. In this course we will explore how nations can balance growth with environmental health. After studying about various sustainability challenges such as climate change, plastic waste, agriculture, health/diets, energy and social capital, students will develop their own development project proposals.								
[Course objectives]								
Students will gain an understanding of the core principles of sustainable development and their application through global and local case studies. At the conclusion of the course students will present their own sustainable development project proposals to the class, applying a Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) approach to determine the best approach for addressing specific societal and environmental problems.								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
This course will cover the following topics (and may change if required):								
1. Introduction to sustainable development (Trencher) 2. Climate change (Trencher) 3. Sustainable mobility for ageing society (Trencher) 4. Meat consumption (Trencher) 5. Guidance on project work (Both) 6. Case studies in Japan and around the world - guest speaker (Trencher) 7. Natural capital (Au) 8. Social capital (Au) 9. Energy (Au) 10. The future of energy and more on climate change (Au) 11. Guest lecture or specialized topics (Au) 12. Proposal preparation (Both) 13. Student development proposals (Both) 14. Student development proposals and conclusion (Both) 15. Feedback (by appointment)								
[Course requirements]								
- Participation is required. This is not just attendance - it means joining the conversation. If you must miss a class, explain reason to instructor. Come on time (2 lates = 1 absent).								
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Introduction to Sustainable Development-E2(2)

- Come to class prepared. Read the chapters or articles to be covered before class. Be ready to discuss your ideas. Files will generally be uploaded to the PandA site before class.
- Complete assignments on time. Assignments must be handed in on their due dates and by the due time. If an extension is needed, you must talk with the instructor in advance. All written work must be original to receive credit.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Individual components

- 1.Attendance and participation: 10%
- 2.In-class exercises and short assignments: 40%

Group-work components

- 3.Group project proposal outline (1 page) 5%
- 4.Final group presentation: 25%
- 5.Final group report: 20%

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

A reading list and some freely-available resources are provided in PandA.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Final presentation requires students to spend time out of class hours in preparation.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Consultation is available by prior arrangement.

Lecture code: Y208001

Course number		U-LAS61 10009 LE61									
Course title (and course title in English)	Chemistry, Society and Environment-E2 Chemistry, Society and Environment-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Energy Science Associate Professor,AU Ka Man						
Group	Interdisciplinary Sciences		Field(Classification)		Environmental Sciences						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Wed.4		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For science students				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
Chemistry and chemical processes are very important in both the natural environment and in human society. It is important to understand how chemistry helps to develop the products and services that we utilise, as well as how chemical products from society impact the environment, and how we can mitigate such impacts.											
This class will introduce some of the important chemical processes and products that shape modern society, as well as examining the influence that they have on the environment. It will cover basic, important chemical processes that occur in nature as well.											
The course is aimed at those who are not specialists in chemistry, but are interested in chemistry and its application, history and influence.											
[Course objectives]											
Students will understand the importance of chemistry and its role in the modern world. Students will understand the importance of chemistry in relation to societal goals and environmental issues.											
[Course schedule and contents])											
The following topics will be covered.											
Chemistry introduction											
1. The history of chemistry and its influence on society											
2. The chemical industry and global flows											
Introduction to the basics of important chemical processes:											
3. Water chemistry											
4. Energy chemistry											
5. Petrochemistry											
6. Pharmaceuticals and health chemistry											
7. Mineral chemistry											
Environmental issues and chemistry											
8. Climate change											
9. Chemical pollution											
10. Addressing environmental problems											

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Chemistry, Society and Environment-E2(2)

Each of the above topics covers 1-2 weeks, with one class per week.
The course overall consists of 14 classes and one feedback session.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Class participation and small exercises (35%)

Final presentation (15%)

Final report (50%)

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Small exercises out of class may be expected.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Consultation is available by prior arrangement.

Lecture code: Y214001

Course number		U-LAS61 10015 LE14				
Course title (and course title in English)	Natural Disaster Science-E2 Natural Disaster Science-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Disaster Prevention Research Institute Professor, Sameh Kantoush	
Group	Interdisciplinary Sciences		Field(Classification)		Environmental Sciences	
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group B	Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Thu.4	Target year	All students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course will give students an introduction to the utilization of natural resources and natural disasters in the earth that impact humanity and life in general. The aim of this course will emphasize the fundamental scientific principles to explain current technical issues and impacts of climate change on water related disasters in the world such as flood, tsunami, landslides, severe weather, and sediment related disasters. Historic catastrophes will be emphasized. Based on these understandings, all students will study causes, effects, and options available to predict, control, and mitigate natural disasters and social scientific approaches. Examples from recent and ancient history will be used and, whenever possible, Japanese examples will be identified. Knowledge gained in this course will allow for a better understand the world around us and a greater appreciation of the potential issues moving forward for humans.

[Course objectives]

By the end of this course student will:

- Understanding of the world around us and a greater appreciation of the potential issues moving forward for humans.
- Be able to distinguish and analyze various types of natural disasters
- Be able to identify causes and assess significance of natural disasters for human
- Be able to gain analytical skills for how to develop strategies for prediction, mitigation of flooding, climate change impacts and sedimentation disasters

[Course schedule and contents)]

Week1: Introduction to Natural Disasters and Hazards

Week2: Disaster Risk Reduction, Management, and Risk Assessment

Week3-4: Geological Hazards: Earthquakes Causes, Measurements, Mitigation and Risks

Week5: Typhoons, Cyclones, and Hurricanes

Week6-7: Flooding as a Hazard: Monitoring, Prediction, and Mitigation

Week8-9: Report and Group Presentations

Week10-11: Landslides and Debris Flow Disaster: Monitoring, Predication, and Mitigation

Week12-13: Coastal Hazards: Monitoring, Prediction, and Mitigation

Week14: Warning and Evacuation

Week15: Revision and Summary (group presentation)

Week16: Feedback

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Natural Disaster Science-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grades will be based on participation and collaboration in group work discussions and cooperative activities, writing reports associated with each topic of natural disasters that have occurred during the course. Evaluation will be based on class attendance, active participation (40%), and reports and group presentations on major natural disasters that occur during the time period of the course (60%).

[Textbooks]

E.A. Keller and D.E. DeVecchio 『Natural Hazards, Earth's Processes as Hazards, Disasters, and Catastrophes,』 (Pearson) ISBN:10 0-321-93996-4

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are requested to read carefully listed textbook and access to historical case studies on each natural disaster through website and related literatures.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Class participation and questions are very welcome during the lectures or at the end of the lecture. The schedule of office hours will be announced later. Moreover, if you have extra question, students may contact me by email.

Lecture code: Y209001

Course number		U-LAS61 10010 LE17									
Course title (and course title in English)	Human-environmental Interactions-E2 Human-environmental Interactions-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies Associate Professor, TRENCHER, Gregory						
Group	Interdisciplinary Sciences		Field(Classification)		Environmental Sciences						
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester					
Days and periods	Thu.5		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors				
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
This lecture and discussion course will introduce students to environmental challenges and the human-environmental interactions causing these. In doing so, students will gain an interdisciplinary understanding that includes perspectives from the natural sciences about the drivers of global environmental problems and social science perspectives on the social, policy and ethical dimensions of causes and solutions. The course will use detailed case studies to explore topics of global relevance such as climate change, plastic ocean debris, national park management, agriculture and diets.											
[Course objectives]											
Students will be encouraged to look critically at the environmental impacts of their own behavior as well as practices on the local, regional, national and international scale. In doing so, students will gain an interdisciplinary understanding that includes perspectives from the natural sciences about the drivers of global environmental problems and social science perspectives on the social, policy and ethical dimensions of causes and solutions. Students will be expected to contribute their ideas and express themselves in small group discussions and classroom exercises.											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to course 2. Climate Change 1: Basic science and observations 3. Climate Change 2: Extreme weather and long-term impacts 4. Film viewing and discussion: Home 5. Climate Change 3: Geoengineering: The ultimate human-nature interaction 6. Agriculture: GMOs 7. The relationship between meat, health and environmental change 8. Ocean Plastic 1: Overview of the problem and causes 9. Ocean Plastic 2: Overview of the problem and causes 10. National park management (Daintree in Australia) and introduction to assignments 11. Guest lecture 12. Group research assignment preparation 13. Group research presentations 14. Group research presentations 15. Feedback (by appointment) 											
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Human-environmental Interactions-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

A willingness to participate in class discussions and group work.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and participation 20%

Home film viewing assignment 20%

Student presentations 30%

Student paper 30%

[Textbooks]

No text required. Readings and lecture notes will be distributed in class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

All students will be expected to participate in classroom discussions and complete assignments. Revision of class presentations is expected.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Please email the instructor to set up an office appointment. Email address will be provided in class.

Lecture code: Y221001

Course number		U-LAS61 10016 LE80				
Course title (and course title in English)	Sustainable Forest Environment-E2 Sustainable Forest Environment-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Agriculture Program-Specific Assistant Professor, SHARMA, Vikas	
Group	Interdisciplinary Sciences		Field(Classification)		Environmental Sciences	
Language of instruction	English		Old group		Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Fri.2	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

"Forest sustainable management and their use of resources are key to combating climate change, and to contributing to the prosperity and well-being of current and future generations" - The UN. Along with carbon sequestration, forests play a major role in the hydrological cycle, maintain biodiversity, provide food, raw material for shelter and means for recreation. Following this ethos, this course provides an introduction to forestry science and management. The course can be divided into three parts related to (i) understanding of the critical role forests play on earth, (ii) threats faced by forests ecosystems, and (iii) methods, tools and management for forest sustainability.

Understanding the interactions in a forest ecosystem is critical for the sustainable exploitation and management of forest resources. Stricter environmental laws today mandate Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of any state significant project in forest areas e.g. mining, dams and road projects. Understanding and mitigating the negative impacts, like the possible extinction of downstream fish species after the construction of a dam, become important issues for such projects. Students interested in a career in consultancy in EIA and forestry in general will find the concepts of this course helpful.

[Course objectives]

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able (1) to understand scientific methods for characterizing the physical and living environment in forests and understand the interactions between these components, (2) to explain the concepts of sustainability for tackling forest environmental issues, and (3) to develop tools and frameworks for sustainable management of forests.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The following topics and sub-topics will be covered in this course.

1. Introduction - Forests and the global ecosystem
2. Silviculture basics
Silviculture, layers of a forest, ecological succession
3. Forest soils
Soil formation, classification of soils, organic matter
4. Water and Nitrogen cycles in forests
Soil-water potential, Evapotranspiration in forests, Nitrogen cycle
5. Ecological energetics
Biogeochemical efficiency of forests, Carbon balance in forests, Energy transfer between trophic levels

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6. Forest biodiversity
Biodiversity: reasons, measure and importance
7. Natural threats to forest ecosystems
8. Ecological footprint
Ecological footprint v/s biocapacity, National footprint accounts, footprint calculator
9. Silvicultural Management - I
Forest stands, regeneration, silvicultural systems
10. Silvicultural Management - II
Clear felling, shelterwood system and selection system
11. Logging and sustained yield
Logging and optimal rotation age
12. Environmental Impact Assessment - I
Framework to handle environmental impact of state significant infrastructure
13. Environmental Impact Assessment - II
Tutorial using a real world case-study of EIA
14. Revision and self-learning week
15. Examination
16. Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students' evaluation will be based on

- (1) applying knowledge through answering mini-quizzes (20%);
- (2) developing scientific communication skills through writing summary reports of book chapters, research papers and oral presentation (30%);
- (3) writing a short essay of a case study using critical & problem-solving skills (10%);
- (4) final examination (40%)

[Textbooks]

There is no official textbook for this course. The content of the course is an assembly of selected topics from various textbooks, references, online sources and libraries.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are encouraged to read and review reading materials before classes. Outcome of the reading will be assigned as a class performance, which accounts for the final grade.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

After class, student consultation will be arranged with prior notice.

Lecture code: Y225001

Course number	U-LAS61 10019 LE58				
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Biogeochemistry-E2 Introduction to Biogeochemistry-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Agriculture Professor,Daniel Epron	
Group	Interdisciplinary Sciences		Field(Classification)	Environmental Sciences	
Language of instruction	English		Old group		Number of credits 2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • First semester
Days and periods	Mon.2	Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors
[Overview and purpose of the course]					
Biogeochemistry studies the physical, chemical and biological processes that govern the exchanges of energy and matter between the biosphere, the atmosphere and the lithosphere. The course presents the main terrestrial biogeochemical cycles and discusses how natural processes influence them and how they are altered by anthropogenic disturbances. Particular attention will be paid to the global carbon cycle and the importance of soil organic matter in this cycle. This subject is on the border of physics, chemistry, biology, and earth science. It brings important concepts that form the basis of environmental science.					
[Course objectives]					
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able (i) to understand the role of biological, chemical and physical processes in determining the fate of the major elements ecosystems and in the terrestrial biosphere, and (ii) to anticipate the effects of management practices on soil organic matter and inherent site fertility.					
[Course schedule and contents)]					
Course schedule:					
1. Introduction to biogeochemistry: element reservoirs and fluxes 2. Biomass, primary production and net ecosystem production 3. Decomposition and mineralisation of organic matter. 4. Land use, land use change and soil organic matter 5. Production, emission and consumption of methane by soils and vegetation 6. Anthropogenic disturbances of major biogeochemical cycles: the global carbon cycle 7. Nutrient cycles and budget in terrestrial ecosystems 8. The biological cycle of nitrogen 9. Weathering and mineral alteration 10. Nutrient limitations and ecosystem fertility 11. Nutrients in aquatic ecosystems: oligotrophy and eutrophication 12. Anthropogenic disturbances of the global N and P cycles 13. Energy and water balances of terrestrial ecosystems 14. Human impact of the water cycle: the blue water / green water paradigm 15. End of Term Exam 16. Feedback					
----- Continue to Introduction to Biogeochemistry-E2(2) ↓↓↓					

Introduction to Biogeochemistry-E2(2)

[Course requirements]

Beneficial but not mandatory: basic knowledges in biology and chemistry (high school)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading: Quizzes or questions based on previous class contents (after each class on PandA, 50%), end of term exam (50%).

In no case will English language proficiency be a criterion for evaluating students. Tests and exams are designed to allow short answers.

Class attendance is expected: students who are absent more than three times without sound reasons (documented unavoidable absence) will not be credited.

[Textbooks]

Lecture notes and slides will be provided before each class (uploaded on PandA).

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Chapin III FS, PA Matson, P Vitousek, P 1. 『Principles of Terrestrial Ecosystem Ecology』 (Springer)
ISBN:978-1-4419-9503-2 (Recommended books to deepen the course content (not mandatory))

Schlesinger WH, Bernhardt ES 『Biogeochemistry: An Analysis of Global Change』 (Academic Press)
ISBN:978-0123858740 (Recommended books to deepen the course content (not mandatory))

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to review the course content of previous classes and to read the materials distributed before each class (about two hours between two classes).

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students are encouraged to ask questions and to make comments during the class.

Students are welcome to arrange appointments by email, even outside the official office hour, for questions and discussion.

Lecture code: Y226001

Course number		U-LAS61 10020 LE14				
Course title (and course title in English)	Environmental Monitoring for Humanosphere-E2 :Introduction to Humanosphere Environmental Monitoring for Humanosphere-E2 :Introduction to Humanosphere			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere Professor,Luce, Hubert	
Group	Interdisciplinary Sciences		Field(Classification)		Environmental Sciences	
Language of instruction	English		Old group		Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester
Days and periods	Fri.4		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors

[Overview and purpose of the course]

The development of human societies is increasingly contributing to the degradation of the environment and all ecosystems. In addition, population growth has increased human vulnerability to natural disasters, which are themselves exacerbated by human-induced climate change. To preserve the environment for future generations and safeguard human life, a comprehensive understanding of environmental conditions is essential, as emphasized by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13 (Climate Action). Consequently, environmental monitoring - the observation and study of the environment - plays a vital role in addressing environmental challenges, promoting sustainable development, assessing risks, and warning populations in the event of natural disasters. This presentation will outline the basic aspects of environmental monitoring.

[Course objectives]

Students will gain knowledge of the concept of environmental monitoring. They will acquire basic concepts for implementing an environmental monitoring project. Through some examples, students will understand the importance of environmental monitoring to diagnose problems and alerts, and to help remedy them. They will also learn the basics of in situ and remote sensing measurements, the cornerstone of environmental monitoring, and the main international bodies dedicated to environmental monitoring. Environmental data will also be analyzed to illustrate the usefulness of this discipline.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. (Weeks 1-2)

What is Environmental Monitoring?

- Definition and purpose
- Importance to the humanosphere (protection and management)
- General concepts of monitoring

2. (Week 3)

Examples of Environmental Monitoring

- Climate monitoring
- Air, water and soil quality monitoring
- Biodiversity monitoring
- Natural disaster monitoring

Continue to Environmental Monitoring for Humanosphere-E2 :Introduction to Humanosphere(2) ↓↓

3. (Week 4)

Some Key Parameters

- Physical and chemical parameters (e.g., pH, temperature)
- Major pollutants (e.g., CO₂, particulate matters, heavy metals)
- Biological indicators (e.g., indicator species)

4. (Weeks 5-7)

Methods and Techniques (principles and tools)

- In situ techniques
- Remote sensing techniques (active and passive)
- Data collection methodologies

6. (Week 8)

Technological Advances in Monitoring

- Platforms (e.g. balloons, aircraft, satellites)
- Automated monitoring ground stations
- Data analysis and modeling tools
- Emerging technologies (e.g., AI, machine learning)

6. (Week 9)

Data Management and Interpretation

- Importance of data quality control and reliability
- Tools for data analysis (e.g., GIS, statistical software)
- Dissemination of information

7. (Week 10-12)

Successful Examples of Environmental Monitoring

- Stratospheric ozone hole (problem identification and resolution)
- Acid rain (problem identification and resolution)
- Climate change: the role of environmental monitoring in identifying anthropogenic causes.

8. (Weeks 13-14)

Practical analysis of some environmental monitoring data.

- Identification of environmental problems (e.g. rise in CO₂ concentration) from databases.

9. (Week 15)

Final examination

10. (Week 16)

Feedback

[Course requirements]

This lecture only requires scientific backgrounds in natural sciences of high school levels.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be:

Active participation in class: 20 pts

Assignments/projects at home: 40 pts

Final examination: 40 pts

[Textbooks]

Not used. Slide handouts will be distributed.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

J. Artiola, I. L. Pepper, M. L. Brusseau 『Environmental Monitoring and Characterization』 (Elsevier Sience & Technology Books, March 2004,) ISBN:0120644770

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Course materials are made available prior to class.

Students are encouraged to study the materials before and after each session to pick up technical or uncommon words.

Depending on the topic, studying the materials and preparing the report for evaluation may take several hours per week.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Materials (pdf files) are available on the KULASIS website. Email communication is available for questions outside of class time.

Lecture code: Y227001

Course number		U-LAS61 10021 LE14						
Course title (and course title in English)	Climate Change and Human Activities-E2 : Introduction to Humanosphere Climate Change and Human Activities-E2 :Introduction to Humanosphere			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere Professor,Luce, Hubert			
Group	Interdisciplinary Sciences		Field(Classification)		Environmental Sciences			
Language of instruction	English			Old group				
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		
Days and periods	Fri.4		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students	Eligible students	For all majors		
[Overview and purpose of the course]								
Knowledge of the Earth's past climates and understanding the mechanisms responsible for their variations are crucial to a better understanding of current climate change. The aim of this course is to provide students with the knowledge necessary to discuss the mechanisms of climate change and the possible societal and environmental impacts of climate change using historical examples. The course will focus on: (1) known past changes in the Earth's climate and the natural mechanisms responsible for these changes, (2) current climate change and how its causes differ significantly from past events, (3) historical examples of the impact of climate disruption on human civilisations and societies during the Holocene and contemporary history, (5) possible future impacts of current climate change on human society and its environment (i.e. the humanosphere).								
[Course objectives]								
In this lecture, students will learn about the Earth's past climates and their possible causes. They will also learn about the importance of climatic hazards to human civilisations and societies. They will be given some tools to assess the possible societal impacts of current climate change on the humanosphere through the description of historical and recent climate disruption events. The lecture will also address issues related to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG13: Climate Action).								
[Course schedule and contents)]								
1. (Week 1-2) - An overview of present-day climate conditions - Importance of Studying Past Climates: Reasons for studying historical climate patterns, including understanding long-term changes and improving prediction models.								
2. (Weeks 3-5) Natural and anthropogenic causes of climate change - Natural Causes: o Solar activity o Milankovitch cycles o Volcanic activity o Continental drift o Albedo effects o Greenhouse gas concentrations o Internal climate variability								
----- Continue to Climate Change and Human Activities-E2 :Introduction to Humanosphere(2) -----								

Climate Change and Human Activities-E2 :Introduction to Humansphere(2)

- Anthropogenic Causes:
 - o Greenhouse gas emissions
 - o Deforestation

3. (Week 6)

The importance of the feedback loops and tipping points in climate change.

4. (Week 7-8)

Past Climates:

- How we collect evidence about past climate (methods)
- The Evolution of Earth's Atmosphere: From primitive conditions to the present.
- Major Ice Ages: Overview of significant ice ages and their possible natural causes.

5. (Week 9-10)

The Holocene Epoch:

- Climate changes during the Holocene and their effects on early human societies and civilizations.

7. (Week 11-12)

Societal Impacts of Climate Disruptions Since Medieval Times:

- Examination of how climate events affected economies and societies in Europe, America, and Japan.

8. (Week 13-14)

Lessons from the Past on Current Climate Change Impacts

- Assessing potential societal instabilities
- Strategies for mitigation and adaptation.

9. (Week 15)

Final Examination

10. (Week 16)

Feedback

[Course requirements]

This lecture only requires scientific backgrounds in natural sciences of high school levels

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be:

Active participation in class: 20 pts

Assignments/projects at home: 40 pts

Final examination: 40 pts

[Textbooks]

There is no specific textbook for this course. Its content will be based on multiple references (books, websites) that will be mentioned during the course.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

Continue to Climate Change and Human Activities-E2 :Introduction to Humansphere(3) ↓↓↓

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Course materials are made available before class.

Students are encouraged to study the materials before and after each class in order to assimilate technical or uncommon words.

Depending on the topic, the study of the lecture and the preparation of the report for the assessment may take several hours per week.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture materials will be made available on the KULASIS website. Communication by e-mail is possible for questions outside school hours.

Lecture code: Z002097

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50				
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Critical Thinking in Ethics (倫理学における批判的思考) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Critical Thinking in Ethics			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Senior Lecturer,Campbell, Michael	
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks
Class style		Seminar (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)
Target year		Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors	Days and periods	Wed.5
Classroom	22, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. West Wing				Language of instruction	English
Keyword	Philosophy / Metaphysics / Personal Identity / Political Philosophy / Ethics					

[Overview and purpose of the course]

In this seminar we will develop critical thinking skills by considering central issues in moral philosophy. Along the way we will learn fundamental philosophical skills, including: how to identify and evaluate arguments; how to present a thesis clearly; and how to defend a view against possible objections.

Students will be encouraged actively to participate in discussions concerning topics including the nature of the self, moral dilemmas and the possibility of free will. Lessons will be primarily conducted through group work and presentations by students, supported by handouts and short lectures by the lecturer. The lectures will summarize the content to date and place the essays under consideration in their historical and conceptual context.

[Course objectives]

- To introduce students to a range of classic issues in moral philosophy.
- To foster students' abilities to participate in philosophical debate and to improve their confidence in articulating their ideas.
- To develop students' communication and presentation skills.
- To develop students' abilities to reason critically, to interpret philosophical texts and to construct and critique arguments.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Week 1 Introduction

What is philosophy? Different definitions of the subject considered.

Weeks 2 - 3 Philosophical Methodology

Introduction of foundational concepts such as argument, proof, refutation, reasoning.

Thought experiments introduced and critiqued.

Weeks 4 - 5 Luck, Misfortune and Moral Emotions

Discussion of cases where an individual's character is deeply shaped by chance events, and related issues.

What is an emotion and how do the emotions relate to perception and reason?

----- Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Critical Thinking in Ethics (倫理学における批判的思考) (2) ↓↓

Weeks 6 - 7 Wishing Never to Have Been Born

Is it coherent to wish never to have been born?

Puzzles of death, non-existence and the meaning of life.

Weeks 8 - 9 Duties to Future Generations

The concepts of rights and duties and their relation to freedom.

Do we have duties to future generations, and if so on what grounds?

Weeks 10 - 11 Free Will and Determinism

Is it possible to be responsible for something which one was powerless to stop? If not then how can responsibility be a coherent concept in a deterministic universe?

Weeks 12 - 13 Life in a Perfectly Just World

What is a (political and moral) utopia? Would it be desirable to live in such a world, or is the existence of wrong necessary for goodness to its distinctive value?

Week 14 Recap of themes covered in the course

Discussion of connections between the themes broached, and the relation between metaphysics, epistemology, and ethics.

Recapitulation of the philosophical methodologies introduced in the start of the course.

Week 15 Feedback class

[Course requirements]

Students will be expected to read one text in English in preparation for each class, to be provided by the instructor. The text will be 1-2 pages long.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students will be evaluated by two quizzes (each worth 50%) one in the middle of the semester and one at the end of the year.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to read approximately 1-2 pages of philosophy in English every week.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

For any inquiries, students can contact me by email, and we can arrange in-person or Zoom office hours on request.

Lecture code: Z002029

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) (裁判外紛争解決手続入門) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Kyoto University Not fixed				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods				
Classroom						Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	Arbitration / Mediation / Litigation / ADR / Negotiation								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Legal disputes that are arising from contracts in which the parties are from different countries are predominantly resolved by procedures that are alternative to litigation. Instead of applying to a state court, parties quite often and intentionally submit their disputes to private dispute resolution professionals known as arbitrators and/or mediators. Many individuals and businesses are bound with alternative dispute resolution (ADR) clauses with regards to the contractual relationships that they're part of. With this course, it is aimed to provide an essential framework in order to understand what these procedures are; how they differ from each other and how they operate in real life situations.

[Course objectives]

The course is intended to equip the students that may come from all majors with a fundamental basis regarding alternative dispute resolution methods. At the end of the semester, the students will ideally have a clear understanding about the core aspects of each dispute resolution method that they will most likely encounter in their prospective careers at least in the form of contractual clauses.

[Course schedule and contents)]

- 1.Introduction: Methods and Contents
- 2.Negotiation: Definitions and Concepts
- 3.Negotiation: Stages
- 4.Negotiation: Legal Aspects
- 5.Mediation: Definitions and Concepts
- 6.Mediation: The Process-I
- 7.Mediation: The Process-II
- 8.Mediation: Ethical Concerns and Legal Aspects
- 9.Midterm Exam + Review
- 10.Arbitration: Definitions and Concepts
- 11.Arbitral Proceedings and the Arbitral Award
- 12.Annulment of Arbitral Awards
- 13.Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards
- <Final exam>

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) (裁判外紛争解決手続入門)|2↓↓

14.Appraisal

15.Feedback

*In order to facilitate the progress of the students and especially considering the actual composition of the class, the instructor reserves the right to make slight adjustments on the weekly schedule.

[Course requirements]

Students must be proficient in English. However, supplementary explanation of technical terms will be given in simple English in class. Since the course is primarily about the methods for resolving legal disputes, it is also desirable that the students are willing to explore abstract legal concepts.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students are expected to have read the given materials in advance each week before the classes, so that they can actively engage in discussions where possible (%20 of the final grade).

There will be one midterm exam (%30 of the final grade) and one final exam (%50 of the final grade).

[Textbooks]

Handouts will be distributed.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Jacqueline M. Nolan-Haley 『Alternative Dispute Resolution in a Nutshell (5th Edition)』 (West Nutshell Series, 2021) ISBN:9781684674336

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to have read the given materials in advance each week before the classes, as well as to review the covered issues afterwards.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: Z002026

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Methods in Ecology and Natural History (生態学・自然史学の手法) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Methods in Ecology and Natural History			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor,BARNETT, Craig Antony				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	10 (10)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Mon.5			
Classroom	26, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 1				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	野外研究 / 鳥類 / 都市環境								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Field research is an essential component of ecology because without it we could not compile models and test hypotheses. In this course we will use field techniques such as point counts to obtain a data set from different parts of the urban environment in Kyoto make comparisons among them in order to understand what species live in these different areas and how the environment can be related to their natural history. Students will work in teams and collect data and then data will be pooled and analyzed in class. Students will work as teams for their presentations, but will submit their own written report.

[Course objectives]

- 1) Learn to identify birds in Kyoto and surrounding areas
- 2) Learn how to conduct a scientific experiment
- 3) Learn some facets of avian natural history
- 4) Data analysis and presentation
- 5) How to write a scientific report in English using the data we collected

[Course schedule and contents)]

- 1) Course introduction, designing an experiment
- 2) How to design a field experiment.
- 3) Identifying birds
- 4) Identifying birds
- 5) Collecting data
- 6) Collecting data
- 7) Collecting data
- 8) Collecting data
- 9) Collation and data exploration
- 10) Data analysis
- 11) Writing an abstract and introduction
- 12) Methods and results
- 13) Discussion and conclusions
- 14) Peer review

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Methods in Ecology and Natural History (生態学・自然史学の手法) (2) ↓↓

- 15) Group presentations
16) Feedback

[Course requirements]

Understanding of high school biology is recommended.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Assessment will comprise of participation in data collection and either preparation of final report or in-class presentation.

[Textbooks]

Reading materials distributed during classes.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

C. J. Bibby, N. D. Burgess, D. A. Hill, and S. H. Mustoe 『Bird Census Techniques 2nd Edition』 (Academic Press)

W. J. Sutherland, I Newton, and R. E. Green 『Bird Ecology and Conservation: A Handbook of Techniques』 (Oxford University Press)

M. Brazil 『Birds of East Asia』 (Princeton University Press)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To achieve the course goals students should review the course materials plus optionally the recommended readings after each class. The time necessary for review should be in the range of 2-3 hours per class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Take out accident insurance. (Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai))

Lecture code: Z002036

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Bird Study - Ornithology (鳥類研究のすすめ) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Bird Study - Ornithology			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor,BARNETT, Craig Antony				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1			
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Mon.5			
Classroom	26, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 1				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	鳥類 / 行動 / 生態 / 進化								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Birds fascinate people because they are everywhere, they are easy to see and hear, and they are beautiful. In this course we will examine birds by considering their defining characteristics, form and function, behaviour, life histories, ecology, and conservation. In doing so, the aim is gain a thorough understanding of this diverse and interesting group of animals.

[Course objectives]

- 1) Learn the evolutionary history of modern birds and their evolutionary relationships to other groups
- 2) Learn the characteristics of birds and the characteristics of the major avian groups
- 3) Learn the unique life history and behavioral traits of birds
- 4) Learn some aspects of avian ecology and conservation
- 5) Learning to identify different species of forest and aquatic birds around Kyoto

[Course schedule and contents)]

- 1) Course introduction
- 2) What are birds and are they feathered dinosaurs?
- 3) Feathers and flight exercise (video 1)
- 4) Museum visit and exercise
- 5) Avian communication exercise (video 2)
- 6) The annual cycle of birds and their migration exercise (video 3)
- 7) Avian movement
- 8) Birds in and around Kyoto University
- 9) Finding a mate and breeding systems exercise (video 4)
- 10) Avian reproduction
- 11) A trip to Takaragaike Park to identify aquatic birds
- 12) Avian intelligence and video exercise (video 5)
- 13) What to eat. Foraging behavior of birds
- 14) Avian ecology and bird conservation
- 15) Feedback

----- Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Bird Study - Ornithology (鳥類研究のすすめ) (2) ↓↓↓

[Course requirements]

Understanding of high school biology is recommended.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Assessment will comprise of end of semester test.

[Textbooks]

Not used

No textbook is mandatory although we consult various readings throughout the course.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

D. Attenborough 『The Life of Birds: The Complete Series』 (BBC)

F. B. Gill 『Ornithology 3rd Edition』 (W.H Freeman and Company)

Scott, G 『Essential Ornithology』 (Oxford University Press)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To achieve the course goals students should review the course materials plus optionally the recommended readings after each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: Z002013

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :How to Study Atoms and Molecules with the Help of Light (光を使って原子や分子を調べる) ILAS Seminar-E2 :How to Study Atoms and Molecules with the Help of Light			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor, THUERMER, Stephan				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Tue.5			
Classroom	23, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 1				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Photon science / Colors / Laser / Molecule properties / Spectroscopy								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Light lets you see and get to know the world around you. But we can only see a very small part of all the ‘light’ and it is impossible to see atoms and even big molecules with your eyes. In this seminar we will learn how different forms of light are used in physics and chemistry to ‘see’ the atoms, molecules, distant stars and the world around us. We will learn the fundamentals of light, get to understand light phenomena in your daily life and see how light can be used as a measurement tool in natural sciences. Students with any major are welcome.

可視光は私達の視覚に不可欠ですが、光あるいは電磁波は様々な波長やエネルギーを持ちます。電磁波は、原子や分子の構造や性質を調べる上で、最も強力な手段であり、分光学と呼ばれる手法は物理、化学、生物、工学のあらゆる分野で必要です。このセミナーでは、光の基礎的な性質から原子や分子を調べる方法までの基礎を、英語で学んで行きます。

[Course objectives]

Students will gain the following form this seminar:

- Interest and fun to learn more about phenomena in nature and study topics on their own.
- Knowledge about light as a measurement tool in chemistry, (astro-)physics and biology.
- The ability to understand difficult theoretical and ‘invisible’ phenomena in an intuitive way.
- The ability to express their ideas, discuss and present topics of natural sciences in English.

光の性質、光の吸収や散乱を利用した原子や分子の研究方法を学びながら、英語で科学を学習したり議論するスキルを身につける。

[Course schedule and contents)]

This seminar is held in a causal and interactive way! Students can influence the selection of topics based on their interest!

The course will work though fundamentals of light, the interaction of light with materials, and methods of spectroscopy, which include the following topics. The plan below is not strict and rather serves as a guideline.

1. Introduction - What is light and how to use it? (4 weeks)

We will learn about ‘light’ , its fundamentals and properties such as ‘color’ and how we can make use of light as a measurement tool.

2. Apples are red and water is blue? (3 weeks)

We get to know light’s behavior when interacting with different materials. We learn about the ‘spectrum’ and the basics of spectroscopy. This knowledge answers questions like ‘why do things have color?’ or ‘what can we learn about distant stars?’

3. Laser beams and rainbows (4 weeks)

We see how light is generated in light bulbs, lasers and other light sources. This light then can be selected, modified and redirected with the help of various spectroscopic tools. The same knowledge helps us to understand light phenomena in daily life such as rainbows, anti-reflective glasses or mirrors.

4. Dancing molecules (3 weeks)

We learn how light interacts with atoms and molecules (and induces molecular vibration and rotation in the process), and what this tells us about the shape and properties of molecules. This knowledge is a first look into chemical analysis and studying fundamental physics questions.

5. Feedback and presentation (1 week)

Depending on the available time and interest of the students, we may also discuss the use of light in technical applications and astronomy as well as spectroscopic methods in physics and chemistry or the operation principles of advanced spectroscopic devices.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Preparing homework (30%)

Small exercises during the seminar (30%)

Giving a short presentation at the end of the seminar (40%)

[Textbooks]

Not used

No textbook is used. Lecture notes will be provided during class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Ian A. Walmsley 『Light: A Very Short Introduction』 (Oxford University Press) ISBN:9780199682690 (A good read about light, which is the basis of most spectroscopies)

Simon Duckett, Bruce Gilbert, Martin Cockett 『Foundations of Molecular Structure Determination』 (Oxford University Press) ISBN:9780199689446 (This compact book gives a good overview over all relevant spectroscopic methods to study molecules)

J. Michael Hollas 『Modern Spectroscopy』 (Wiley) ISBN:9780470844168 (A more in-depth book about spectroscopy in general)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to review the lecture handouts after each class and look up unknown English terms themselves. Homework assignments need to be prepared before the next lecture. It is also encouraged to refer to additional sources of information (books, websites) for the specific topics. If something is unclear or difficult, the instructor can be asked at any time.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

The lectures will be held in English, but some supporting material and explanations are also given in Japanese. Students are welcome to ask questions in English or Japanese during and after the class. Office hours are flexible. Appointments can be made directly or via email.

Lecture code: Z002031

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :What are Liquids? Answers from Physics, Chemistry and Engineering (液体は何？液体の基礎物理学と化学) ILAS Seminar-E2 :What are Liquids? Answers from Physics, Chemistry and Engineering			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor, THUERMER, Stephan				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1			
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)			
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Tue.5			
Classroom	11, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. North Wing				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Fluid engineering / Water / Liquids / Flow phenomena / Interfaces								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Every day you see and use liquids such as water and oil, but also toothpaste, creams or glue. In this seminar we want to study ‘liquids’ from the point of view of physics, chemistry and engineering (in particular fluid dynamics). Have you ever wondered what makes water stick to a window or how toothpaste flows out of the tube? I invite you to study the properties of liquids, how they flow, stick or spread, and gain a deeper understanding of their behavior, which is so important in nature and your daily life. This course will take a closer look on liquids from various perspectives, combining various fields but without getting lost too much into details. Students with any major are welcome.

液体は水のように生命現象に欠くことができない物質の相であり、多くの化学合成や物質開発が溶液中で行われています。また、構造変化の大きな液体は、固体とは性質の似て非なる興味深い凝集相です。このセミナーでは、物理・化学・工学における多角的な視点から、液体の科学について学びます。

[Course objectives]

Students will gain the following form this seminar:

- Interest and fun to learn more about phenomena in nature and study topics on their own.
- Knowledge about liquid behavior as a starting point for other courses in natural science.
- The ability to look at problems and behavior from multiple scientific fields (physics, chemistry, engineering).
- The ability to express their ideas, discuss and present topics of natural sciences in English.

この講義の目的の一つは、英語で科学を議論するスキルを学ぶことですが、同時に、物理や化学、工学のように分野の境界を越えて、様々な視点から現象を考える機会を持つことです。

[Course schedule and contents)]

This seminar is held in a causal and interactive way! Students can influence the selection of topics based on their interest!

The course will work through several aspects of liquids, which include the following topics. The plan below is not strict and rather serves as a guideline.

1. Introduction to liquids - Honey, toothpaste or even sand? (3 weeks)

We look at liquids from different scientific viewpoints and identify their behavior.

2. Oil and water do not mix? (4 weeks)

We learn why liquids form and which different forces hold liquids together.

3. The shape of a raindrop and the lotus effect. (4 weeks)

We take a closer look at liquid surface and interface effects such as adhesion, cohesion, surface tension.

4. How to get ketchup out of the tube? (3 weeks)

We see what makes liquids flow and how different liquids react to forces.

5. Feedback and presentation (1 week)

Depending on the available time and interest of the students, we may also discuss topics such as the application of liquids in nature, science, and technology or exotic liquids such as ionic or magnetic liquids.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Preparing homework (30%)

Small exercises during the seminar (30%)

Giving a short presentation at the end of the seminar (40%)

[Textbooks]

Not used

No textbook is used. Handouts will be provided during class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

John Finney 『Water: A Very Short Introduction』 (Oxford University Press) ISBN:9780198708728
(This book is a short and interesting read specifically about water)

Bruce Hunt 『Fluid Mechanics for Civil Engineers』 (Individually published, 2020) ISBN:9798685686510
(Introduces the basic mathematics for the description of fluids)

Etienne Guyon, Jean-Pierre Hulin, Luc Petit, Catalin D. Mitescu 『Physical Hydrodynamics』 (Oxford University Press) ISBN:9780198702450 (An advanced book if you are really interested in the science behind liquids)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to review the lecture handouts after each class and look up unknown English terms themselves. Homework assignments need to be prepared before the next lecture. It is also encouraged to refer to additional sources of information (books, websites) for the specific topics. If something is unclear or difficult, the instructor can be asked at any time.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

The lectures will be held in English, but some supporting material and explanations are given in Japanese. Students are welcome to ask questions in English or Japanese during and after the class. Office hours are flexible. Appointments can be made directly or via email.

Lecture code: Z002039

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50				
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Topics in Frontier Physics (現代物理学の最先端) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Topics in Frontier Physics			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Professor,WENDELL,Roger	
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks
Class style		Seminar (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)
Target year		Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors	Days and periods	Mon.5
Classroom	36, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. North Wing				Language of instruction	English
Keyword	Modern Physics / Nobel Prize / Physics Discoveries					

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This class will introduce students to new and exciting topics in modern physics. Recent discoveries and Nobel prize-winning research will be discussed in straight-forward terms such that anyone can understand and enjoy modern science. Lectures and discussions will be held in English and will cover a wide variety of topics in recent research. Even students with no previous physics experience are encouraged to join this class and learn about how we understand the world today. There will be in-class demonstrations to match some of the topics and we will frequently work in groups to approach interesting problems in current research.

[Course objectives]

Students in this course will learn about the fundamental physics behind recent topics in modern research as well as how they are applied in the real world. We will discuss these as both large and small groups. Students will work together and with the lecturer to understand new and challenging ideas at the forefront of physics.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Each week a different topic in modern physics and cosmology will be presented. The following week will include small and large group discussion on that material and related topics. Topics will include some of the following:

-) From the birth of stars to supernovae
-) The history of the universe and its expansion
-) Dark matter and dark energy
-) Observation of gravitational waves
-) Radiation in the modern world
-) Quarks and CP symmetry
-) Discovery of the Higgs boson
-) Neutrinos and their oscillations
-) Lasers for trapping atoms
-) Superconductivity at low and high temperatures

In addition to the above, students may request lectures on a few topics of their choice.

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[ILAS Seminar-E2 :Topics in Frontier Physics (現代物理学の最先端) (2)]

Total : 14 classes, 1 Feedback class.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

This is a seminar course and the grade will be based on in-class participation (50%) and short reports (50%). Coming to each class with questions and an open mind is essential. Be ready to discuss in English with other students and the lecturer.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]**(Reference book)**

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Instructions on material to review ahead of lectures and supplementary reading will be presented in class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students curious about recent discoveries in modern physics are encouraged to attend this course. No prior knowledge of physics is required.

Lecture code: Z002003

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :The wonderful world of quantum physics (素晴らしい量子物理の世界) ILAS Seminar-E2 :The wonderful world of quantum physics			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor,PETERS,Robert				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Mon.5			
Classroom	Seminar room 23, ILAS Bldg.				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	quantum mechanics / particles and wave / quantum phenomena / quantum computing								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

We will start with an introduction of crucial experiments 100 years ago, which have changed the beliefs of physicists about small particles and atoms. From there, we will understand the differences between the macroscopic and microscopic worlds and the basic concepts of modern quantum theory. In the second part of the course, we will look at quantum phenomena and their applications, such as quantum teleportation, quantum computing, entanglement, magnetism, and superconductivity.

In principle, this course is given in English. However, if there are parts that the students cannot understand in English, I can and will explain those in Japanese.

まず、小さな粒子や原子に関する物理学者の概念を変えた、100年前の重要な実験の紹介から始める。そこから、巨視的な世界と微視的な世界の違いや、現代の量子論の基本概念の理解を目指す。講義の後半では、量子テレポーテーション、量子コンピューティング、量子エンタングルメント、磁性、超伝導などの量子現象とその応用について見ていく。

講義は原則として英語で行う。ただし、英語で理解できない部分があれば、日本語で説明することも可能。

[Course objectives]

- Catching a glimpse of the bizarre behavior of the quantum world.
- Seeing the differences between the macroscopic and microscopic worlds
- Becoming familiar with the basic concepts of quantum physics
- Revealing the mysteries behind quantum computing, quantum teleportation, and quantum phenomena such as magnetism, superconductivity, and entanglement.

- 量子の世界の奇妙な振る舞いを垣間見る。
- 巨視的世界と微視的世界の違いを見る

- 量子物理学の基本概念に慣れる
- 量子コンピューティング、量子テレポーテーション、磁性、超伝導、エンタングルメントなどの量子現象に隠された謎を解き明かす。

[Course schedule and contents)]

The course will be adapted to the level of the students. Therefore, the number of weeks may change.

- Introduction to experiments on atoms and quantum particles which have changed the beliefs of physicists 100 years ago (4-6 weeks)
 - light as wave and particle
 - electrons as waves
 - double-slit experiment for electrons
 - the development of modern quantum mechanics
 - Heisenberg uncertainty-principle
 - why quantum mechanics is weird
- Applications of quantum phenomena (3-4 weeks)
 - quantum tunneling
 - quantum teleportation
 - quantum computing
- Quantum phenomena in atoms, molecules, and larger bodies (5-7 weeks)
 - atoms
 - why more is different (many-body physics)
 - molecules
 - superconductivity
 - magnetism

Total : 14 classes, 1 Feedback class.

* 15 lectures per semester(two credits) including a class for feedback

受講者のレベルに合わせて授業を進めるので、状況により変更する場合がある。

- 100年前の物理学者の常識を覆した原子や電子に関する実験の紹介 (4~6週間)
- 波動と粒子としての光
- 波動としての電子
- 電子の二重スリット実験
- 現代の量子力学の発展
- ハイゼンベルクの不確定性原理
- 量子力学が奇妙な理由
- 量子現象の応用 (3-4週間)
- 量子トンネリング
- 量子テレポーテーション
- 量子コンピューティング

- 原子、分子、より大きな体における量子現象 (5-7週間)
- 原子
- なぜ異なるのか (多体物理学)
- 分子
- 超伝導
- 磁性

全14クラス、フィードバッククラス1クラス。

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and participation (50%), assignment (50%)

出席と参加の状況 (50%)、課題(50%)

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The students should read texts about quantum phenomena. The texts that I will hand out will help to understand the contents of the class and provide the background for discussions during the lecture.

量子現象に関するテキストを読んでおくこと。配布するテキストは、授業の内容を理解する助けとなり、講義中の議論の背景となる。

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours: After the course

オフィスアワーは 講義終了後

Lecture code: Z002004

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Frontiers of Earthquake Science (地震学の最前線) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Frontiers of Earthquake Science			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor,ENESCU, Bogdan Dumitru			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Wed.5		
Classroom	Room 264, Graduate School of Science Bldg No.1 (North Campus)				Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	Earthquakes (地震) / Tsunami (津波) / Disaster Prevention (防災) / Volcanoes (火山)							

[Overview and purpose of the course]

We are going to read scientific papers related to important/frontier topics of Earthquake Science. The purpose is to understand the key-message of the paper, rather than the detailed technical background. To facilitate understanding, some materials/vocabulary in Japanese will be provided during the seminar.

日本語のキーワード等もだしますので、遠慮なく参加してください。楽しく最前線の科学の面白さを学びながら、英語の能力も向上しましょう！

[Course objectives]

The student will become familiar with current important topics of Earthquake Science. The seminar also aims enabling the student to discuss earthquake related research topics in English.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Each student is going to choose a paper in the field of Earthquake Science, and prepare a short report (few PowerPoint slides), summarizing the main ideas of the study. The paper can be chosen freely; some broad suggestions include:

- Megathrust earthquakes: physics and possibility of prediction;
- Tsunami: physics and early warning;
- The deep structure of the Earth 'illuminated' by seismic waves;
- Earthquake disaster prevention;
- Earthquake simulations and laboratory experiments;
- Artificial intelligence (AI) in Earthquake Sciences.

The first class will give students some broad options of topics/papers.

During the second class we will decide the paper that each student is going to present. I will exemplify with a research presentation during the third and fourth classes. Starting with the fifth class each student is going to present the chosen paper and get feedback for improving his report. In the examination day, each student should present briefly his updated/revised report.

Depending on the number of students and available time, we will visit the underground seismic base isolation at the "Kyoto University Clock Tower", go to the nearby Hanaore Fault and visit the Disaster Prevention Research Institute (DPRI), Kyoto University (Uji campus), to discuss with Professor Masumi Yamada on the

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Earthquake Early Warning system in Japan.

For students interested in more advanced topics, including computer programming (in Python, C/C++, Matlab, Fortran or other computer languages) for Geosciences, I can provide additional materials and guidance.

Note: there are 14 classes and one feedback class.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will be based on attendance and participation (60%) and presentation of chosen paper (40%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The student will have to prepare the assigned paper.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

- Students can meet me during office hours with prior appointment.
- Since we may go outside the campus during the class (see "Course schedule and contents"), I advice students on taking accident insurance (e.g. Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education & Research).

Lecture code: Z002037

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Earthquakes & Volcanoes - Prediction and Hazards (地震・火山噴火の予知及び防災) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Earthquakes & Volcanoes - Prediction and Hazards			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor,ENESCU, Bogdan Dumitru				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		Quota (Freshman)	10 (10)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Thu.5			
Classroom	Room 264, Graduate School of Science Bldg No.1 (North Campus)				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Earthquakes (地震) / Volcanoes (火山) / Prediction (予知) / Hazard (ハザード)								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

We are going to read scientific papers related to a topic that is important both scientifically and socially. Is it possible to predict the occurrence of large earthquakes and volcanic eruptions? What are the current scientific advances in this field? We will also learn about earthquake and volcano hazard and discuss ways to reduce the risk of associated disasters.

[Course objectives]

The course aims to show students the importance of studying about natural disasters caused by earthquakes and volcanoes, which may help finding better ways to reduce their risk. To facilitate understanding, some materials/vocabulary in Japanese will be provided during the seminar.

日本語のキーワード等もだしますので、遠慮なく参加してください。近年重要度が高まっている地震・防災学を学びながら、英語の能力も向上しましょう！

[Course schedule and contents)]

Each student is going to choose a paper and prepare a short report (few PowerPoint slides), summarizing the main ideas of the study. The paper can be chosen freely; some broad suggestions include:

- The physics of great earthquakes (e.g., the 2011 M9.0 Tohoku-oki earthquake): any clues for predicting them?
- Large volcanic eruptions and possibilities of prediction;
- Earthquake and volcano hazard;
- Earthquake simulations and laboratory experiments;
- Artificial intelligence (AI) in Geosciences.

The first class will give students some broad options of topics/papers. During the second class we will decide the paper that each student is going to present. I will exemplify with a research presentation during the third and fourth classes. Starting with the fifth class, each student is going to present the chosen paper and get feedback for improving his report. In the examination day, each student should present briefly his updated/revised report.

Depending on the number of students and available time, we are going to visit the underground seismic base

isolation at the "Kyoto University Clock Tower", the nearby Hanaore Fault and the Disaster Prevention Research Institute (DPRI), Kyoto University (Uji campus), to discuss with a researcher specialized in Seismology and/or Volcanology.

For students interested in more advanced topics, including computer programming (in Python, C/C++, Matlab, Fortran or other computer languages) for Geosciences, I can provide additional materials and guidance.

Note: there are 14 classes and one feedback class.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will be based on attendance and participation (60%) and presentation of chosen paper (40%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The student will have to prepare the assigned paper.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

- Students can meet me during office hours with prior appointment.
- Since we may go outside the campus during the class (see "Course schedule and contents"), I advice students on taking accident insurance (e.g. Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education & Research).

Lecture code: Z002050

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :The Invisible Universe (不可視の宇宙) ILAS Seminar-E2 :The Invisible Universe			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Associate Professor,LEE, Shiu Hang			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Thu.5		
Classroom	Room 328, Graduate School of Science Bldg No.4 (North Campus)				Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	宇宙物理学 / 天文学 / シミュレーション / データ可視化 / データ解析							

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Our Universe is far beyond what our eyes can perceive. Hidden in the tranquil ocean of stars, nebulae and galaxies pictured by optical telescopes and cameras around the world everyday, extreme energetic phenomena that can only be observed through ‘invisible lights’ (e.g., radio waves, X-rays, gamma-rays) or even messengers other than electromagnetic waves (e.g., cosmic-rays, neutrinos) are happening frequently here and there in the Cosmos. This seminar will bring students into this exciting world of the Invisible Universe. Students can carry out introductory research projects or study from a book in a subject of his/her interest under the guidance of the instructor.

Some projects pursued by past members:

- 1) Evolution of stars
- 2) Gamma-ray astronomy using a NASA satellite (Fermi Gamma-Ray Space Telescope)
- 3) Cosmic ray physics
- 4) Learn about astrophysics of blackholes, supernovae, and other fascinating celestial objects.

The way a student will proceed with her/his project varies depending on the subject. For example, the following methods were used by students in the past successfully:

- 1) Numerical simulations using open-source codes
- 2) Writing Python scripts for simple calculations and data visualization
- 3) Data analysis using mission-specific applications
- 4) Simulation for observations by future X-ray instruments

Pre-requisite knowledge is not needed for this seminar. The students will be tutored according to their pre-knowledge levels on an individual basis.

[Course objectives]

- 1) To obtain basic knowledge and feel the excitement of forefront astronomy and astrophysics through a subject of a student's interest.
- 2) To briefly experience the everyday life of an astrophysicist nowadays through the process of guided independent research, report writing and an oral presentation.

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[Course schedule and contents)]

In this seminar, besides a few introductory lectures on topics surrounding multi-wavelength astronomy, the students will perform independent research on intriguing astrophysical objects of their choices and/or study on a topics of their interests by reading books and articles under the guidance of the instructor.

Research projects can be carried out in a group of 2 (or 3 at most) students if preferred.

This seminar will be delivered in a casual format and conducted mainly in English (with occasional Japanese only when necessary). Students are encouraged to ask questions and discuss on topics with their peers and instructor spontaneously at each meeting.

Students will present their studies and findings through a written report and a short oral presentations at the end of the semester.

Total : 14 classes, 1 Feedback session

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Final grades will be assessed according to:

- 1) In-class participation (40%)
- 2) A written report (30%)
- 3) An oral presentation (30%)

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Independent research and/or book reading. Guidance will be given in each seminar meeting.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No fixed office hour will be scheduled. Students can make appointment with the instructor in-person if necessary, or simply contact by Emails.

Lecture code: Z002085

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Computer simulations in Biology (生物学におけるコンピュータシミュレーション) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Computer simulations in Biology			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Senior Lecturer, BRANDANI, Giovanni • Bruno			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester	Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Wed.5		
Classroom	25, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 4				Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	computer simulations / Python / numerical methods / reaction kinetics / gene expression							

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Computer simulations play an important role in the process of scientific discovery, complementing theory and experiments. In this seminar course, the students will learn how to code computer simulations in Python to investigate problems of great biological interest. For example, we will study how populations of prey and predators change over time in a given ecological system, understand how bacteria search for food around their environment, and predict the spread of epidemics. The course is structured as a series of tutorials (as Jupyter notebooks) where students implement a model for a given biological system and run simulations to learn more about it. In the final project, students will investigate a problem of choice, and present their results for the final evaluation.

[Course objectives]

To be able to program computer simulations using the Python programming language.

To understand how models are routinely used to in biology.

To learn about the process of scientific discovery: how to ask your own questions and design your own "computer experiments" to give an answer.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Schedule (may be subject to change, some topics are covered in multiple classes):

- Introduction to the course
 - Programming in Python
 - Chemical kinetics
 - Predator-prey population dynamics
 - Epidemiology
 - Final project
- (Total:14 classes and 1 feedback)

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[Course requirements]

Course open to all students. In order to practice with coding, each student should work on a laptop during classes.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Class attendance and active participation (50%), final project and oral presentation (50%)

[Textbooks]

Handouts will be provided.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

If conditions permit it, in one or more occasions students will be divided into small groups to work together on a project.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Please feel free to come to my office at any time, or to send an email to brandani@biophys.kyoto-u.ac.jp

Lecture code: Z002092

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Physics of Life (生命の 物理学) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Physics of Life			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Senior Lecturer,DECHANT, Andreas				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1			
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Wed.5			
Classroom	02, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. West Wing				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Science / Physics / Biology								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

The purpose of this seminar is to learn about the various ways in which physics can be used to understand living matter, from the motion of small molecular machines in the cells of our bodies to the collective behavior of swarms of animals. We will also learn how the physical description of living matter can allow us to emulate it to develop new materials and devices.

In this seminar, we will learn about selected topics in biophysics by reading articles from scientific journals. For each topic, we will start with one or two weeks of lectures explaining the necessary background. After that, we will read a scientific article together. We will discuss the contents of the article and its importance for the field of biophysics. The following week, some students will be asked to give a brief presentation about a part of last week's article.

[Course objectives]

- Understanding how living matter is different.
- Becoming familiar with some of the techniques currently used in biophysics.
- Learning to read scientific articles and present their contents.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Class 1-3: Motion and machines at small scales.

Class 4-6: Biological and artificial molecular motors.

Class 7-9: Randomness, noise, and fluctuations.

Class 10-11: Collective motion and swarming.

Class 12-14: Polymers and DNA.

Class 15 : Feedback

[Course requirements]

Knowledge about statistical mechanics and/or thermodynamics is helpful but not required.

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ILAS Seminar-E2 :Physics of Life (生命の物理学) (2)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The students will be graded based on their participation in class (25%) and their presentation (75%). Students will need at least 60% in total to pass.

[Textbooks]

No textbook, articles will be given as handouts.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Each student will be asked to prepare a short presentation on a part of a scientific article once during the course.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hour: Thu. 15:00-16:00

Lecture code: Z002093

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Chaos theory (力才又理論) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Chaos theory			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Senior Lecturer,DECHANT, Andreas				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1			
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Wed.5			
Classroom	02, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. West Wing				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Science / Physics / Chaos / Programming								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This seminar introduces various fascinating aspects of chaos. While “chaos” often has the connotation of something complicated and uncontrollable, we will see that chaotic behavior can emerge from seemingly simple situations. We will discover that chaos can be, in its own way, very ordered. Perhaps even more surprisingly, chaos can actually be a source of stability. Along the way, we will familiarize ourselves with some of the necessary mathematical tools to describe chaotic behavior. Finally, we will discuss where chaos occurs in physics and everyday phenomena. Throughout the seminar, we will perform several simple experiments on a computer and learn to recognize chaotic behavior.

[Course objectives]

- Understanding the connection between non-linearity and chaos.
- Becoming familiar with the basic mathematical theory of chaos.
- Recognizing chaotic phenomena in daily life and physics.
- Being able to write simple computer programs to visualize chaotic behavior.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Week 1-2: Dynamical systems and phase-space description.

Week 3-6: Using the Julia programming language to visualize dynamical systems.

Week 7-9: Bifurcations: the route to chaos.

Week 10: The Lyapunov exponent: chaotic or not?

Week 11-12: Self-similarity and Feigenbaum constants: order in chaos.

Week 13-14: Chaos in physics.

Week 16 : Feedback

[Course requirements]

Basic programming skills and knowledge about basic physics (mechanics) are helpful but not required. Students should be familiar with high-school level mathematics (algebra and calculus).

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Chaos theory (力才又理論) (2) ↓↓↓

ILAS Seminar-E2 :Chaos theory (カオス理論) (2)

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The students will be graded based on their participation in class (30%) as well as worksheets and programming assignments (70%). Students will need at least 60% in total to pass.

[Textbooks]

No textbook, handouts will be provided.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will occasionally have to complete assignments or simple programming exercises.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hour: Wed. 15:00-16:00

Lecture code: Z002107

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Climate Change in the Earth system-Past,Present,Future (地球システムの気候変動-過去、現在、そして未来) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Climate Change in the Earth system-Past,Present,Future			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Science Professor,ZWINGMANN, Horst Friedrich August				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1			
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		Quota (Freshman)	25 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Tue.5			
Classroom	04, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 1				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Climate change / Earth system / Earth sciences / Global changes								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

The main purpose of this course is to discuss the science of Earth climate change. In this seminar we will explore Climate Change in the Earth system based on (1) past geological records, (2) changes in the present and (3) implications for the future.

We will jointly explore scientific papers and modelling tools related to climate change science. This course encourages students to develop self-learning skills and English expression skills through (A) individual assessment, (B) group discussions and (C) presentations of scientific results.

[Course objectives]

Students will gain knowledge about the scientific basis of the Earth system and climate change, and will explore and discuss related research in English.

[Course schedule and contents)]

General introduction and orientation to class (week 1 to 4).

Week 1: class outline and objective. Self-introduction of all students. Discussion of schedule, assignments, evaluation, textbooks/references.

Week 2: Short lecture Climate Change in the Earth system based on past geological records.

Week 3: Short lecture Climate Change in the Earth system based on recent records.

Week 4: Revision of Earth climate change. Can past and present climate change records be used for estimation of future climate change? Introduction to basic global change models on the Earth system using University of Berkeley website model

(<https://ugc.berkeley.edu/>) to explore and understand global change caused by climate change and human place in the Earth system.

Theme 1: Records of past geological climate change (week 5 to 8).

Students to choose and read, discuss and present basic scientific result of past climate change based on a scientific paper.

Possible topics include: (a) Plate tectonics and climate, (b) CO₂ as Earth's Climate Driver-climate

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regulation, (c) Snowball Earth and ice ages and (d) geological proxies, based on students interest.

Theme 2: Records of recent climate change (week 9 to 11).

Students to choose and read, discuss and present scientific result of recent climate change based on a scientific paper. Topics might comprise: (a) the Anthropocene, (b) the rise of atmospheric CO₂-Keeling curve and (c) ocean records (acidification, coral bleaching etc.), based on students interest.

Theme 3: Applications (week 12-14).

Based on study of past and recent climate change in the Earth system students will explore global change using basic interactive website models e.g. University of Berkeley (<https://ugc.berkeley.edu/>) to study what causes global change in the earth system. It will allow students to understand impacts of variables on global change caused by climate change and discover

why the climate and environment changes in the Earth system. Students to present and discuss basic model results in seminar.

The format of themes 1 to 3 will depend on class size and may include individual or group presentations on the paper and model. Each student is required to choose one topic for (A) the discussion of a scientific paper (~ 20 min) and (B) global change model (~ 20 min).

Closing class and feedback (week 15)

General discussion of class and comments by all participants

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Assessment for the class will base on the following criteria:

1. Class attendance and active participation and discussion in class (30%).
2. Individual or group presentations for (A) scientific paper review (25%) and (B) basic global change model (25%).
3. Theme 1 or 2 presentation and theme 3 model results will be combined in a short assignment summary due on class 15 (20%).

Details will be announced during the first week of class.

[Textbooks]

Ellis, E.C. 『Anthropocene. A very short introduction.』 (Oxford University Press, 558,2018.)

Lenton, T. 『Earth System Science.』 (Oxford University Press, 464.,2016)

Maslin, M. 『Climate change. A very short introduction』 (Oxford University Press (4 th edition).,2021)

Redfern, M. 『The Earth. A very short introduction』 (Oxford University Press, 90.2003)

Books available online at KU library.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

(Related URL)

<https://ugc.berkeley.edu/>(University of Berkeley Global change website)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to read and explore a (1) scientific manuscript in English, (2) prepare a short presentation of the scientific results in English, (3) conduct some basic global change modeling and (4) actively participate in class discussion.

Depending on class size, students may need to meet in between sessions, outside the class time to prepare for presentation.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students are expected to bring their own computer device (laptop, tablet, etc.).

Regarding office hours, use PandA to send an e-mail to request an appointment.

Lecture code: Z002014

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Human Genetics and Genetic Disease (人類遺伝学と遺伝病入門) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Human Genetics and Genetic Disease			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Senior Lecturer,Marco,Marques Candeias			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester	Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Wed.5		
Classroom	04, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 1				Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	Human Genetics / Genetic Disorders / Cancer Genetics / Genetics Research / Molecular Therapy							

[Overview and purpose of the course]

An overview of human genetic disorders and how current research is creating new treatments. Topics include: single gene disorders, multifactorial disorders; cancer genetics; identification and analysis of human disease genes. Students will learn from recent research articles as well as from a recent text book on human genetics. After learning about the several subjects, the students will present recent research in class and active discussion will be encouraged.

[Course objectives]

The classes will be interactive. Recent exciting research discoveries about human genetics and genetic disease will be introduced and discussed. The students will learn about gene structure and function, mutations and diversity, inheritance, detection and treatment.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The following topics will be viewed during a total of 13 classes in the classroom:

1. The Human Genome: Gene Structure and Function
2. Human Genetic Diversity: Polymorphism or mutation?
3. The Chromosomal and Genomic Basis of Disease: Disorders of the Autosomes and Sex Chromosomes
4. Single-Gene Inheritance
5. Complex Inheritance (known and unknown molecular mechanisms) of Common Multifactorial Disorders
6. Genetic Variation in Populations
7. Identifying the Genetic Basis for Human Disease
8. The Molecular, Biochemical, and Cellular Basis of Genetic Disease
9. The Treatment of Genetic Disease
10. Developmental Genetics and Birth Defects
11. Cancer Genetics

One class will be in the laboratory to observe first-hand the power of gene mutations on human disease, in particular cancer.

(Total: 14 classes and 1 feedback)

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[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on active participation and small assignments (~20 %), group presentations (~30%) and quizzes/tests (~50 %). Those who are absent more than four times will not be credited.

[Textbooks]

Robert L. Nussbaum, Roderick R. McInnes, Huntington F Willard 『Thompson & Thompson Genetics in Medicine』 (Elsevier Health Sciences) ISBN:0323392067, 9780323392068

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Some time will be necessary weekly to prepare for the class. Handouts will be available to help with the preparation. During the assignment weeks extra time will be necessary in order to prepare for the presentation in class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Questions and discussions during class are highly encouraged.

Questions and discussions will also be addressed, happily, any other time, even outside the official office hours.

Lecture code: Z002022

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Stem and iPS Cells (幹細胞とiPS細胞入門) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Stem and iPS Cells			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Senior Lecturer,Marco,Marques Candeias				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1			
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Wed.4			
Classroom	04, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 1				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Stem Cell / iPS Cell / Cancer Stem Cell / Cell Therapy / Disease Modelling								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

How a single egg-cell can give rise to a tridimensional complex system of tissues and organs in the organism. Fundaments of Embryology (from the oocyte until gastrulation/neurulation) and Stem Cell Biology (ES, iPS, CSC) will be introduced. Students will learn from recent research articles (including the original Takahashi & Yamanaka paper) as well as from recent textbooks on Developmental Biology and Stem Cell Research. After learning about the several subjects, the students will present recent research in class and active discussion will be encouraged.

[Course objectives]

The classes will be interactive. Recent exciting research discoveries about iPS cells and cell replacement therapy will be introduced and discussed. The students will learn about stem cells, cell commitment and differentiation, iPS cells, cancer stem cells, disease modeling and personalized cellular therapy.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The following topics will be viewed during a total of 13 classes in the classroom:

- . Differential Gene Expression
- . Fertilization: Beginning a New Organism
- . Early Development in Mammals
- . Embryonic Stem Cells
- . Differentiation in Early Development
- . Generation of Induced Pluripotent Stem (iPS) Cells
- . Characteristics and Characterization of Pluripotent Stem Cells
- . Cancer Stem Cells
- . Neural Stem Cells: Therapeutic Applications in Neurodegenerative Diseases
- . Use of Embryonic Stem Cells to Treat Heart Disease
- . Insulin-Producing Cells Derived from Stem Cells: A Potential Treatment for Diabetes
- . Stem Cells for the Treatment of Muscular Dystrophy
- . Cell Therapy for Liver Disease
- . Skin Regeneration
- . Embryonic Stem Cells in Tissue Engineering
- . Adult Stem Cells in Tissue Engineering

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Stem and iPS Cells (幹細胞とiPS細胞入門) (2) ↓↓

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- . Stem Cell Gene Therapy
- . iPS Cells in Disease Modelling and Drug Screening

One class will be in the laboratory to observe first-hand the power of genes on cell identity, e.g. stemness or differentiation.

(Total:14 classes and 1 feedback)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on active participation and small assignments (~20 %), group presentations (~30%) and quizzes/tests (~50 %). Those who are absent more than four times will not be credited.

[Textbooks]

Edited by: Robert Lanza and Anthony Atala 『Essentials of Stem Cell Biology (Third Edition)』 (Academic Press) ISBN:9780124095038, 9780124104273 (2013)

Scott F. Gilbert 『Developmental Biology 10th』 (Sinauer Associates) ISBN:9780878939787 (2013)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Some time will be necessary weekly to prepare for the class. Handouts will be available in advance to help with the preparation. During the assignment week extra time will be necessary in order to prepare for the presentation in class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Questions and discussions during class are highly encouraged.

Questions and discussions will also be addressed, happily, any other time, even outside the official office hours.

Lecture code: Z002033

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Biochemistry Principles (生化学の塾) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Biochemistry Principles			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Senior Lecturer,Erik WALINDA			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		Quota (Freshman)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Thu.5		
Classroom	22, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 1				Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	Medical biochemistry-related / Molecular Biology / Chemistry / Physiology / Biochemistry							

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This seminar is designed to deepen students' understanding of key biochemical concepts by actively engaging them in discussions, problem-solving, and interactive learning. It complements the lecture "Introduction to Biochemistry" by providing an opportunity to review, discuss, and clarify the lecture content in a more personalized and interactive setting.

The primary purpose of this seminar is to ensure that students fully comprehend the material presented in the lecture, with an emphasis on critical thinking and practical application (we also cover additional topics not discussed there). Through quizzes, exercises, and case studies, students will strengthen their grasp of complex biochemical topics and improve their problem-solving skills.

Unlike a traditional lecture, this seminar focuses on active student participation, including:

- * Group discussions to solve complex biochemical problems.
- * Frequent (ungraded) quizzes for self-evaluation and interactive exercises to reinforce understanding.
- * Case studies that connect biochemical concepts to real-world applications.
- * Peer teaching to encourage collaborative learning.

Students are encouraged to ask questions at any time - during class, by email, or in additional meetings with the instructor or teaching assistants. The seminar is conducted entirely in English, providing students with the added benefit of improving their scientific communication skills in a foreign language.

In brief:

This seminar acts as a "tutorial" for the "Introduction to Biochemistry" lecture, offering a supportive environment where students can review content, ask questions, and engage deeply with the material. The Japanese subtitle 生化学の塾 reflects the seminar's purpose as a study group aimed at mastering biochemistry.

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Biochemistry Principles (生化学の塾) (2) ↓↓

[Course objectives]

As all matter is composed of atoms, modern life science aims to explain all aspects of life comprehensively from the atomic level to that of the entire organism. In this seminar, students will attain a profound understanding of the atomic design of life, that is how (at the scale of individual atoms) biomolecules work and join forces to fulfill virtually all actions exerted by living beings in both health and disease.

By the end of this seminar, students should be able to:

- * Explain the structure and function of key biomolecules such as DNA, proteins, and lipids.
- * Analyze biochemical reactions, including enzyme kinetics and metabolic pathways.
- * Apply molecular biology techniques such as PCR, DNA cloning, and protein analysis.
- * Critically assess how biomolecules contribute to cellular function and organismal health.

[Course schedule and contents]

1. Introduction to Biochemistry: Overview of the molecular basis of life.
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3. DNA Replication and Gene Expression: Mechanisms of heredity and protein synthesis.
4. Proteins: Structure and functional roles in cells.
5. Protein Structure: Insights from protein folding to function.
6. DNA Isolation and Analysis: Techniques used in molecular biology labs.
7. DNA Cloning and PCR: Manipulating DNA for research and medical purposes.
8. Protein Methods: Methods for analyzing and characterizing proteins.
9. Enzymes: Catalysts of life, their mechanisms and applications.
10. Enzyme Kinetics: Quantitative analysis of enzyme behavior.
11. Carbohydrates: Energy sources and structural molecules.
12. Lipids: Membrane structure and energy storage.
13. Metabolism: Central pathways of energy production.
14. Citric Acid Cycle and Oxidative Phosphorylation: Key pathways in cellular respiration.

Total:14 classes and 1 feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Class Participation (discussion, in-class quizzes) [60%]

Homework and problem sets [40%]

[Textbooks]

Berg, Tymoczko and Stryer 『Biochemistry (any edition)』 (W. H. Freeman and Co.) ISBN:978-1-4292-7635-1

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ILAS Seminar-E2 :Biochemistry Principles (生化学の塾) (3)

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[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hour: any time (please send an email before coming to the office) or online (zoom etc.)

Lecture code: Z002038

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Biochemistry Principles (生化学の塾) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Biochemistry Principles			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Senior Lecturer,Erik WALINDA			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		Quota (Freshman)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Fri.5		
Classroom	21, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 1				Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	Medical biochemistry-related / Molecular Biology / Chemistry / Physiology / Biochemistry							

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Total:14 classes and 1 feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and active participation [60%]

Homework assignments [40%]

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ILAS Seminar-E2 :Biochemistry Principles (生化学の塾) (3)

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[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hour: any time (please send an email before coming to the office) or online (zoom etc.)

Lecture code: Z002017

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Biomedical Presentation and Debate (医学英語入門-プレゼンテーションとディベート) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Biomedical Presentation and Debate			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Senior Lecturer,Erik WALINDA			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Thu.5		
Classroom	22, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 1				Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	Science education-related / Presentation / Biomedical Science / Debate / Design-related							

[Overview and purpose of the course]

1. Presentation

Sadly, 95% of presentations are really not interesting.

Really?

No, it is actually 99%

In fact, when we attend a presentation, we often see members of the audience sleeping. This is a problem.

Most people <have to> give presentations at conferences or business meetings.

Unfortunately, most presentations are:

- * long
- * boring
- * bad slides
- * no meaning

What we actually <want> is:

- * short
- * simple
- * easy to understand
- * entertaining

In this class, students will learn what is important to give a great presentation. They will see that presentations can be <fun>.

2. Debate

Most Japanese students do not like debate. However, this can be fun, too, if you just do it! In the class, we will first find a topic, which the class is interested in.

Before the debate, students will research about the topic and choose their arguments.

Then, students will choose the Pro- or Contra- side (about 3 students each).

Next is the actual debate. Now, students in the pro- and contra-groups will deliver their speeches (about 2-3 minutes per speaker). The audience group will actively join the floor discussion.

At the end of the debate we will discuss, whether the pro- or the contra-group delivered the more convincing speeches.

[Course objectives]

Students will develop their ability to present and discuss scientific topics in English.

They will gain confidence in speaking about complex matters in a foreign language, improve their logical structuring of presentations, and enhance their ability to handle questions and answers effectively.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Course Introduction [Weeks 1-2]
2. Presentation Preparation [Weeks 3-5]
3. Presentation Design [Weeks 6-8]
4. Presentation Delivery [Week 9]
5. Final Presentation by the Students (evaluation) [Week 10]
6. Debating [Week 11-14]

Total: 14 classes and 1 feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Active participation is absolutely required in this seminar. In the debating part, students are expected to talk about scientific matters in English. In the presentation section, not only the presenter, but all students are expected to ask questions or share their opinion about the subject in English.

Attendance and Active participation [60%]
Assignments (presentation and debate) [40%]

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

We use a textbook called "Presentation Zen" and several other reference books but students do not have to buy them. These books will be introduced in the class and all of them are available in the library.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

- * Research on assigned presentation topics.
- * Preparation of presentations.
- * Research about debate topics.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hour: any time (please send an email before coming to the office) or online (zoom etc.)

Lecture code: Z002069

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Let's create 3D computer animations (三次元アニメーションを作つてみよう) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Let's create 3D computer animations			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Associate Professor,PATAKY, Todd				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	8 (8)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Fri.5			
Classroom	Lecture room 6, 2F, School of Human Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine (Faculty of Medicine/Pharmaceutical Science Campus/University Hospital Campus)					Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	3D modeling / computer graphics / character animation / Blender								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course introduces the basics of computer-based 3D modeling (shape design, lighting, materials, surface textures) and animation (keyframes, object motion, camera zooming and panning, etc.). The open-source software “Blender” (blender.org) will be used for all lessons. Blender can be used for free on Windows, Mac and Linux. As a final project, you will create a short animated movie. Programming experience is recommended but not required.

[Course objectives]

Students will become familiar with the main concepts of 3D modeling and animation. They will learn how to reproduce simple example 3D models and animations. After some initial general assignments, focus will shift to Final Projects, which students will work on for most of the semester. The goal of Final Project is to create a 60 s (or longer) animation. The animation theme, style and techniques are all free, to be chosen by each student based on your interests. The instructor will help students to choose a Final Project that is challenging, but also achievable. The instructor will also help you solve Final Project modeling and animation problems as you encounter them.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The following weekly topics will be covered:

- 1) Introduction: 3D Modeling & Blender
- 2) 3D Modeling I: Importing & Creating Shapes
- 3) 3D Modeling II: Materials & Lighting
- 4) Animation I: Basics
- 5) Animation II: Camera Motion & Arranging
- 6) Project Presentations I: Initial Results
- 7) Character Modeling I: Armatures
- 8) Character Modeling II: Armature Animation
- 9) Character Modeling III: Skins & Deformations
- 10) Project Presentations II: Progress Report
- 11) Advanced Topics I: UV Editing

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- 12) Advanced Topics II: Environments
 - 13) Advanced Topics III: Physics
 - 14) Final Project Presentations & Future Learning
 - 15) Feedback

[Course requirements]

There are no specific requirements for this class. However, students must be willing to work with open-source software, which is relatively poorly documented compared to commercial software. The class instructor will help with problems, but students are also encouraged to find solutions to their problems through internet searches.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students are expected to actively participate in class, to reproduce all examples discussed in class, and also to complete regular reports.

Evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

- Assignments (49%) [7 @ 7% each]
- Presentations (21%) [3 @ 7% each]
- Final Project (30%)

TOTAL: 100%

[Textbooks]

No specific textbook will be used. All necessary materials will be distributed electronically and will be discussed in class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

A number of useful books and internet resources will be discussed for student self-learning.

(Related URL)

www.blender.org(Blender is free-and-open-source 3D modeling software that will be used in all lectures and all assignments.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

This course has a variety of out-of-class assignments (including a Final Project) and no exam. Students who do not pay attention to the lecture content during class will likely have difficulties completing the assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

REASONS FOR CLASS SIZE RESTRICTION:

This class extensively uses Blender (blender.org), which is a powerful and complex software package. Extensive one-on-one student support to understand and handle software problems that arise. A large class size is not feasible.

IN-CLASS ENVIRONMENT

This is a small seminar class, and active discussion is encouraged. Students are encouraged to ask questions, both of the instructor and of fellow students. We are all here to learn, so let's work together to create the

best results we can!

OFFICE HOURS:

Immediately before / after class or by appointment (pataky.todd.2m @ kyoto-u.ac.jp)

Lecture code: Z002070

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Let's simulate human movement (コンピューターで人を動かしてみよう) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Let's simulate human movement			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Associate Professor,PATAKY, Todd				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		Quota (Freshman)	8 (8)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Fri.5			
Classroom	Lecture room 3, 1F, School of Human Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine (Faculty of Medicine/Pharmaceutical Science Campus/University Hospital Campus)				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	3D modeling / computer animation / biomechanics								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Computer animations of human movement help (a) clinicians understand movement disorders, (b) doctors make corrective surgery decisions, and (c) engineers design artificial limbs. This course will introduce you to human movement simulation from the perspectives of animation and motion capture. A variety of movements will be considered, ranging from simple single-segment motion to complex, natural 3D motion. We will use the free-and-open-source software "Blender" to create animations of human movement. As a final project, students will generate a short animated movie, using animated movement to tell a story. Programming experience is useful but not required.

[Course objectives]

Students will learn about human modeling, animation and simulation. Students will also learn the fundamentals of motion capture, and how motion capture data can be used to drive the motion of 3D human models. In two classes students will work hands-on with expensive, Hollywood-grade motion capture equipment to support animation work. You will gain experience using open-source software, working in 3D software environments, and in planning and managing a relatively complex software project.

After some initial general assignments, focus will shift to Final Projects, which students will work on for most of the semester. The goal of Final Project is to create a short animation of human movement. The animation theme and specific techniques are free, to be chosen by each student based on your interests. The instructor will help students to choose a Final Project that is challenging, but also achievable. The instructor will also help you solve Final Project modeling and animation problems as you encounter them.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The following weekly topics will be covered:

- 1) Modeling I: Introduction
- 2) Animation I: Basics
- 3) Modeling II: Armatures & Character Meshes
- 4) Animation II: Poses & Pose Libraries
- 5) Modeling III: Full Character Models

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- 6) Presentations I: Final Project Proposal
- 7) Animation III: Actions & Nonlinear Animation
- 8) Motion Capture I: Pilot Experiment
- 9) Motion Capture II: Using Motion Capture Data
- 10) Motion Capture III: Main Experiment
- 11) Presentations II: Final Project Progress
- 12) Animation IV: Fine Tuning
- 13) Animation V: Advanced Animation Topics
- 14) Presentations III: Final Projects
- 15) Feedback

Total: 14 seminars + 1 feedback week

[Course requirements]

There are no specific requirements for this class. However, students must be willing to work with open-source software, which is relatively poorly documented compared to commercial software. The class instructor will help with problems, but students are also encouraged to find solutions to their problems through internet searches.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students are expected to actively participate in class, to reproduce all examples discussed in class, and also to complete regular assignments.

Evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

- Assignments (70%) [10 @ 7% each]
- Final Project (30%)

TOTAL: 100%

[Textbooks]

Not used

No specific textbook will be used. All necessary materials will be distributed electronically and will be discussed in class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

A number of useful books and internet resources will be discussed for student self-learning.

(Related URL)

<http://www.blender.org>(Blender is a free-and-open-source 3D modeling and animation software suite that will be used extensively in all lectures and all assignments.)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

This course has a variety of out-of-class assignments (and no exam). Students who do not pay attention to the lecture content during class will likely have difficulties completing the assignments.

Additionally, there will be a Final Project that students are expected to complete outside of class, with in-class support.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

REASONS FOR CLASS SIZE RESTRICTION:

This class extensively uses Blender (blender.org), which is a very powerful, and very complex software package. Every class requires one-on-one student support to understand and handle software problems that arise. A larger class size is not feasible.

IN-CLASS ENVIRONMENT

This is a small seminar class, and active discussion is encouraged. Students are also encouraged to ask questions, both of the instructor and of fellow students. We are all here to learn, so let's work together to create the best results we can!

OFFICE HOURS:

Immediately before / after class or by appointment (pataky.todd.2m @ kyoto-u.ac.jp)

Lecture code: Z002071

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Current issues in palliative care- the International Context (ヨーロッパにおける緩和ケア) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Current issues in palliative care- the International Context			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Associate Professor,ANAGNOSTOU, Despoina				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1			
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Tue.5			
Classroom	Seminar room 24, ILAS Bldg.				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	palliative care / social psychology / medical ethics / family and culture / quality of care								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

The overall aim of the seminar is to develop understanding of the key current issues in palliative and end-of-life care globally. Issues related to aging population, chronic illness rise will also be addressed.

We will use a combination of short lectures, interactive group discussion and problem-based activities throughout the course to address aspects of clinical decision-making in palliative care, communication challenges in facing terminal prognosis, ethical issues, holistic needs assessment and management of family dynamics.

We will also have an international speaker from UK to give a lecture and present their work with a current challenge in their clinical practice.

[Course objectives]

To understand the concepts of palliative and end of life care

To understand the different models of palliative care within different countries.

To develop awareness of the different disease groups relevant to palliative care

To develop awareness of the current debates within palliative care globally.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Session 1: Introduction of the seminar, definitions of palliative care.

Session 2: Explore different approaches to palliative care/ end of life care- historical evolution of the field

Session 3: Wellbeing and the link to quality of life

Session 4: Family involvement or informal care-giving: the untold reality in palliative care

Session 5: Financial burden/implications for the family in end-of-life care

Session 6: Communication skills in palliative care (Part 1): key challenges

Session 7: Communication skills (Part 2): how to discuss diagnosis and prognosis of terminal illness

Session 8: Quality-of-care (QoC- part 1): Understanding Quality-of-life as the center of care in palliative care

Session 9: Quality-of-care (QoC- part 2): Resilience- The importance of resilience as a coping mechanism

Session 10:Treatment decision-making approaches (part 1): The importance of shared-decision-making

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Current issues in palliative care- the International Context (ヨーロッパにおける緩和ケア) (2) ↓↓

Session 11: Treatment decision-making (Part 2): Advanced- Care- Planning (ACP)- current trends

Session 12: Psychological approaches in the management of chronic pain in palliative care

Session 13: Play therapy in children palliative care

Session 14: End-of-life care in Intensive Care

Session 15: presentations- feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on a final-course oral presentation (PPTX, 10-15min) 80% and participation and attendance 20%.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

Textbook material, relevant publications and online resources will be introduced in each session. The relevant material will be uploaded on the PANDA system for students to access.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

References to relevant literature will be given at each session- and always will be located within the PANDA page of the seminar.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will follow instructions provided in class, to read a paper or listen to video material occasionally, in preparation of group work in class. They will also need to prepare their final course presentations (PPTx of 10-15min).

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Teacher short lectures, discussion groups, student presentations, small group works during seminar session based on an issue specified by the teacher.

Students are advised to actively participate; make comments and ask questions to generate discussions

Students can communicate directly via e-mail with the seminar teacher for advice, etc. Should they need to meet in person, they can make an appointment with the teacher via e-mail.

Students will not be able to keep their position in the course, if they have more than 3 absence incidences, unless there is a special reason.

If you have any questions, please e-mail the teacher: anagnostou.despoina.2a@kyoto-u.ac.jp

Lecture code: Z002072

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Qualitative research methods in health care (ヘルスケアにおける質的研究) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Qualitative research methods in health care			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Associate Professor,ANAGNOSTOU, Despoina				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		Quota (Freshman)	25 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Thu.5			
Classroom	Seminar room 24, ILAS Bldg.				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	qualitative research / medical sociology research methods / social psychology approaches / quality assessment / interviews/ ethnography								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This seminar will enable students to develop understanding of a range of qualitative research methodologies, with a focus on health care. We will explore the value of qualitative research in developing health services which prioritize patient needs and quality of care. We will run both theory sessions and workshops to explore the key methods, exploring them through real research projects. Students will have the opportunity to experiment with conducting some exercises using qualitative research methods, such as interviews and research observation. We will explore together in class ways to analyze the data students will collect. We will also run two journal club sessions, in which students will learn to critically evaluate the quality of published studies, as they are presented in international journals. Overall, this seminar will enable students to develop understanding of the value of qualitative research, but also support the development of introductory skills of conducting interviews, research observation, data analysis and results' communication in report format and oral presentation.

[Course objectives]

- To understand the concept of qualitative research approach
- To understand different methodologies in qualitative research
- To explore different methods (data collection, data analysis) in qualitative research
- To apply quality criteria of evaluation to qualitative research

[Course schedule and contents)]

- Understanding the qualitative research approach
- Session 1: Introduction to the seminar-Definitions of qualitative research and key principles
- Session 2: The role of qualitative research in quality of care, health service development and patient-centered care
- Session 3: Exploring the ethnography design

Key methods of data collection

- Session 4: Key methods of data collection- interviews
- Session 5: Workshop on Qualitative interviews- use of video material

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Qualitative research methods in health care (ヘルスケアにおける質的研究) (2) ↓↓

Session 6: Reflective learning- students will conduct a mini interview with a follow-up group discussion
Session 7: Key methods of data collection- Observation methods
Session 8: Reflective learning workshop: students will conduct a small observation experiment, class feedback
Session 9: Journal club- Paper review workshop, using a published ethnographic study

Key methods of data analysis

Session 10: Methods of qualitative analysis- thematic analysis

Session 11: Workshop on thematic analysis- we will conduct thematic analysis in class, using prior experiment

Session 12: Feedback on students thematic analysis exercise

How to report and publish the results of qualitative research- assessment of published papers

Session 13: Developing project reports for funders, academic publication, and general public.

Session 14: Use of existing criteria to evaluate qualitative studies. The session will include a journal club workshop. we will learn how to review of a qualitative paper in class, using different established lists.

Session 15: Presentations- course feedback

[Course requirements]

- Good understanding of English language
- The seminar combines concepts from sociological theories, health care and research methods terminology. It is advisable to be considered for second semester and above.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students will be evaluated via presentation and participation in the workshops. Students will need to do an oral presentation as the final course assignment, which will include a report of the mini research project they will have conducted throughout the seminar.

Short assignments during the seminar will offer students the chance to practice different methods of data collection and analysis (interview- observation- data analysis)

The total mark will consist of 50% of assignments throughout the course workshops and 50% of the final course presentation.

[Textbooks]

Recommendations and study material will be given during the course. All material will be in the resources of PANDA system.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

References will be introduced during the course, and will be included in the PANDA resources

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will prepare for their presentations and they will be evaluated via them. This will include a report of the mini research project they will have conducted throughout the seminar.

A couple of published papers will be suggested prior to two sessions, for the students to read. The work of quality appraisal of the publications will take place during sessions.

Students will also engage into workshops of data collection and data analysis, which we will then discuss in class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Teacher short lectures, discussion groups, student presentations, small group works during seminar session based on an issue specified by the teacher.

Students are advised to actively participate; make comments and ask questions to generate discussions

If you have any questions, please e-mail the teacher: anagnostou.despoina.2a@kyoto-u.ac.jp

Lecture code: Z002086

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :It's a Bug's Life - bacteria and viruses (微生物の世界へようこそ) ILAS Seminar-E2 :It's a Bug's Life - bacteria and viruses			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Associate Professor,KIM MINSOO				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	12 (12)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Fri.5			
Classroom	3C, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. North Wing				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Virology-related / Bacteriology-related / Infectious disease medicine-related / Immunology-related / Vaccine								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

The human body has over 10 trillion cells, but it has 10 times that number of microbial cells living in and on our body. These microbes are therefore an important part of our body. Some commensal bacteria are beneficial to our health whereas new viruses and bacteria that continue to emerge and reemerge may result in unpredictable life-threatening epidemics. To overcome such infectious diseases, we need a better understanding of the molecular mechanisms of host-microbe interactions so as to develop new concepts for antibiotics or vaccines.

This course focuses on the basics of microbiology, immunology, and environmental microbes. Particular emphasis is placed on understanding viruses, bacteria, the interaction between microorganisms and host cells, and the identification of microorganisms in our environment. During the course, students will actively participate in discussions and in the exchange of ideas.

[Course objectives]

To identify and understand the major microbes that impact our lives.

To understand the infection phenomenon.

To enhance your critical thinking skills and effectively discuss scientific topics.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Introducing the invisible world
2. What is a microbe?
3. The basics of bacteria
4. Microbiota and human health
5. Soil bacteria and the environment
6. Identification of bacteria (field work 1)
7. Identification of bacteria (field work 2)
8. Diversity of viruses
9. Viruses and Cancer
10. Zoonotic viruses
11. Viruses in our environment
12. Recognition of microbes

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- 13. Battle against microbes
- 14. Life with or without microbes
- 15. Student presentation
- 16. Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class attendance and participation (60%), and final presentation (40%).

[Textbooks]

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[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To achieve the course goals students review the course handouts.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Please feel free to come to my office at any time.

Please take out the accident insurance of Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Ed. & Rsch. as needed.

Field work: In the Kyoto University campus. We look for microorganisms on campus.

Lecture code: Z002088

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50																
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :How to make scientific Breakthrough- Learning from Nobel discoveries (基礎生物学の発見から疾患の理解へ) ILAS Seminar-E2 :How to make scientific Breakthrough- Learning from Nobel discoveries			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Associate Professor,KIM MINSOO													
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1											
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		Quota (Freshman)	12 (12)											
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Fri.5												
Classroom	3C, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. North Wing				Language of instruction	English												
Keyword	Medical science / Molecular biology-related / Pharmaceutical chemistry and drug development sciences-related / Biomedical engineering-related / Human diseases																	
[Overview and purpose of the course]																		
Since 1901, the Nobel Prize has served as an acknowledgement of major contributions to the life sciences. In this ILAS seminar, we will focus on several contributions to the fields of Medicine/Physiology and Chemistry that have been recognized by the Nobel Prize. The course will begin with two classes that review the philosophy and sociology of such scientific discoveries. Subsequent classes will shift to an exploration of the application of these theories to specific cases. By studying the work and careers of laureates, students will become familiar with the philosophies and methods that have led to great breakthroughs in twentieth-century science. The course will end with a discussion of the future prospects of medical innovations. During the course, students will practice to read research papers and actively participate in group discussions.																		
[Course objectives]																		
To understand the philosophy and methodology of the Nobel laureates To gain basic knowledge of the life sciences and biotechnology To improve critical thinking skills and the discussion and presentation of scientific topics																		
[Course schedule and contents)]																		
Week 1. Introduction of course: Nobel lecture Week 2. History of scientific discoveries Week 3-6. Nobel stories of "Gene to Cell" : Chromosome, Reverse Transcription, Protein folding, Protein degradation, cell division Week 7. Student practice: Let's make a "3D-DNA model" Week 8. Novel biotechnology in medicine: RNA interference, polymerase chain reaction, green fluorescent protein Week 9. Student practice: Reading Nobel papers Week 10-13. Discovery of the causes of diseases (and therapies): tuberculosis (and streptomycin), malaria, cancer, immune cells, and immune therapy Week 14. Innovations in medical sciences: What is the next innovation? Week 15. Student presentations on selected Nobel prizes																		
<p>-----</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :How to make scientific Breakthrough- Learning from Nobel discoveries (基礎生物学の発見から疾患の理解へ) (2) ↓↓</p>																		

Week 16. Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on class attendance and participation (60%) and a final presentation (40%).

[Textbooks]

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[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Bruce Alberts et al. 『Molecular Biology of the Cell』 ISBN:978-0815344643

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To achieve the course goals students review the course handouts.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Please feel free to come to my office any time

Lecture code: Z002090

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Psychology of Addiction (依存症の心理学) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Psychology of Addiction			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Senior Lecturer,SAHKER, ETHAN KYLE			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Wed.5		
Classroom	12, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. West Wing				Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	drugs / alcohol / gaming / internet / behavior							

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Addictive disorders like drug and alcohol dependence, internet addiction, and gambling disorders are a widespread problem affecting millions of people in Japan and across all cultures. Nearly everyone knows someone affected by addiction, from "kitchen drinkers" and methamphetamine use disorders, to video game and shopping addiction. This course is designed to help students understand why people become addicted, problems associated with addiction, and how people can recover from addiction. This course will provide students with an understanding of how addictions develop and how they are maintained. Students will gain knowledge in the biological, psychological, and social factors of addiction. Then, they will learn about distinct types of addictive disorders. Further, students will gain knowledge in the methods of identification and behavioral concepts in addiction recovery. At the end of the course, students will understand how addictions are conceptualized and the processes involved with behavior change.

[Course objectives]

- To gain basic knowledge of problems associated with addiction
- To learn about the biological, psychological, and social factors of addiction
- To understand the ethics considered in addiction
- To understand the psychological concepts of addiction recovery

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Addiction Background and Prevalence
2. Neurobiology of Addiction
3. Psychology of Addiction
4. Social Influences of Addiction
5. Substance Use Disorders (Alcohol and Drugs)
6. Behavioral Addictions (Technology and Gambling)
7. Assessment and Diagnosis
8. Laws and Ethics
9. Punishment and Rehabilitation
10. Clinical Access and Referral
11. Cognitive Behavioral Concepts
12. Motivational Interviewing, Support Groups, and Relapse Prevention

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Psychology of Addiction (依存症の心理学) (2) ↓↓

ILAS Seminar-E2 :Psychology of Addiction (依存症の心理学) (2)

13. Presentations I

14. Presentations II

- Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

40% - Group Presentation

30% - Short Personal Reflection Paper

15% - Quizzes

15% - Class Participation

[Textbooks]

Not used

No Textbook will be used. Materials will be provided in class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

Reference materials will be provided in class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to complete assigned readings and assignments before class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students may contact the instructor if they have questions and they may schedule an in-person appointment by email.

Lecture code: Z002095

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50				
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Physiological Neuroscience (生理学的神経科学) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Physiological Neuroscience			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Assistant Professor, RAUDZUS, Fabian	
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks
Class style		Seminar (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)
Target year		Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors	Days and periods	Wed.5
Classroom	24, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 1				Language of instruction	English
Keyword	Brain (脳) / Spinal cord (脊髄) / Neuron (ニューロン) / Neurogenesis (神経発生)					

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Welcome to the fascinating world of "Physiological Neuroscience"! Have you ever wondered how our incredible brain enables us to think, see, hear, and move? This seminar will unravel the mysteries of our body's ultimate control center.

In our initial sessions, we'll learn about the basic structure of the brain and get to know the building blocks, called neurons. We'll zoom in on these neurons, paying special attention to their membrane proteins like ion channels and receptors. These proteins play an important role in creating electrical signals by establishing ion gradients.

After understanding these essential mechanisms, we'll explore how these signals travel, facilitating communication between neurons. As the course progresses, we'll delve into the brain's development and learn how neurons establish the right connections, like wiring a complex network.

In our final sessions, we'll explore the functions of different brain structures and specialized neurons, allowing us to understand how we perceive the world around us - from seeing and hearing to sensing pain. Throughout each seminar, you'll not only gain insights into the brain's fundamental properties and functions but also explore disruptions caused by various diseases, medications, substances, or toxins. This knowledge will equip you with valuable tools to comprehend related issues on a deeper level.

Get ready for an engaging journey into the wonders of the brain!

[Course objectives]

By the end of this seminar, you'll uncover the fascinating world of neurons and how they communicate. We'll dive into exciting medical and biological aspects of neuroscience, giving you a well-rounded perspective. Plus, you'll gain the skills to engage in stimulating discussions about the latest advancements in the field, regardless of your academic background. This seminar offers an eye-opening journey into the wonders of the brain!

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Introduction to Neuroscience
2. What is a Neuron?
3. The Important Role of Ion Channels
4. How Can a Neuron Sense an External Signal? Receptors

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Physiological Neuroscience (生理学的神経科学) (2) ↓↓

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- 5. A Matter of Concentration: Ion Gradients and the Membrane Potential
 - 6. Time for Action: The Action Potential
 - 7. Worksharing Within the Neuron: Neuronal Polarity and Subcellular Specialization
 - 8. Neuron Conversations: How Brain Cells Communicate
 - 9. How is the Message Delivered from One Neuron to the Other? Neurotransmitter
 - 10. The Development of the Brain: Neurogenesis
 - 11. How to Connect the Wires? Axon Guidance and Neuronal Regeneration
 - 12. Through the Eye to the Brain: Understanding Vision
 - 13. Can You Hear Me? The Auditory System
 - 14. "Ouch!" How We Sense Pain
 - 15. Feedback

Changes in order and/or content might occur.

[Course requirements]

The course is open to all students, but a basic understanding of biology is recommended.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and active participation: 20%

Midterm assignment: 40%

Presentation: 40%

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Mark F. Bear, Barry W. Connors, Michael A. Paradiso 『Neuroscience: Exploring the Brain』 (Jones & Bartlett Learning, April 8, 2020) ISBN:9781284211283 (Enhanced 4th Edition (English Edition))
Additional literature and Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) will be introduced during the seminars.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To make the most of each seminar, it's essential to be prepared. This involves reviewing the previous session, working through any questions, and independently studying the upcoming subject. Expect to spend around 60-90 minutes getting ready.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

For a deeper understanding of neuroscience, it's advised to attend the "Disorders of the Nervous System" seminar. This will provide additional insights into the field.

If you have further questions, feel free to write me an email.

Lecture code: Z002096

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Disorders of the Nervous System (神経系障害) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Disorders of the Nervous System			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Assistant Professor, RAUDZUS, Fabian				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1			
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Wed.5			
Classroom	24, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 1				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Brain (脳) / Parkinson disease (パーキンソン病) / Alzheimer disease (アルツハイマー病) / Spinal cord injuries (脊髄損傷)								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Get ready for an exciting journey into the world of "Disorders of the Nervous System"! This seminar uncovers the mysteries behind various diseases caused by factors like neurodegeneration, genetics, environmental influences, and injuries. These conditions present significant challenges for individuals, their families, and society at large. While many of these disorders currently lack a cure, exploring their underlying mechanisms is key to finding groundbreaking solutions.

Throughout the seminar, we'll explore the details of the peripheral and central nervous systems, unraveling the interesting organization of the human brain. We'll investigate both the genetic and environmental triggers behind these disorders. As we progress, we'll focus on neurodegenerative conditions like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and Huntington's diseases, and later, we'll look into peripheral nervous system disorders, including those affecting vision and hearing.

Be prepared for an interactive experience! Your learning adventure will involve dynamic student presentations followed by lively group discussions. Once we've examined the background and causes of each disorder, you'll have the exciting opportunity to dive into selected literature, gaining valuable insights into current treatments and future possibilities. This seminar promises to be an enriching exploration of the fascinating world of neuroscience and its potential to transform lives!

[Course objectives]

During this seminar, you will gain insights into common conditions and stay updated with the latest research. Through hands-on study of primary sources, you will uncover cutting-edge treatments and methodologies. By the end of the course, you will possess a robust skill set, allowing you to critically evaluate, discuss, and comprehend nervous system disorders and their various treatment options. This knowledge will empower you to navigate this field with confidence and expertise!

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Getting to Know Our Nervous Systems: Peripheral and Central Nervous Systems Unraveled
2. Inside the Brain: How It Works and Why It Matters
3. Genes and Nervous System Problems: Understanding Genetic Causes of Brain Disorders
4. Environment and Our Nervous System: How Outside Factors Affect Our Health
5. Understanding Alzheimer's: How It Affects Memory and Thinking
6. Parkinson's: Why Movements Slow Down and Muscles Get Stiff

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Disorders of the Nervous System (神経系障害) (2) ↓↓

- 7. Huntington's Disease: A Brain Condition That Starts Early and Gets Worse
- 8. Proteins and Brain Health: Exploring Prion and Creutzfeldt-Jakob Diseases
- 9. Nerve Troubles: Learning About Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease
- 10. When the Brain-Body Link Breaks: Exploring Spinal Cord Injuries
- 11. Epilepsy: What Happens When the Brain Gets Too Active
- 12. Eye Troubles: Understanding Glaucoma and Other Visual Problems
- 13. Hearing Loss Stories: Brown-Vialetto-Van Laer Syndrome and Sensorineural Hearing Loss
- 14. The Latest in Nervous System Research: Where We Are and What's Next
- 15. Feedback

Changes regarding content and order might occur.

[Course requirements]

This course is open to all students, although a basic understanding of biology is suggested. Additionally, attending the seminar "Physiological Neuroscience" beforehand is recommended to get introduced to the basic principles of neuroscience.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and active participation: 20%

Midterm assignment: 40%

Presentation: 40%

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Mark F. Bear, Barry W. Connors, Michael A. Paradiso 『Neuroscience: Exploring the Brain』 (Jones & Bartlett Learning, April 8, 2020) ISBN:9781284211283 (Enhanced 4th Edition (English Edition))

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

To make the most of each seminar, it's important to be prepared. This involves reviewing the previous session, working through any questions, and doing some independent study on the upcoming subject. Expect to spend around 60-90 minutes getting ready.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

For a deeper understanding of neuroscience, it's advised to attend the "Physiological Neuroscience" seminar. This will provide additional insights into the basic principles of our nervous system.

If you have further questions, feel free to write me an email.

Lecture code: Z002101

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Decoding the Fundamentals of Cancer Biology (がんの生物学) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Decoding the Fundamentals of Cancer Biology			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Medicine Professor, THUMKEO, Dean				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	9 (9)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Tue.5			
Classroom	12, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. North Wing				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Human Diseases / Medicine / Immunology / Cancer / Biomedical Sciences								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This ILAS seminar is designed to provide freshmen undergraduate students who are interested in cancer, a brief introduction to biology of cancer and the current therapeutics. Students will start to learn from this seminar about the introduction of molecular and cellular biology, and then subsequently the biology principles of cancer. Moreover, recent topics on cancer immunotherapy will also be discussed in this seminar. Finally, students will conduct a presentation on their selected paper and discuss about the current and future therapeutics. Also noted that language that is accessible to students without a medical background will be used in this seminar to help their understanding.

[Course objectives]

By participating in this ILAS Seminar, students will gain fundamental knowledge of the current understanding of human cancer.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The seminar comprises interactive lectures, reading circles, and student presentations.

Introduction

1. Central Dogma & basic cell biology
2. Cell cycle and chromatin architecture
3. gene expression
4. The nature of cancer
5. Oncogenes 1
6. Oncogenes 2
7. Ras/Tumor suppressor gene 1: pRb and control of cell cycle
8. Tumor suppressor gene 2: p53 and control of cell cycle
9. Tumor microenvironment and angiogenesis
10. Cancer immunology 1
11. Cancer immunology 2
12. Cancer immunotherapy 1
13. Cancer immunotherapy 2

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Decoding the Fundamentals of Cancer Biology (がんの生物学) (2) ↓↓

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- 14. Summary & Presentation
 - 15. Feedback

Note: The schedule is subject to adjustments based on the number of students and specific needs of the class.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and Active participation to the lectures (60%)
Quality of student presentations and discussions (30%)
A report (10%)

[Textbooks]

Handouts and reading materials will be provided when necessary.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Robert Weinberg 『the biology of cancer, 3rd edition』 (GARLAND Science, 2023) ISBN:978-0-393-88766-2

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

I recommend students to confirm the handouts for each lecture and the relevant reference textbook to learn about the lecture content in advance of the class. Handouts for each lecture will be uploaded on PandA few days before each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Consultation via email or online meetings such as Zoom is possible. For those students who prefer to discuss directly with the instructor, please arrange appointments by email in advance.

Lecture code: Z002100

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Experiential short training course in basic life sciences using marine organism (天然海洋生物を用いた基礎生命科学の体験型短期研修コース) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Experiential short training course in basic life sciences using marine organism			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences Associate Professor,Martin Robert Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences Professor,YAMASHITA FUMIYOSHI				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Hours	30			
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Intensive, First semester		Quota (Freshman)	10 (10)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Intensive TBD			
Classroom	Research Center for Marine Biology (RCMB) Tohoku University				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	marine biology / scientific method / group work / cell and animal biology / international experience								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Summary: A six-day intensive (September 14-19, 2025) and interactive camp-like scientific experience held at the Research Center for Marine Biology of Tohoku University in Asamushi (Aomori prefecture). The contents include multidisciplinary basic sciences including marine organism-based basic biology, cell biology, and physiology with related essential pharmacology concepts.

Understanding and practicing the scientific method, based on observation and experimentation, is important for any student in science and beyond. Using simple and easily accessible experimental models such as marine organism that can be directly collected from the natural environment offers a unique opportunity to develop skills toward that objective. Moreover, small group work in an international setting adds another layer for students to develop skills in collaboration and exchange which are other important aspects of science.

Students will learn the basis of scientific experimentation using small marine animals as an experimental model. Using seashells (貝) and sea roaches (フナムシ), students will study their basic behavioral physiology (行動生理学). Participants also have the chance to see the amazing process of sea urchin fertilization and early development (ウニの受精と発生) as well as collect plankton and observe its diversity (プランクトンの多様性). These are fundamental examples of approaches in life science research and in the study of living processes. Students can also investigate the effects of sea water ionic composition and osmotic pressure on the extrusion behavior of seashells and their importance in muscle contraction (イオン・浸透圧に基づく基礎生理学). Ion-mediated signaling pathways are common pharmacological targets and students can learn about some of these processes during the experiments. Overall, participants will learn basic principles of physiology and the scientific method, in a beautiful natural setting.

The course will be held entirely in English in collaboration with instructors of the Graduate School of Life Sciences, Tohoku University. In addition to students at Tohoku University and Kyoto University, the course will also be opened to participants from the University of Tokyo and the University of Tsukuba. Thus, participants will enjoy an interdisciplinary and international experience in which students from many academic

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backgrounds and institutions learn together, interact, and exchange.

[Course objectives]

The main objective of the course is to learn the basics of the scientific method by performing simple ecology and cell biology experiments with marine organisms, in small groups.

Based on their own ideas, students will freely design and perform experiments to test their own hypotheses, collect data, analyze their results, and interpret them.

Students will learn through a trial-and-error process and develop problem solving skills.

Participants will develop skills in collaborative group work and in expressing themselves effectively in an international setting where students from different origins and academic backgrounds interact.

[Course schedule and contents)]

After receiving basic guidance and explanations, groups will be formed and students will collect marine organisms, plan, develop, and perform various experiments together.

Discussion and sharing of ideas/results and their interpretation will be encouraged and is an important activity. On the 5th day students will present in groups their main findings in the form of a short oral presentation and will be invited to evaluate the performance of other groups. Finally, students will prepare a report about their learning experience.

All activities including presentation and report are to be done in English.

Schedule (September 14-19, 2025)

Day 1

Getting to Asamushi, Aomori prefecture
Arrival at the Asamushi Research Center for Marine Biology
Orientation and course introduction. Welcome event.

Days 2-5

Main experimental program: field and laboratory work
Exploring seashell extrusion behavior or the walking behavior of sea roaches
Fertilization and early development of the sea urchin embryo
Off-shore activity or plankton collection, observation, and classification

Day 5 afternoon

Group presentations and closing social event

Day 6

Program wrap up
Checkout
Optional visit to the Asamushi aquarium
Return to Kyoto

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance, active participation, and group presentation/evaluation (60%)

Individual report (40%)

The presentation and report will be assessed on the basis of the course objectives and specific criteria provided during the course.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

No textbook is required for this course. Handouts and other materials will be distributed to course participants.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Resources will be introduced during course.

Please see the course web site below for more information.

(Related URL)

<https://sites.google.com/kyoto-u.ac.jp/ebmbp25>(Course web site)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hdthPbR1wdOMjGELiVaLBmxHXESfapp/view?usp=sharing>(Introductory video to the course and content (2022 edition))

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

No special preparation or background required.

All field activities, experiments, and the final presentation will be completed during the six-day course duration. A report will be due within about one week from the end of the course.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

An orientation period will be held in June 2025. All registered participants should attend then.

Important things to know:

Instructors

In addition to Prof. Martin Robert from Kyoto University, other instructors will include Professors Ben Harvey from the University of Tsukuba, Yasuyuki Matsuda from the University of Tokyo, Ian Gleadall from Tohoku University, as well as Dr. Aiko Iwasaki and Prof. Gaku Kumano from the Asamushi Research Center for Marine Biology, Tohoku University.

Logistics

The course will be held at the Asamushi Research Center for Marine Biology, in Aomori prefecture, for six consecutive days (September 14-19, 2025). Students must therefore be available for the duration of the whole program (five nights and six days).

The course and accommodation are free. Participants will be accommodated in a dormitory-style shared room

with multiple bunked beds and need only to pay the bed sheets cleaning fee of 600円 at the end of their stay. On-site daily meals will be served (lunch and dinner) for a total of about 6,300円 for the whole course. Special diets (Halal, vegetarian, etc.) can be accommodated when requested in advance.

Because of the nature of the course, all participating students need to enroll in the Personal Accident Insurance plan following Kyoto University's policy.

Travel expenses

Participants will have to cover their travel expenses to Aomori. Because of the remote location, travel costs can be significant. Participants are invited to look for cheap means of transportation including local trains (青春18きっぷ) or highway buses. Combinations of local train lines and/or LCC carriers offering discount fares may provide reasonable alternatives and interested participants are invited to search on their own. Otherwise the regular (non-discounted) two-way fares between Kyoto and Aomori varies between about 32,200円 for a long highway bus journey to 54,000円 for the Shinkansen. Airfares for a direct flight from Osaka (Itami) to Aomori are highly variable (from very affordable to expensive depending on flight dates and period of booking).

Target audience

The course is developed for all first-year undergraduate students regardless of their academic program (humanities, economics, medicine, agriculture, science, or engineering, etc.). However, we also welcome more advanced students regardless of their academic year (B2-B4), especially full-degree and exchange international students (KUINEP program or other). The course emphasizes small group activities to promote interactions and discussion between international and Japanese students from different Japanese universities.

We welcome students interested in a unique international and interactive scientific camp-like experience on the beautiful seashore of Aomori prefecture.

Because this is an intensive course that will be held mid-September, students grade will be released later than for regular courses. Expect the announcement to be made about 1-2 weeks after course completion.

For additional information please contact: robert.martin.4m@kyoto-u.ac.jp

Lecture code: Z002052

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Wonders of semiconductor (半導体のふしき) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Wonders of semiconductor			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,Jorge Luis Puebla Nunez				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1			
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Thu.5			
Classroom	Seminar room 23, ILAS Bldg.				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Semiconductors / Physics / Electronics								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This seminar aims for students to understand the physics/working principle behind semiconductor devices such as solar cells, laser diodes, sensors, transistors, etc. Fabrication processes of some semiconductor devices (such as laser diodes and solar cells) will also be discussed. Some electronic circuits will be designed and built to familiarize students with semiconductor devices.

[Course objectives]

- Understand the physics/working principle behind semiconductors.
- Understand the fabrication processes of semiconductor devices.
- Learn the latest semiconductor technologies.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Overview of the course (1 week)
2. Introduction to semiconductor physics: basics to understand the working principles of semiconductor devices (3 weeks)
3. Learn about the working principles of solar cells, laser diodes, sensors, and transistors (4 weeks)
4. Discuss the fabrication processes of some semiconductor devices (2 weeks)
5. Design and build electronic circuits (2 weeks)
6. Learn the latest semiconductor technologies (2 weeks)
7. Feedback (1 week)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on participation (30%), discussion (30%), and short presentations (40%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are required to do their short presentations.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours: Anytime by email, and appointments should be made via email or during the seminars.

Lecture code: Z002073

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :History and Theory of Modern Architecture (現代建築の歴史と理論) ILAS Seminar-E2 :History and Theory of Modern Architecture			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Professor,DANIELL, Thomas Charles				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	10 (10)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Tue.5			
Classroom	26, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 1				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	architecture / history / modernism / design / urbanism								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This seminar comprises a broad survey of the history of modern architecture, from the late nineteenth century to the early twenty-first century. The content will be organized as a mixture of chronological sequences and building typologies. There will be explanations of the principal characteristics of the design methods, key figures, and major buildings.

[Course objectives]

By the end of this seminar, students will: Recognize the various styles, specific architects, dates, and locations of important buildings; Understand the climatic, technological, socioeconomic, and cultural factors that have shaped the architecture; Learn to employ basic methods of data collection in research; Assemble this research into a cogent structure; Present research findings to an audience.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The seminar comprises an approximately chronological sequence of lectures. The topics and sequence may be altered during the semester. The first two-thirds of the semester will be lectures by the instructor. The final third of the semester will be presentations by the students. The schedule may be adjusted according to the number of students.

- 01 Introduction and overview
- 02 Birth of Modernism
- 03 High Modernism
- 04 Late Modernism
- 05 Alternative Modernisms
- 06 Postmodernism
- 07 Neomodernism
- 08 Deconstructivism
- 09 Parametricism
- 10 Supermodernism
- 11 Student presentations
- 12 Student presentations

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13 Student presentations

14 Student presentations

15 Feedback

[Course requirements]

No prior knowledge is required. Students should be able to participate in discussions in English.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Assessment is a mixture of short weekly reports and a term essay/presentation. Students must write short reports on the content of 8 of the lectures, following the templates provided (8x8%=64%). Each student will be assigned an individual architect to research, and will submit an illustrated essay on that architect and then present the content to the class in a short, illustrated lecture (36%). Attendance is mandatory. Participation in class discussions will be evaluated.

[Textbooks]

Not used

A PDF file containing the required readings will be provided.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

William Curtis 『Modern Architecture since 1900』 (Phaidon Press) ISBN:978-0714833569

Charles Jencks 『The Story of Post-Modernism: Five Decades of the Ironic, Iconic and Critical in Architecture』 (Wiley) ISBN:978-0470688953

Sigfried Giedion 『Space, Time and Architecture: The Growth of a New Tradition』 (Harvard University Press) ISBN:978-0674830400

Kenneth Frampton 『Modern Architecture: A Critical History』 (Thames & Hudson) ISBN:978-0500203958

Reyner Banham 『Theory and Design in the First Machine Age』 (Praeger) ISBN:978-0262520584

Colin St. John Wilson 『The Other Tradition of Modern Architecture』 (Academy Editions) ISBN:978-1854904126

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

All students are expected to have read the assigned readings before each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

By appointment.

Lecture code: Z002074

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Radical Art and Politics in Japan 1960-70 (1960年から70年の日本における前衛芸術と政治) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Radical Art and Politics in Japan 1960-70			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Professor,DANIELL, Thomas Charles				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		Quota (Freshman)	10 (10)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Tue.5			
Classroom	26, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 1				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	art / politics / Japan / architecture								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This seminar will look at the convergence of radical art and radical politics in 1960s Japan, from the Anpo protests in 1960 to the university riots in the late 1960s and the Osaka Expo in 1970. We will examine the work and ideas of Art collectives such as the Neo Dadaism Organizers and Hi Red Center, events such as the Independents exhibitions, the rise of performance art and media art, and the contemporaneous writings of art critics.

[Course objectives]

By the end of this course, students will: Understand the historical development of historical development of art in postwar Japan; Understand the political and cultural factors that have influenced artists; Learn to make a critical response to the assigned readings; Learn to read, write, listen, and speak cogently; Present research findings to an audience.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Each week there will be a topic or text assigned for discussion, led by either the instructor or one of the students. The selection and order of texts may be altered during the semester.

- 01 Reportage painters
- 02 Anpo protests and the “Provoke” photographers
- 03 Genpei Akasegawa: from Hi-Red Center to Street Observation
- 04 Metabolist architects and Expo'70
- 05 Discussion text: Reiko Tomii, “Geijutsu on Their Minds: Memorable Words on Anti-Art”
- 06 Discussion text: Michio Hayashi, “Tracing the Graphic in Postwar Japanese Art”
- 07 Discussion text: Mika Yoshitake, “The Language of Things: Relation, Perception, and Duration”
- 08 Discussion text: Miryam Sas, “Intermedia, 1955 - 1970”
- 09 Discussion text: Ming Tiampo, “Decentering Originality”
- 10 Discussion text: William A. Marotti, “Simulacra and Subversion in the Everyday: Akasegawa Genpei’s 1000-yen copy, Critical Art, and the State,”
- 11 Discussion text: Angus Lockyer, “The Logic of Spectacle c.1970,”

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- 12 Discussion text: Kuro DalaiJee, "Performance Collectives in 1960s Japan"
13 Discussion text: Midori Yoshimoto, "Women Artists in the Japanese Postwar Avant-Garde: Celebrating A Multiplicity"
14 Gunhild Borggreen, "Ruins of the Future: Yanobe Kenji Revisits Expo ' 70"
15 Feedback

[Course requirements]

No prior knowledge is required. Students should be able to participate in discussions with their classmates in English.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The course comprises close readings of critical texts in the fields of art, architecture, design, music, and performance. Each student will be required to lead one or two sessions during the semester. You will be assigned one or more topics and related texts. You must read and understand the assigned text(s), and do additional research on the topic(s). You will present this material to the rest of the class. There are three parts to this presentation: 1. You will write an illustrated summary of your assigned text as a handout to be distributed to the other students (40 points); 2. You will give an illustrated lecture on the assigned text, lasting about 45 minutes. The content will be essentially the same as your essay (40 points); 3. You will lead a discussion on the topics raised, lasting about 45 minutes. You will be graded on your presence and participation in all the discussions (20 points). Students who are absent more than four times may not be credited. Students who submit work that is plagiarized or lacks proper citations may fail.

[Textbooks]

A reader file will be provided.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Doryun Chong (ed) 『From Postwar to Postmodern: Art in Japan 1945-1989』 (MoMA, 1993) ISBN:978-0822353683

Michio Hayashi 『Tokyo 1955 - 1970: A New Avant-Garde』 (MoMA, 1993) ISBN:978-0870708343

Thomas Daniell 『An Anatomy of Influence』 (AA Publications, 2018) ISBN:978-1907896965

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to have read the relevant readings before each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

By appointment.

Lecture code: Z002076

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Quadrotor Unmanned Flight Control: Principles and Applications (クアッドロータク無人飛行制御入門：原理と応用) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Quadrotor Unmanned Flight Control: Principles and Applications			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer,Tam Willy Nguyen				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1			
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	25 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Tue.5			
Classroom	20, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 4				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle / Modeling / Sensor / Flight Control / Software Implementation								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This lecture introduces the fundamentals of flight control for quadrotor unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), widely used in both civil and military applications. The growing prevalence of drones and their remarkable stability often inspire curiosity, particularly among engineering students, who may wonder how these devices stabilize and navigate in three dimensions. In this course, students will explore the key challenges of flight control and develop a solid understanding of quadrotor UAVs.

Throughout the course, students will be introduced to essential control systems and modeling concepts, supported by both basic and advanced mathematical tools. If time permits, students will have the opportunity to implement algorithms on real-world flight systems, providing hands-on experience to complement their theoretical learning.

[Course objectives]

By the end of this course, students will:

1. Understand system modeling, control systems, and numerical validation techniques as applied to UAVs.
2. Develop the ability to analyze UAV dynamics using mathematical models.
3. Apply control theory concepts to stabilize and navigate quadrotors in simulations.
4. (If time permits) Implement real-world flight control algorithms for quadrotor UAVs.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Introduction to Manned and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)
2. Fundamentals in Mechanics: reference frames, force, and differential equation concepts.
3. Attitude ($SO(3)$) dynamics: Rotation matrices and their parameterization through Euler angles and quaternions. Discussions on the gimbal lock and representation issues.
4. Simulations: How to numerically solve differential equations? Introduction to the Forward-Euler, Runge-Kutta (RK4), and ODE45 methods.
5. Numerical analysis of the UAV trajectories through simulations.
6. Introduction to control systems and closed-loop feedback theory.

- 7. Cascaded control scheme for attitude and position control.
 - 8. Real-world sensors, their issues, and sensor-fusion technology with Kalman Filters to deal with sensor noise and drifts.
 - 9. Numerical implementation of Kalman Filters through simulations.
 - 10. Experimental implementation of Kalman Filters for motor speed estimation.
 - 11. Implementation of PID motor control loop in simulations.
 - 12. Experimental implementation of PID motor control loop through PWM.
 - 13. Implementation of PID for the inner and outer loop control with attitude reference generation in simulations.
 - 14. Experimental implementation of the overall scheme in real-world drones.
- <<Final examination>>
- 15. Feedback

[Course requirements]

A basic understanding of Algebra, Programming, and Mechanics is recommended to help grasp the fundamentals of the lectures. The course content will be adapted to the class level as needed.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation Methods and Policy:

- Active participation (20%)
- Midterm report (20%)
- Final report (60%)

Important Notes:

- Students who are absent more than four times will not be able to pass.
- Submission of the final report is mandatory.
- Additional points will be awarded for reports and answers that demonstrate originality.

[Textbooks]

Randal W. Beard and Timothy W. McLain 『Small Unmanned Aircraft: Theory and Practice』 (Princeton University Press) ISBN:978 (0691149219)

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Brian L. Stevens, Frank L. Lewis, Eric N. Johnson 『Aircraft Control and Simulation: Dynamics, Controls Design, and Autonomous Systems』 (Wiley-Blackwell,2015) ISBN:978 (1118870983)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The students are expected to read the provided materials before each class and actively ask questions after the class about unclear points. It is also recommended that students review their class notes regularly.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: Z002079

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Nanostructured Materials (ナノ組織材料) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Nanostructured Materials			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor, GAO, Si				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1			
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Tue.5			
Classroom	(Main Campus)				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Materials Science / microstructures of materials / properties of materials								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

The physical properties of materials, such as strength, ductility, toughness and corrosion resistance largely depend on their microstructures - the very small scale (generally smaller than 0.1 millimeter) structures of the material that can be only observed by microscopes. By tuning the microstructures the physical properties of the materials can be greatly modified without changing their chemical compositions. Nanostructured materials refer to the materials having microstructures of which the characteristic length scale is very small, generally in the order of 1 to 1000 nanometers (1 nanometer is equal to 10^{-9} meter). Because of the extremely fine microstructures, the nanostructured materials often exhibit superior physical properties which cannot be obtained from the conventional materials having coarse microstructures. The purpose of this course is to introduce the frontier research of the nanostructured materials with focusing on the microstructures and mechanical properties of nanostructured metals and metallic alloys. For that purpose, the background knowledge of material science and engineering and physical metallurgy will be firstly introduced in the seminar. Examples of the nanostructured materials having excellent properties and the related physical mechanisms will then be introduced and discussed. Laboratory tours are offered to the students to learn the cutting-edge techniques for fabricating and characterizing the nanostructured materials.

[Course objectives]

By taking this course, students will learn why the materials researches are going into the length scale of nanometer in recent decades. In addition, they will have a brief understanding on the frontier researches of processing, properties and microstructures of the nanostructured metals and alloys.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Introduction to materials and materials science
2. Atomic structure and interatomic bonding
3. Structure of crystalline solids
4. Imperfections in solids
5. Microstructures of materials and concept of nanomaterials
6. Laboratory tour* (Techniques for evaluating the mechanical properties and microstructures observation)
7. Metallic materials having nanostructures
- 8-11. Microstructures and mechanical properties of nanostructured metallic materials
12. Laboratory tour* (Techniques for creating nanostructured metallic materials)

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ILAS Seminar-E2 :Nanostructured Materials (ナノ組織材料) (2)

13-14. Advanced characterization techniques
15.Feedback

* Two laboratory tours in the 6th and 12th week will be held in the laboratory for structure and property of materials in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at Yoshida campus.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and active participation [60%]
Final report [40%]

[Textbooks]

Not used

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are required to read assigned materials (distributed by the teacher) before and after the class for preparation and review. The necessary time for those would be around 2 hours for each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Take out accident insurance. (Students Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai)) .

Lecture code: Z002089

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :How to make nano-machines (ナノマシンの作り方) ILAS Seminar-E2 :How to make nano-machines			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Senior Lecturer,BANERJEE, Amit				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1			
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Fri.5			
Classroom	12, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 4				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Nano / Nano-machine / Nano-technology / Internet of Things (IoT) / Artificial Intelligence (AI)								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Nanotechnology is revolutionizing human society. If you are curious how nano-machines are being developed, this seminar course will be very informative.

One of the greatest technological achievements of past few decades is our ability to make micro-meter scale 'machines'. These machines have become ubiquitous in our daily life, giving functional capabilities to our smart-phones, cars, digital projectors, medical devices, etc. In this technological revolution of extreme 'shrinking' of machines, we have entered an era where machines of only a few hundreds atoms wide can be built.

Have you ever wondered how do we build such small machines and make them function desirably in such small scale?

In this seminar course, I will reveal the tricks of the trade of fabricating micro / nanoscale machines. I will also elaborate the underlying physics (working principles) of micro / nano machines. This seminar course is based on my own research area, so I can show you pictures and videos of actual micro / nano machine fabrication and operation that I collect during my own research in Kyoto University.

[Course objectives]

Students will learn about nano-scale machines: how they work, how they are made, and their amazing applications.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Why do we want to make nano-machines?

Introduction to nano-machines and their advantages, examples of micro/ Nano-machines and their applications. (2 weeks)

2. How can we controllably create and sense motion at nanoscale?

Building blocks of nano-machines: actuators, motion sensors, etc. (3 week)

3. How do nano-machines work?

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Working principles of nano-machines: accelerometers, gyroscopes, pressure-sensors, ultra-sensitive mass and gas sensors, AI computing devices. (2 weeks)

4. How do we create nano-machines?

Material and methods for creating nano-machines: silicon, diamond, graphene, etc.; lithography, reactive-ion-etching, chemical-vapor-deposition, electron and ion-beam methods, etc. (5 weeks)

5. Discussion on current trends and future potentials of this research area. (2 weeks)

6. Feedback (1 week)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Active participation (10%), submission of a final report (topics will be discussed during the lecture) (90%)

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Distribution of relevant materials (distributed by PandA, when necessary).

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Following lecture materials and reading recommended articles

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

To be decided during lecture

Lecture code: Z002091

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :A stroll around materials chemistry - Superconducting materials (材料化学の散歩道 - 超伝導体) ILAS Seminar-E2 :A stroll around materials chemistry - Superconducting materials			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering Associate Professor,Yi Wei				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Thu.5			
Classroom	21, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 1				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Zero resistivity / Magnetic flux repulsion / Superconducting electron pair / Type-II superconductor / Superconducting magnet								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Amazing superconducting materials are one kind of substance exhibiting zero electrical resistance and magnetic exclusion at certain conditions. They can be metals, ceramics, or organic materials. This course will introduce the superconducting properties (including discovery, phenomena, elementary properties), superconducting materials (conventional and high temperature superconductor), and superconductor applications. It is intended to equip students with a basic understanding of superconductivity, characteristics of various superconductors and advantage of applications. It also aims to encourage students to do active conversation about scientific concept in English.

[Course objectives]

This course aims to equip students with a basic understanding of the superconducting materials, including superconducting properties, phenomena, basic interpretations and applications. The classifications and characteristics of various types of superconductors will be comprehended.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The number of lectures as shown in [] .

1.Discovery and development [1]

2.Basic characteristics of superconductor [2]

Zero electrical resistance

Perfect diamagnetism

3.Superconducting phenomena and interpretation [5]

Critical phenomena in superconductor

Flux quantization and flux pinning

Tunneling effect of supercurrent

Superconducting phase transition

Pairing electrons

4.superconducting materials 【3】

Elements and alloys superconductors

Cu-based high-temperature superconductors

Fe-based superconductors

Superconductors under pressure

5.Applications 【3】

Superconducting magnet

Sensitive magnetic detector

Energy storage and transmission

6.Feedback 【1】

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Class attendance and participation (60%)

Homework(20%)

Presentation and discussion(20%)

[Textbooks]

Not used

Handouts will be provided as necessary

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to participate in the conversations and presentations in class. Their own laptops (or iPad, smartphone, etc.) can be used to search for references and information during discussion sessions in class. It is around one hour to complete the assignments after class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: Z002056

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Regional Disaster Prevention (地域防災学) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Regional Disaster Prevention			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Agriculture Program-Specific Assistant Professor,SHARMA, Vikas			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Wed.5		
Classroom	W402 (North Campus)				Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	soil mechanics / dam failure / earthquake / tsunami / disaster management							

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course will take a case study approach to regional disasters. The course contents will include learning of basic soil mechanics to determine the mechanism of failure of naturally occurring slopes. Such knowledge can be extremely valuable to inform future design. This will be supplemented with analysis of state-of-the-art research on disaster prevention technologies.

The course is intended to be a deep-dive into specific disasters like slope failures under heavy rainfall conditions, breakwater performance under tsunami impact etc. To this end, the course will introduce a few fundamental concepts in soil mechanics, engineering geology, hydraulics of groundwater as well as natural hazards. Along with such technical tools, students will also be introduced to the frameworks of vulnerability, risk assessment and disaster management.

[Course objectives]

After the successful completion of the course, students will be able (1) To understand fundamental physics concepts related to particular disasters, (2) to understand basic forensic analysis, (3) to analyse specific state of the art disaster mitigation technologies and (4) to perform basic vulnerability and disaster risk assessment.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The class in the first week will provide an overview of the contents of the course. As a general outline, the necessary concepts required to understand the basic mechanism of a particular disaster will be highlighted. Following this, students will work individually or in teams to analyze relevant case histories/experimental studies/research papers assigned to them. Students are expected to clearly (a) identify the problem (b) explain the failure mechanism or any other relevant result using the concepts taught and (c) provide critical comments wherever possible.

An indicative schedule for the course is as follows

- (1) Introduction and highlights of case histories/experimental studies/research papers [1 week]
- (2) Fundamental concepts related to regional disaster - 1 [3-4 weeks]
- (3) Development of a numerical tool in MS-Excel for assessment of stability of naturally occurring slopes [2-3 weeks]
- (4) Fundamental concepts related to regional disaster - 2 [2-3 weeks]

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ILAS Seminar-E2 :Regional Disaster Prevention (地域防災学) (2)

- (5) Analysis of case history/experimental studies/research papers - 2 [2-3 weeks]
- (6) Understanding vulnerability: political, physical, social, economic and environmental factors [1 week]
- (7) Disaster risk identification and assessment [1 week]
- (8) Final presentation [1 week]
- (9) Feedback [1 week]

Total: 14 classes and 1 feedback session

[Course requirements]

Beneficial but not mandatory: basic mathematics and physics (high school level). Students must be willing to work with basic mathematics.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

- Class participation (25%, students are expected to actively participate in discussion)
- Assignment report (30%)
- Oral presentation (45%)

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Budhu M 『Soil mechanics and foundations』 (John Wiley & Sons) ISBN:13 978-0-471-43117-6
Journal papers related to case studies will be handed out during class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to be independent in finding online resources to attain relevant issues of discussion during seminar to enhance student interaction and understanding during classes.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

After class, student consultation will be arranged with prior notice.

Lecture code: Z002057

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Geo-Disaster Risk Reduction and Prevention (土砂災害の防災・減災学) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Geo-Disaster Risk Reduction and Prevention			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Agriculture Program-Specific Assistant Professor,SHARMA, Vikas				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Wed.5			
Classroom	W402 (North Campus)				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	soil mechanics / landslide / earthquake / tsunami / disaster management								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

The first half of this course introduces students to the processes and mechanism of natural phenomena associated with environmental hazards in soil. Being able to identify governing factors for the phenomena can help students find innovative solutions to prevent and reduce natural disaster risks. The course covers basic scientific theories and application that can enhance students' ability in modeling and analysis of the governing factors as well as the assessment of potential risk.

The second half of this course introduces frameworks for vulnerability assessment which dovetails into geohazard assessment and management practice. This section also covers the important concept of Environmental Impact Assessment as a means for anthropogenic disaster mitigation.

[Course objectives]

On successful completion of the course, students can be expected (1) to understand basic soil mechanics and hydraulics of groundwater, (2) to integrate these concepts to explain the failure mechanism of geo-disasters like landslides, (3) to analyze specific state-of-the-art disaster mitigation technologies and (4) to perform basic vulnerability, impact and disaster risk assessment.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Introduction to geo-disasters in the environment
2. Basic soil mechanics and hydraulics of groundwater (1)
3. Basic soil mechanics and hydraulics of groundwater (2)
4. Basic soil mechanics and hydraulics of groundwater (3)
5. Understanding mechanism of geo-hazard in the environment (1)
- landslide, ground subsidence, internal erosion beneath river embankments
6. Understanding mechanism of geo-hazard in the environment (2)
- landslide, ground subsidence, internal erosion beneath river embankments
7. Mechanism of earthquake-related geo-hazards
- liquefaction, tsunami
8. State-of-the-art disaster mitigation technologies
9. Understanding vulnerability: political, physical, social, economic and environmental factors

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- 10. Student presentation
- 11. Basic concepts of geo-hazard assessment and management
 - mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery
- 12. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for disaster mitigation (1)
- 13. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for disaster mitigation (2)
- 14. Revision and self-learning week
- 15. Student presentation
- 16. Feedback

[Course requirements]

Beneficial but not mandatory: basic mathematics and physics (high school level). Students must be willing to work with basic mathematics.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

- Class performance (25%)
- Assignment report (30%)
- Oral presentation (45%)

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

Additional study materials and handouts will be distributed.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to be independent in finding online resources to attain relevant issues of discussion during seminar to enhance student interaction and understanding during classes. There will be penalty for failure to attend the course (up to three classes) on routine schedule.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

After class, student consultation will be arranged with prior notice.

Lecture code: Z002058

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Food Systems in Asia (アジアにおける食農システム) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Food Systems in Asia			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Agriculture Associate Professor,Hart Nadav FEUER				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1			
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	10 (8)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Tue.5			
Classroom	W302, Main Agriculture Building (North Campus)				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Food / Cuisine / Nutrition								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This interactive seminar is about the contemporary transformation of food, nutrition, and agriculture in East and Southeast Asia. The content of the course will be both familiar and challenging to anyone who has eaten different cuisines in Asia. We will cover the development of local cuisines, the role of farmers, and the evolution of diet in modern society. The perspective will be both practical (How does society gather and eat?) and theoretical (Why food systems developed the way they did). Weekly activities involving food, such as tasting, smelling, cooking, are an important learning tool and a fun part of the seminar.

[Course objectives]

Students will learn how scientists understand and analyze global food trends from multiple perspectives. Students will also test their skills in an applied way by analyzing specific cuisines in East Asia and providing their own insight and analysis.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Module 1: Cuisines and agri-food systems in different regions

1. Introduction and Staple Foods
2. Rice food systems of East Asia
3. Wheat food systems of East Asia
4. Rice-based vs. Wheat-based Agrifood Systems
5. Field trip preparation: Traditional farming in modern contexts

Module 2: Field Trip (2 November)

6. Field Trip: Kobatake Farm near Sonobe. This event will take place on a weekend, it will coincide with harvest or transplanting, and include some physical work on the farm. Students should be prepared for early departure and early evening return. Make sure to have clothing and shoes that can become dirty. Please confirm attendance for this field trip before finalizing class registration. Students must contribute to field trip costs, but the University will support transportation. Students are responsible for their own lunch / obento. Effort will be made to enable participation in case of financial burden. [*Depending on student requirements, students may consider taking out additional Personal Accident Insurance for this event]

Module 3: Food systems and cuisine

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Food Systems in Asia (アジアにおける食農システム) (2) ↓↓

- 7. Theory of cuisine
- 8. Rural food, urban cuisine, national cuisine
- 9. Nutrition of historical food systems

Module 4: Learning about food

- 10. Taste, smell, chew: sensory skills of eating
- 11. Food system disruptions
- 12. Food education and childhood

Module 5: Student Presentations

- 13. Cuisine of Korea
- 14. Cuisine of Vietnam
- 15. Cuisine of Malaysia

16. Feedback Period (details in class)

[Course requirements]

English proficiency suitable for understanding lectures, reading basic texts, and participating in class discussion.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

- 10% Attendance and active participation (Reduced after more than 3 absences without official excuse)
- 15% Mini-essay assignments
- 15% In-class discussion and participation in activities
- 30% Final essay
- 30% Final group presentation

[Textbooks]

Not used

No textbook, but consultation of in-class materials and eBooks available at Kyoto University Library (see Reference book).

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Van Esterik, Penny 『Food Culture in Southeast Asia』 (Greenwood) ISBN:9780313344190 (eBook available from instructor)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to do short readings in preparation for class and discuss them the following week. Suitable readings for all English levels are available. Alternatively, students will do practical exercises which must be submitted the following week.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Short meetings can be spontaneous or scheduled. Longer meetings scheduled only by email.

Concerning field trip participation: students should ensure that they join the necessary insurance, such as Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai - 学研災)

Lecture code: Z002059

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Food Systems in Asia (アジアにおける食農システム) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Food Systems in Asia			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Agriculture Associate Professor,Hart Nadav FEUER				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1			
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		Quota (Freshman)	10 (8)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Tue.5			
Classroom	W302, Main Agriculture Building (North Campus)				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Food / Cuisine / Nutrition								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This interactive seminar is about the contemporary transformation of food, nutrition, and agriculture in East and Southeast Asia. The content of the course will be both familiar and challenging to anyone who has eaten different cuisines in Asia. We will cover the development of local cuisines, the role of farmers, and the evolution of diet in modern society. The perspective will be both practical (How does society gather and eat?) and theoretical (Why food systems developed the way they did). Weekly activities involving food, such as tasting, smelling, cooking, are an important learning tool and a fun part of the seminar.

[Course objectives]

Students will learn how scientists understand and analyze global food trends from multiple perspectives. Students will also test their skills in an applied way by analyzing specific cuisines in East Asia and providing their own insight and analysis.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Module 1: Cuisines and agri-food systems in different regions

1. Introduction and Staple Foods
2. Rice food systems of East Asia
3. Wheat food systems of East Asia
4. Rice-based vs. Wheat-based Agrifood Systems
5. Field trip preparation: Traditional farming in modern contexts

Module 2: Field Trip (2 November)

6. Field Trip: Kobatake Farm near Sonobe. This event will take place on a weekend, it will coincide with harvest or transplanting, and include some physical work on the farm. Students should be prepared for early departure and early evening return. Make sure to have clothing and shoes that can become dirty. Please confirm attendance for this field trip before finalizing class registration. Students must contribute to field trip costs, but the University will support transportation. Students are responsible for their own lunch / obento. Effort will be made to enable participation in case of financial burden. [*Depending on student requirements, students may consider taking out additional Personal Accident Insurance for this event]

Module 3: Food systems and cuisine

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Food Systems in Asia (アジアにおける食農システム) (2) ↓↓

- 7. Theory of cuisine
- 8. Rural food, urban cuisine, national cuisine
- 9. Nutrition of historical food systems

Module 4: Learning about food

- 10. Taste, smell, chew: sensory skills of eating
- 11. Food system disruptions
- 12. Food education and childhood

Module 5: Student Presentations

- 13. Cuisine of Korea
- 14. Cuisine of Vietnam
- 15. Cuisine of Malaysia

16. Feedback Period (details in class)

[Course requirements]

English proficiency suitable for understanding lectures, reading basic texts, and participating in class discussion.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

- 10% Attendance and active participation (Reduced after more than 3 absences without official excuse)
- 15% Mini-essay assignments
- 15% In-class discussion and participation in activities
- 30% Final essay
- 30% Final group presentation

[Textbooks]

Not used

No textbook, but consultation of in-class materials and eBooks available at Kyoto University Library (see Reference book).

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Van Esterik, Penny 『Food Culture in Southeast Asia』 (Greenwood) ISBN:9780313344190 (eBook available from instructor)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be expected to do short readings in preparation for class and discuss them the following week. Suitable readings for all English levels are available. Alternatively, students will do practical exercises which must be submitted the following week.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Short meetings can be spontaneous or scheduled. Longer meetings scheduled only by email.

Concerning field trip participation: students should ensure that they join the necessary insurance, such as Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai - 学研災)

Lecture code: Z002075

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Global Environmental Issues (地球環境問題) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Global Environmental Issues			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Agriculture Professor,Daniel Epron			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Mon.5		
Classroom	3A, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. North Wing				Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	Climate change / Land degradation / Deforestation / Resource depletion / Biodiversity loss							

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Several environmental problems preoccupy peoples around the world. They result from conflicts between natural and human systems, affect our daily life and compromise our future. This seminar will explore how several environmental issues are addressed at the regional, national or international level, and how ecology and environmental science are used as a basis for addressing and tackling these issues.

[Course objectives]

Upon successful completion of this seminar, students will (i) have a basic scientific understanding of the major environmental issues, and will be able (ii) to critically assess these issues and (iii) to develop decision-making skills for proposing sustainable options for the future.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The course will be based on in-depth analyses of several case studies that will be related to either:

- Climate change: vulnerability, adaptation and mitigation
- Heat waves and urban heat islands
- Air pollution: ozone in the troposphere
- Air pollution: input of nitrogen from the atmosphere to the biosphere
- Water pollution: eutrophication of aquatic ecosystems and scarcity of fresh water resources
- Water pollution: pesticides and endocrine disruptor
- Land degradation and restoration
- Deforestation
- Resource depletion: overfishing and fishing allowance
- Habitat fragmentation and endangered species

The first class will be an introduction and overview of course content. We will review the major environmental issues through reading a scientific paper. Students will work either alone or in small teams on one of these subjects they will select. They will have to read in depth relevant scientific papers, first provided by the instructor and then found by the students. Students will prepare oral presentations based on the paper's content to the group at the next class as a starting point for a discussion. For all subjects that will be analyzed simultaneously, the guideline of the course will be (i) problem definition, (ii) quantification of impacts, (iii) vulnerability assessment and (iv) identification of appropriate solutions to solve it.

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Global Environmental Issues (地球環境問題)(2)↓↓

ILAS Seminar-E2 :Global Environmental Issues (地球環境問題)(2)

- (1) Introduction and selection of case studies [1 week]
- (2) Problem definition [2-3 weeks]
- (3) Quantification of impacts [3-4 weeks]
- (4) Vulnerability assessment[3-4 weeks]
- (5) Identification of appropriate solutions [3-4 weeks]
- (6) Final restitution [1week]
- (7) Feedback [1week]

Total:14 classes and 1 feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading: Class participation (20%, students are expected to actively participate in discussion), oral presentation (40% during the class hours), written report (40%).

In no case will English language proficiency be a criterion for evaluating students.

Class attendance is expected: students who are absent more than three times without sound reasons (documented unavoidable absence) will not be credited.

[Textbooks]

No textbooks; reading materials will be distributed before the class (uploaded on PandA).

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Reference books will be suggested to each student according to the subject she/he select and her/him interest

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to read the distributed articles, to find additional information and to prepare oral presentations. Works on project outside of class hours is expected (about three hours between two classes).

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students are encouraged to ask questions and to make comments during the class.

Students are welcome to arrange appointments by email, even outside the official office hour, for questions and discussion

Lecture code: Z002104

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50												
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Sustainable Food Production in the Era of Climate Change and the Role of Interdisciplinary Research (気候変動時代における持続可能な食料生産と学際的研究の役割) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Sustainable Food Production in the Era of Climate Change and the Role of Interdisciplinary Research			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Agriculture Program-Specific Associate Professor, YASIR SERAG ALNOR MOHAMMED SERAG ALNOR									
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1								
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester	Quota (Freshman)	10 (10)								
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Wed.5								
Classroom	01, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. West Wing				Language of instruction	English								
Keyword	Sustainable food production / climate change / Stress resilience / Plant breeding													
[Overview and purpose of the course]														
This course is designed to provide knowledge on food production and the challenges of food production under changing climate. The students will learn about the concept of climate change and its effect on food production, the basics of plant breeding techniques, plant and environment interaction, sustainable food production, the role of plant breeding in climate change mitigation and resilience, the concept of integrated plant breeding, and how different knowledge can be integrated with plant breeding to provide solutions to the food security problems.														
[Course objectives]														
Understand what is plant breeding and what is climate change Understand the basics of plant environment interaction Gain knowledge of the concept of sustainable food production Understand the importance of an integrated research approach Think out how to provide integrated solutions to sustainable food production														
[Course schedule and contents)]														
The following topics will be covered during the 14 weeks of the semester. Week 15 is an exam session, and a feedback class is given in week 16.														
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Definition of plant breeding and basic plant biology 2. Plant breeding and basic crop improvement techniques 3. Breeding in self-pollinated crops 4. Breeding in cross-pollinated crops 5. Modern techniques of plant breeding 6. Field designs and crop evaluation 7. Climate change and sustainable food production 														
<p style="text-align: right;">Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 : Sustainable Food Production in the Era of Climate Change and the Role of Interdisciplinary Research</p>														

- 8. Plant-environmental interaction
- 9. Plant-microbe interaction
- 10. Drought stress
- 11. Heat stress
- 12. Salinity stress
- 13. Sustainable agriculture techniques/approaches
- 14. General discussion and seminars

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading: Class attendance and active participation (20%), assignments and quizzes (30%), and final exam or coursework (50%).

[Textbooks]

Not fixed

Introduced during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

Introduced during class

Handouts and supplemental readings will be distributed electronically and/or as a hard copy in class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should read or listen to the required pre-class materials and submit any required assignment before the class, and come to class ready to participate in class activities.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

No fixed office hours. Students are requested to make appointments directly or by email.

Lecture code: Z002002

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Logic, Proofs and Programs (論理, 証明およびプロ グラムへの入門) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Logic, Proofs and Programs			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies Program-Specific Senior Lecturer, THIES, Holger			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester	Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Mon.5		
Classroom					Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	Computation / Logic / Formal proof							

(Students of Faculty of Integrated Human Studies cannot take this course as liberal arts and general education course. Please register the course with your department.)

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This course is an introduction to basic logical principles and formal methods in computer science. Students will learn fundamental concepts and techniques of mathematical logic and their applications to computer science and other areas. The emphasis is on the computational aspects of logic and the topics will be introduced through hands-on use of a proof assistant, a tool for machine-checked mathematical proofs. The software assists students in constructing formal proofs and automatically checks their correctness.

[Course objectives]

Students will become familiar with logical reasoning and formal proofs. They will also get some practical experience in the use of a proof assistant. The course will help students develop skills that are important in any field of research, such as critical thinking and the ability to construct rigorous arguments.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Below are some possible topics that we will cover during the course. We will spend one or two weeks on each topic. The topics we cover may change depending on the interests and abilities of the students.

- 1) Propositional logic
- 2) First-order Predicate logic
- 3) Basics of functional programming
- 3) Computer assisted theorem proving
- 5) Natural deduction
- 6) Type Theory
- 7) Constructive Logic
- 8) The relationship between proofs and programs

Total: 15 sessions (14 class sessions and 1 feedback session)

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Logic, Proofs and Programs (論理, 証明およびプログラムへの入門) (2) ↓↓

[Course requirements]

No prior knowledge is required, however some familiarity with rigorous mathematical proofs and interest in computer programming will be helpful.

The course will include some practical exercises. It is recommended that students have access to a computer where they can install software.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students are expected to actively participate in discussion, read material, and solve exercises in class. Evaluation will be based on the following: written and oral assignments (50%), final report or project (50%)

[Textbooks]

No textbook. Relevant materials will be distributed in class.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

The following books might be useful as references and background reading, but are not required.

1) "Logic in Computer Science" by Michael Huth and Mark Ryan
Publisher: Cambridge University Press (2004), ISBN: 978-0521543101

2) "A Beginner's Guide to Mathematical Logic" by Raymond Smullyan.
Publisher: Dover Publications (2014), ISBN: 978-0486492377

3) "Software Foundations" by Benjamin C. Pierce et al., Volume 1: Logical Foundations, available online:
<https://softwarefoundations.cis.upenn.edu/>

4) “Interactive Theorem Proving and Program Development” , by Yves Bertot and Pierre Casteran,
Publisher: Springer (2004), ISBN: 978-3662079645.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students should review the course material after each class and solve the homework assignments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: Z002078

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Mental Health and Social Isolation in Japan(日本におけるメンタルヘルスとひきこもり) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Mental Health and Social Isolation in Japan			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies Associate Professor, TAJAN, Nicolas Pierre			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester	Quota (Freshman)	10 (10)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Tue.5		
Classroom	1104, Faculty of Integrated Human Studies				Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	Mental Health / Hikikomori / Social Isolation / Depression / Schizophrenia							

(Students of Faculty of Integrated Human Studies cannot take this course as liberal arts and general education course. Please register the course with your department.)

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This seminar introduces the challenges of social isolation (hikikomori, schizophrenia, depression) and sheds a new light on the development of the mental health field.

[Course objectives]

To provide you with a general introduction to and understanding of key questions and challenges of social isolation.

To help you develop your analytical and critical thinking regarding the mental health field.

[Course schedule and contents)]

- 1) Introduction
- 2) School Non-Attendance in Japan
- 3) What is Hikikomori?
- 4) Mental Health Surveys on Hikikomori (Chap.4)
- 5) Is Social Withdrawal a Mental Disorder? (Chap.3) NPO Support Towards Hikikomori Youths (Chap.5)
- 6) Hikikomori Subjects' Narratives (Chap.6) Beyond the Hikikomori Spectrum (Chap.7)
- 7) Schizophrenia in Japan
- 8) Schizophrenia in Japan
- 9) Depression in Japan
- 10) Depression in Japan
- 11) Case studies
- 12) History of mental illness in Japan
- 13) Varia
- 14) Conclusions
- 15) Feedback

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Mental Health and Social Isolation in Japan(日本におけるメンタルヘルスとひきこもり)↓↓

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students are expected to actively participate in discussion and read material during class. Evaluation is based on the following:

3 short tests (Multiple choice questionnaires with 3 possible answers) Short test 1 (40%), Short test 2(30%), Short test 3 (30%).

[Textbooks]

Relevant material is distributed in class.

Students can freely download my book (OPEN ACCESS)

Tajan Nicolas. 2021. Mental Health and Social Withdrawal in Contemporary Japan: Beyond the Hikikomori Spectrum. Oxon: Routledge, Japan Anthropology Workshop Series.

(Related URL)

<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/oa-mono/10.4324/9781351260800/mental-health-social-withdrawal-contemporary-japan-nicolas-tajan>(My Open Access book)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students do not have homework assignments. However, they are advised to take notes during class and to review the course material before tests.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours Friday 12:30-13:00

[Courses delivered by instructors with practical work experience]

(1) Category

A course with practical content delivered by instructors with practical work experience

(2) Details of instructors' practical work experience related to the course

Clinical experiences in a variety of fields as a psychoanalyst, psychotherapist, psychologist

(3) Details of practical classes delivered based on instructors' practical work experience

Lecture code: Z002021

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Logic, critical thinking and argument (自然科学・工学に関する論理的・批判的思考法と議論) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Logic, critical thinking and argument (Natural Sciences and Engineering)			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Energy Science Associate Professor,AU Ka Man				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	7 (7)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Thu.5			
Classroom	02, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. West Wing				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Cognitive science / Philosophy and ethics / Science education / Logic / Argument								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Science is not restricted to the academic world - it flows-over into the mass media (both factual and fictional). Logic is vital to the presentation of academic research findings and also to analyzing the communication of science in the media.

The aim of this course is for students to understand basic concepts of logic, and to learn and practice critical thinking with respect to science and its broader reporting in the mass media.

Students will participate in extracting themes, understanding bias in documents, videos and in their own work. They will practice how to critically analyze documents and to develop their own writing skills, particularly in the area of justification of arguments and the logical structuring and linking of content.

This course is suitable for all students who are interested in philosophy, logic and critical thinking. Although examples may be selected from science and engineering topics, students without a science background are welcome.

[Course objectives]

The goal of the course is for students to be able to present logical written arguments and to be able to critically assess the validity and structure of literature in the natural sciences and engineering. This will be based on a variety of scientific literature in the academic realm as well as in the media.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The course will broadly cover logic and critical thinking, including the following themes:

1. Introduction
2. Logical fallacies
3. Proof, argument and opinion
4. Definitions
5. Causality and causal arguments

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Logic, critical thinking and argument (自然科学・工学に関する論理的・批判的思考法と議論) (2) ↓↓

- 6. Making the most of information
- 7. Belief and knowledge
- 8. Reasoning and emotion
- 9. Academic writing
- 10. Comprehension and meaning analysis
- 11. Case studies: science in the media / specialized topics

The course overall consists of 14 classes and one feedback session.

Each of the above topics covers 1-2 weeks, with one class per week. The exact topics may vary, depending on students' ability and topics of societal and scientific interest at the time.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

In-class exercises and short assignments (50%)

Final report (50%)

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Out of class preparation may be required.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Consultation is available by prior arrangement.

Lecture code: Z002019

Course number	U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :How to Read a Scientific Paper (英語科学論文の読み方) ILAS Seminar-E2 :How to Read a Scientific Paper		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Biostudies Associate Professor,GUY, Adam Tsuda			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks		
Class style		Seminar (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • First semester	Quota (Freshman)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods		
Classroom	34, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. North Wing				Language of instruction		
Keyword	English / Biology / Scientific literature / Critical analysis						

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Scientific literacy and critical analysis are essential skills for a career in science, and a valuable life skill even for those who choose a career path outside science. In this class, we will begin by studying an influential paper together. This will introduce students to a basic approach to reading primary scientific literature that will help you to reach your own conclusions about the data. Next, each student will search for and pick a paper, and in class, together, we will try to understand everything about it: concepts, methods, analysis, interpretation and significance. This will be an opportunity to learn some science, as well as to see how experiments are designed and how statistical analyses are applied. Students hopefully will use their chosen papers as a springboard to explore subjects that are of particular interest to them. The class structure will depend on how many students enroll.

This course is recommended for students who are planning on pursuing graduate studies in life sciences in the future.

[Course objectives]

Students will acquire the ability to read scientific papers on their own, becoming familiar with the technical writing and structure used in scientific journals.

Students will be shown how to track down additional information and search online databases for related or cited works.

Students will learn about some of the laboratory techniques and statistical analyses commonly used in biomedical research papers.

Most importantly, students will learn about the scientific principles of empiricism and skepticism, to perform their own critical analyses of scientific papers.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Students will learn some background about scientific discourse and publication in scientific journals. We will then read and analyse a landmark paper together in class. During each subsequent class, we will also spend a little time on each student's chosen paper. Students will learn by a combination of traditional class lecture and active learning methods such as small group work discussion, in-class quizzes, and one-on-one discussions with the instructor during this course.

1. Introductory Lecture

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :How to Read a Scientific Paper (英語科学論文の読み方) (2) ↓↓

- 2. Getting Started: Types of Scientific Communication, What is Scientific Discourse? How Peer Review Works. Short student survey.
- 3. Introduction of a landmark or recent paper to read together in class. Introduction to using PubMed as a resource to search for papers.
- 4. The Anatomy of a Scientific Paper. Short quiz.
- 5. The What? Why? How? of a Paper (in-class discussion and small group work)
- 6. Analysis of Methods, Figures and Results (small group work) Students should begin searching for a paper to analyse for their written assignment. I will discuss one-on-one about papers suitable for each student.
- 7. Analysis of the Discussion (small group work). Advice on Predatory Publishers and Paper Mills.
- 8. What is Critical Analysis? (in-class discussion)
- 9. Advice on writing your report. (in-class discussion, one-on-one work)
- 10. Basic Statistics. A discussion of Plagiarism. (in-class discussion)
- 11. Discussion of Writing Style, and some Advice. (in-class discussion, one-on-one work)
- 12. Class topics tailored to student needs (one-on-one work)
- 13. Class topics tailored to student needs (one-on-one work)
- 14. Class topics tailored to student needs (one-on-one work)
- 15. Exam day. Student written assignment due.
- 16. Feedback Class

This schedule is flexible, and will depend on how many students enroll in the course. The schedule also will depend on the types of papers that we are analysing.

The class is open to all 1st and 2nd year students, although the papers studied will be from the field of biology.

[Course requirements]

This course will study scientific papers from the field of biology. Humanities or social sciences students are required to have studied biology subjects at high school.

Although it is not required, an intermediate level of English ability is highly recommended, for reading comprehension and in-class quizzes.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will be based on attendance and active class participation (70%), and a written homework assignment (30%), which will be a review of a scientific paper chosen by the student. The written assignment will be graded on the basis of student comprehension and critical analysis.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

I will provide additional background material, depending on the topic of each paper that is chosen by students.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Out of class reading may take 2-3 hours per week, mostly looking up technical terms, learning about the background for the papers that are discussed during class, or searching online databases for papers to analyse.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

In principle, anytime. Please contact the instructor by e-mail if you have any questions. For consultations about course-related matters outside class hours, please make an appointment directly or by e-mail.

Lecture code: Z002018

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to the biology of nematodes (線虫の生物学入門) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to the biology of nematodes			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Biostudies Associate Professor,CARLTON, Peter				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1			
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	10 (10)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Thu.5			
Classroom	(Faculty of Medicine/Pharmaceutical Science Campus/University Hospital Campus)				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	biology / genetics / nematodes / 遺伝学 / 線虫								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This class will introduce to students one of the most abundant forms of life on earth: the Nematodes or roundworms. The most famous of these is the useful model organism called *Caenorhabditis elegans*. The goal of the class is to provide both a survey of how scientists use these organisms to conduct research, demonstrate the worm's great importance to biology, and provide hands-on experience with simple worm manipulation.

Students will also learn directly about some of the current biological questions that are being addressed with this versatile model organism. We will also find wild nematodes around Kyoto, make scientific observations on them and use DNA sequencing to identify their species. Whether we find a new species, or identify new isolates of known ones, this class will introduce you to a new realm of life.

線虫学入門 - 生物学を学びながら新種の線虫を見つけよう!

線虫は動物の中で最も個体数の多い生物種です。線虫は土壤や植物から簡単に見つけることができ、分子生物学における重要なモデル生物の一つでもあります。2002年には、線虫を用いた細胞死の研究に対して、2006年には、線虫におけるRNA干渉の発見に対して、それぞれノーベル賞が贈られています。線虫が持つ遺伝子のうち、60–70%は私たち人間にも共通しているため、ヒトにも共通する様々な生体のメカニズムを理解することを目指して、飼育や遺伝子組み換えが容易な線虫が、実験材料として分子生物学では用いられます。

この授業では、各自、サンプルを持参して、そこから線虫を取り、それぞれの線虫のゲノムDNAの一部を増幅し、そのシーケンスを読むことによって、線虫種を同定します。

新種の線虫を発見する可能性もあり！新種の線虫の探索に加えて、分子生物学の研究において一般的に使われている野生株と変異株を用いた遺伝学実験、高解像度顕微鏡を用いた染色体構造の観察も行います。

[Course objectives]

- To understand the biology and diversity of nematodes
- To understand the uses of the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans* in modern biological research

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 Introduction to the biology of nematodes (線虫の生物学入門) (2) ↓↓

- To understand the anatomy and life cycle of *C. elegans*
- To learn how to create new strains containing desired mutations by designing crosses between animals
- To acquire the knowledge and experience needed to begin genetic research with *C. elegans*

[Course schedule and contents)]

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[Course requirements]

This is an introductory course. There are no requirements, but a basic familiarity with biology and genetics will be beneficial.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluations will be based on participation, short quizzes, and a final presentation, with contributions of 40%, 40%, and 20%, respectively, to the final grade.

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Fay, Starr, Spencer, Johnson 『Worm Breeding for Dummies: A guide to genetic mapping in *C. elegans*』 (PDF textbook)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will have to understand technical vocabulary in English. This may require studying outside of class hours.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours will be 1 hour once per week, schedule to be announced on the first day of class.

This class involves some genetic experiments on nematodes.

遺伝子実験：対象(ヒト以外の動物、植物、生物等)

Lecture code: Z002034

Course number	U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to the biology of nematodes (線虫の生物学入門) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to the biology of nematodes		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Biostudies Associate Professor,CARLTON, Peter			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks		
Class style		Seminar (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester	Quota (Freshman)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods		
Classroom	(Faculty of Medicine/Pharmaceutical Science Campus/University Hospital Campus)				Language of instruction		
Keyword	biology / genetics / genome / nematodes						

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This class will introduce to students one of the most abundant forms of life on earth: the Nematodes or roundworms. The most famous of these is the useful model organism called *Caenorhabditis elegans*. The goal of the class is to provide both a survey of how scientists use these organisms to conduct research, demonstrate the worm's great importance to biology, and provide hands-on experience with simple worm manipulation.

Students will also learn directly about some of the current biological questions that are being addressed with this versatile model organism. We will also find wild nematodes around Kyoto, make scientific observations on them and use DNA sequencing to identify their species. Whether we find a new species, or identify new isolates of known ones, this class will introduce you to a new realm of life.

線虫学入門 - 生物学を学びながら新種の線虫を見つけよう！

線虫は動物の中で最も個体数の多い生物種です。線虫は土壤や植物から簡単に見つけることができ、分子生物学における重要なモデル生物の一つでもあります。2002年には、線虫を用いた細胞死の研究に対して、2006年には、線虫におけるRNA干渉の発見に対して、それぞれノーベル賞が贈られています。線虫が持つ遺伝子のうち、60–70%は私たち人間にも共通しているため、ヒトにも共通する様々な生体のメカニズムを理解することを目指して、飼育や遺伝子組み換えが容易な線虫が、実験材料として分子生物学では用いられます。

この授業では、各自、サンプルを持参して、そこから線虫を取り、それぞれの線虫のゲノムDNAの一部を増幅し、そのシーケンスを読むことによって、線虫種を同定します。

新種の線虫を発見する可能性もあり！新種の線虫の探索に加えて、分子生物学の研究において一般的に使われている野生株と変異株を用いた遺伝学実験、高解像度顕微鏡を用いた染色体構造の観察も行います。

[Course objectives]

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Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 Introduction to the biology of nematodes (線虫の生物学入門) (2) ↓↓

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[Course requirements]

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[Evaluation methods and policy]

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[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Fay, Starr, Spencer, Johnson 『Worm Breeding for Dummies: A guide to genetic mapping in *C. elegans*』
(PDF textbook)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will have to understand technical vocabulary in English. This may require studying outside of class hours.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours will be 1 hour once per week, schedule to be announced on the first day of class.

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遺伝子実験：対象(ヒト以外の動物、植物、生物等)

Lecture code: Z002082

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Chemistry in Art (芸術 における化学) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Chemistry in Art			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Chemical Research Senior Lecturer, PINCELLA, Francesca				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1			
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	15 (8)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Fri.5			
Classroom	25, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 4				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	analytical chemistry / art / pigments / color / conservation								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This interdisciplinary course is intended to provide both science and non-science majors with a basic understanding of the chemistry (and physics) behind artworks and art materials. Scientific techniques applied to art conservation and restoration will also be introduced.

This course will explore the chemistry of colors (pigments and dyes), ceramics, glass, lacquers, and metals. The basic scientific principles and theories behind each topic will also be introduced. Several examples from Eastern and Western art will be discussed in class.

[Course objectives]

In this course students will familiarize themselves with the materials and scientific methods behind the preparation and restoration of artworks. The students will learn the basic physics and chemical concepts necessary to understand the different topics introduced in class. The students will also be encouraged to reflect on the truly interdisciplinary nature of art conservation, and appreciate the importance of multidisciplinary approaches for problem solving.

[Course schedule and contents)]

The course consists of 12 lessons in class, a museum visit (equivalent to 2 classes), exam, and a feedback class.

The content of the course:

1. What is the role of science in art history and art conservation?
- 2-3. Chemistry and physics of color: pigments, dyes and inks (2 weeks)
- 4-5. Chemistry of ceramics, glasses and glazes (2 weeks)
6. Chemistry of gemstones and minerals
7. Chemistry of metals and alloys
- 8-9. Museum visit (equivalent to 2 classes)
10. Chemistry of oils and binders
- 11-12. Chemistry of wood, lacquer, paper and textiles (2 weeks)
- 13-14. Heritage science and scientific techniques for art conservation, restoration, authentication and archeology (2 weeks)
15. Exam (presentation)
16. Feedback

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Chemistry in Art (芸術における化学) (2) ↓↓

ILAS Seminar-E2 :Chemistry in Art (芸術における化学) (2)

All lessons will include an introduction of the basic principles of chemistry and physics behind the topic, and examples from Western or Eastern art.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on attendance and active class participation (30%), individual and group assignments (30%), and final oral presentation (40%).

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

- A. Mark Pollard, Carl Heron, Ruth Ann Armitage 『Archeological chemistry』 (Royal Society of Chemistry, 2017) ISBN:978-1782624264
Paul Garside, Emma Richardson 『Conservation Science: heritage materials』 (Royal Society of Chemistry, 2021) ISBN:978-1788010931
Robert Christie 『Colour Chemistry』 (Royal Society of Chemistry, 2014) ISBN:978-1849733281
Mary Virginia Orna 『The chemical history of color』 (Springer, 2012) ISBN:978-3642326417
Beatrix Von Rague' 『A history of Japanese Lacquerwork』 (Heritage, 1976) ISBN:978-1487572730

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are encouraged to revise the class material regularly and submit assignments on time. Students shall actively contribute to the group work. Furthermore, students shall research the chosen topic for the final project report, with regular feedback from the instructor, taking advantage of the material recommended in class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours: online or in person meetings with the instructor can be requested (appointment by email or on Panda).

For the museum visit, students are responsible for the transport and ticket expenses. The estimated entrance fee to the museum is 800 yen.

Students who decide to take part to the museum visit should be insured with the insurance for study and research "Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education & Research" (学生教育研究災害傷害保険)

Lecture code: Z002084

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Organic Electronics (初心者向け有機エレクトロニクス) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Organic Electronics			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Chemical Research Senior Lecturer,MURDEY, Richard James			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester	Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Tue.5		
Classroom	31, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. North Wing				Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	chemistry / physics / organic materials / semiconductors / molecules							

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Some organic molecules and polymers can behave as electrical semiconductors, a property that makes them useful materials for electronics. In this seminar course, you will learn why certain molecules conduct electricity, how organic semiconductors are made, and how devices like organic solar cells and organic transistors work. The lectures are structured as individual topics, selected to show the main aspects of this exciting research field. The material is aimed at 1st and 2nd year students interested in learning about science in English. 3rd and 4th year students are also welcome. Seminars are presented in English. Discussion is in English and Japanese.

[Course objectives]

This seminar course will give students a general overview of the field of organic electronics.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. Organic electronics in the world today
2. Organic molecules and polymers - what makes them semiconductors?
3. Understanding electricity and conductivity
4. The difference between inorganic and organic materials
5. An introduction to energy levels
6. Defects and imperfections
7. Fabrication methods
8. Some really basic electronics
9. Device measurement: in-class demo
10. Selected examples in current research
11. Solar cells
12. Lighting and displays
13. Transistors
14. The next frontier...
15. [no class]
16. Feedback

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[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Each lecture will introduce a short homework assignment related to the topic covered. These assignments count for 70% of the final grade. Attendance and class participation count for 30%.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Weekly assignments reinforce key concepts introduced in the seminars.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: Z002048

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Engineering in Biology and Medicine (医工学の基礎) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Engineering in Biology and Medicine			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Life and Medical Sciences Assistant Professor,KIM, Young Kwan				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	12 (12)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Wed.5			
Classroom	3B, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. North Wing				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Biomedical engineering / Medicine / Biology / Computational biology								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Solving current societal issues demands integrating ideas and taking a multifaceted approach. Integrating engineering, biology and medicine, this seminar aims at introducing students to multidisciplinary approaches to understanding and/or solving complex issues in biology, medicine and/or engineering. Discussions will be centered on understanding multidisciplinary approach toward solving the said problem by integrating knowledge and concepts from various disciplines (science, engineering and/or medicine).

[Course objectives]

To nurture interests in knowledge integration from diverse scientific disciplines.

To learn how to integrate knowledge and concepts toward application to solving complex open-ended questions in biology, medicine and/or engineering.

[Course schedule and contents)]

This seminar will tackle selected topics related to application of engineering principles and knowledge to solving clinical problems, and/or elucidating known and unknown biological phenomena. Besides discussions, students will have opportunities to make some short presentations on topics of interest. Topics might be flexibly changed based on our interests.

1) Recent exciting discoveries in science (3 weeks)

We will begin the discussion series by exploring ground-breaking discoveries in science and discuss their impacts on the society. Through this session, we will learn how to obtain fundamental knowledges from scientific articles.

2) Engineering in biology (3 weeks)

We will explore the convergence of biology with engineering that have enabled the manipulation, analysis and detailed study of living systems including biomechanics, tissue engineering, sequencing technologies, and other biotechnologies. Through this discussion, we aim to create a map that provides an overview of the field of bioengineering.

3) Engineering in medicine (3 weeks)

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Engineering in Biology and Medicine (医工学の基礎) (2) ↓↓↓

We will discuss trends in medical engineering and specific application in areas such as drug development, surgical tools, visualization technologies, and other medical technologies. To facilitate this discussion, we will think about some clinical case stories in medical situation.

4) Emerging areas in engineering for biology and medicine (3 weeks)

Rapid advances in science in recent years have led to revolutionary developments in the fields of medicine and biology. One such technology is "in silico" technologies such as AI and computational simulation. Here, we will discuss the emerging trends of "in silico" technologies in biology and medicine, and present some of their potential applications.

5) Student presentations and lecture review (2 weeks)

6) Feedback (1 week)

[Course requirements]

None in particular. The seminar will be discussion-based.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and class participation 60%, Discussions and presentations: 40%

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Handouts may be given out.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Prior reading of scientific papers on topics to be discussed is recommended to enhance understanding.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours will be announced during class hours.

Lecture code: Z002049

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Discussions in Biomechanics and Biophysics (バイオメカニクス・生物物理セミナー) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Discussions in Biomechanics and Biophysics			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Life and Medical Sciences Assistant Professor,KIM, Young Kwan				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		Quota (Freshman)	12 (12)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Wed.5			
Classroom	3B, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. North Wing				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Biophysics / Biomechanics / Functional adaptation / Skeletal physiology								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

May force be with you. This famous goodbye phrase from Star Wars summarizes the important roles physical forces like gravity and friction play in our daily life. Living systems including our bones, muscles, cells and even proteins in our body depend a lot on physical forces to function properly. For example, why do astronauts become osteoporotic after prolonged stay in space? How do plants orient their position to maximize contact with sunlight? In this seminar, we will discuss some of the ground breaking discoveries and technological advances integrating biology, physics, and chemistry. Specifically, we will explore the mechanisms in which living systems, including the human body, adapt to and utilize physical forces to survive and function normally, and sometimes, abnormally.

[Course objectives]

The ultimate goal of this seminar is to help students develop a multidisciplinary approach to scientific discussion and problem solving in life sciences and medicine.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Discussions in this seminar will center on the impact of physical forces on living systems, and adaptive responses of such systems to acting forces. Some selected discussion topics are listed below. Topics might be flexibly changed based on our interests.

1) Recent exciting discoveries in science (3 weeks)

We will begin the discussion series by exploring ground-breaking discoveries in biology, chemistry, physics and/or engineering, and discuss their impacts on the society. Through this session, we will learn how to obtain fundamental knowledges from scientific articles.

2) Exploring interconnectivity between physics and biology (3 weeks)

Discussions here will explore interesting phenomena involving the interaction between physical forces and living systems. We will discuss how living systems sense and react to physical forces in the environment. Specific examples of adaptations to forces in biology will be drawn from plants, animals, and even from the human body.

3) Role of forces in the skeletal system (3 weeks)

Why do astronauts become osteoporotic after prolonged stay in space? This topic will look specifically into the role of physical forces in the skeletal system. We will discuss how bone architecture adapts to the mechanical environment from the perspective of interaction of forces, cells, and even molecules.

4) Biomechanical researches exploring disease treatments (3 weeks)

This topic will focus on the latest biomechanical researches that seek to understand disease development, and propose treatment strategy. Through this topic, we will discuss the role of multidisciplinary approaches in the advancement of life sciences and medicine, helping to develop a mindset to tackle complex problems in science with multidisciplinary solutions.

5) Student presentations and lecture review (2 weeks)

6) Feedback (1 week)

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and class participation: 60%, Discussions and presentations: 40%

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Handouts may be given out.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Prior reading of scientific papers on topics to be discussed is recommended to enhance understanding.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours will be announced during class hours.

Lecture code: Z002068

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Programming for data analysis (データ解析のためのプログラミング) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Programming for data analysis			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Institute for Life and Medical Sciences Associate Professor,VANDENBON, Alexis			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester	Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Mon.5		
Classroom	23, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. North Wing				Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	Software-related / Programming / R / Data analysis / Statistics							

[Overview and purpose of the course]

R programming language is a useful environment for statistical data analysis and machine learning. The R language is widely used in many fields of science, for data processing, analysis, and visualization. In this course, I will introduce basic R programming techniques. Using example applications, I will illustrate how to use R to process and manipulate data, to write your own functions, to perform statistical tests, and to make figures.

[Course objectives]

Students will learn the basic features of the R language for data manipulation, computation, and visualization. They will learn how to write your own code and functions, and how to use publicly available packages. Example applications introduced during the course will give students enough experience to use R for their own analysis.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Lecture 1: Introduction to R. We will introduce R, its main features, and advantages and disadvantages. Using R interactively we will introduce some simple data types and commands.

Lectures 2-3. Simple manipulations, numbers and vectors. In this session, we will continue introducing simple operations. We will also discuss vectors, how to access their elements, and how to manipulate them.

Lecture 4: Inspecting variables and the workspace. We will discuss the properties of different classes of variables, and how to manipulate variables and the workspace.

Lectures 5-6: We will cover how to make vectors, arrays and matrices, and how to apply commands on them. We will introduce ways to manipulate arrays and matrices, and how to store and access data in them.

Lecture 7: Lists and data frames. We will introduce lists and data frames, and their basic commands and features.

Lecture 8: Environments and functions. So far we have only used pre-defined functions. In these two lectures we will discuss how to write your own functions for manipulating and processing various types of data.

Lecture 9: Flow control and loops. We will introduce ways how to execute commands only when some conditions are met (if statements), and how to execute operations repeatedly (various types of loops).

Lecture 10: Packages. Apart from pre-installed functions, there are thousands of libraries and packages publicly available. Here we will discuss how to find such packages in the “Comprehensive R Archive

Network" (CRAN), how to install them, find documentation, and use them.

Lecture 11: Getting data and cleaning data. We will discuss several ways of reading data from files, cleaning data, and how to save data in files.

Lecture 12: Data visualization. We will introduce 3 big approaches for making various types of plots and figures in R.

Lecture 13: Statistical tests and probability distributions. R is particularly useful for statistical analysis of data. We will introduce commands related to probability distributions, and commands for applying various widely used statistical tests.

Lecture 14. Review of course material.

Lecture 15: Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading: Attendance and active participation (20%) and small quizzes at the end of lectures (80%).

[Textbooks]

Richard Cotton 『Learning R: A Step-by-Step Function Guide to Data Analysis (first edition)』 (O'Reilly Media) ISBN:978-1449357108 (The course lectures will roughly follow the content of this textbook. It will be supplemented with additional material, including an introduction to R available on the CRAN website (<https://cran.r-project.org/manuals.html>).)

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

The course is based on the content of the textbook "Learning R: A Step-by-Step Function Guide to Data Analysis", but it is not necessary to buy the book.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

It is strongly recommended to bring a laptop to the class.

No fixed office hours. Students are requested to make appointments directly or by email.

Lecture code: Z002094

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Climate change impacts on the humanosphere (気候変動が生存圏に 与える影響) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Climate change impacts on the humanosphere			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere Professor,Luce, Hubert			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester	Quota (Freshman)	5 (5)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Fri.5		
Classroom	23, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 1				Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	Climate change / environmental impacts / socio-economic impacts							

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This seminar will provide an overview of our knowledge of current climate change, its causes, and its observed and potential environmental and socio-economic impacts. Within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG13: Climate Action) of the United Nations, possible strategies to either adapt to or mitigate climate change will be presented and discussed. The lecture is partly based on information from the reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and used in popular scientific works.

[Course objectives]

Students will gain an in-depth understanding of the issue of climate change and its causes in relation to our development model, which is essentially based on the use of non-renewable fossil fuels and raw materials. They will be able to discuss the issue in English from an informed point of view. This will be done through individual or group projects to focus on a particular aspect covered during the sessions. “Real time” discussions will be organized around the themes addressed by the Conference Of Parties (COP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), held every year in November.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. (Weeks 1-3)

Introduction: The anthropogenic causes of the current climate change

- The increasing impact of human activities on the environment.
- The fossil fuels: Sources of considerable progress, why have they become a problem?

2. (Weeks 4-5)

An in-depth description of the physical mechanisms responsible for climate change.

3. (Weeks 6-8)

Environmental impacts

- Extreme weather events: floods, droughts, storms, ...
- Oceans and cryosphere: sea level rise, acidification, ice melt, ...
- Biosphere: Species migration, habitat loss, extinctions, ...
- lands: degradation, wildfires, permafrost melting, ...

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4. (Week 9)

The potentially most affected regions by the climate change:

- The polar regions
- The coastal regions
- The semi-arid regions

5. (Weeks 10-11)

Socio-economic impacts

- Agricultural disruption and freshwater issues
- Health risks
- Economic losses
- Livelihood, migration, conflicts

6. (Weeks 12-14)

Discussion sessions

- Solutions to climate change?
- How to define responsibilities?
- Adaptation, mitigation, loss and damage.
- The complex issue of “energy transition”

7. (Week 15)

Final examination.

8. (Week 16)

Feedback.

[Course requirements]

This seminar does not require prior knowledge on the topic and is mainly based on graphics and documents to interpret.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be:

Active participation in class: 40 pts

Assignments/projects at home: 30 pts

Final examination: 30 pts

[Textbooks]

Not used. Slide handouts will be distributed.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Mainly, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Materials (pdf files) will be made available before class.

Students are encouraged to study the materials before and after each class in order to assimilate technical or uncommon words.

Depending on the topic, the study of the materials and the preparation of the report for the evaluation may

take several hours per week.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Materials (pdf files) are available on the Kulasis website. Email communication is available for questions outside of class time.

Lecture code: Z002099

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Fundamentals of Earth's atmosphere dynamics and climate (地球大気の力学と気候の基礎) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Fundamentals of Earth's atmosphere dynamics and climate			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere Professor,Luce, Hubert			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Fri.5		
Classroom	04, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 1				Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	Atmosphere / weather / climate							

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This seminar provides an accessible introduction to the physics of the Earth's atmosphere. Based on fundamental concepts and principles, it is designed for all students who want to understand the structure and dynamics of the atmosphere. Topics will include current climate, weather patterns, cloud systems, and extreme weather events, all presented without complex theoretical modeling. The students will also have the necessary tools to better understand various aspects of climate change, in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG13: Climate Action).

[Course objectives]

In this seminar, students will gain insight into the main mechanisms responsible for the state and dynamics of the atmosphere, the life cycle of clouds, weather systems, and extreme events (such as cyclones, thunderstorms, and tornadoes). Students will also acquire the physical background for understanding how human activities can affect these processes.

[Course schedule and contents)]

1. (Weeks 1-2)

Composition and Vertical Structure of the Atmosphere

- Composition of the air and its origins
- Temperature, density, and pressure: Hydrostatic equilibrium

2. (Weeks 3-5)

Terrestrial and Solar Radiation: Energy Balances

- Radiative balance of the Earth
- Greenhouse effect: A simplified model
- Complications: Effects of convection
- How our activities impact these balances

3. (Weeks 6-8)

Contribution of Water

- Water in all its phases

- Principles of saturation and latent heat
- Cloud formation and precipitation
- Thermal gradient of the troposphere and atmospheric stability

4. (Weeks 9-11)

Atmospheric Circulations and Weather Systems

- Key features and prevailing winds
- Monsoons
- Mid-latitude circulations
- Examples of extreme weather systems

5. (Weeks 12-13)

Ocean-Atmosphere Coupling

- The role of the ocean in the climate system
- Example 1: El Nino-Southern Oscillation (ENSO)
- Example 2: North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO)

6. (Week 14)

Cryosphere-Atmosphere Coupling

- The role of ice in the climate system
- The impact of melting ice on climate

7. (Week 15)

Final Examination

8. (Week 16)

Feedback

[Course requirements]

This course requires a high school level science background. Although mathematical modeling is kept to a minimum, students should be familiar with the fundamentals of vector analysis and differential calculus. These tools are nonetheless provided in appendices.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be:

Active participation in class: 40 pts

Assignments/projects at home: 30 pts

Final examination: 30 pts

[Textbooks]

There is no specific textbook for this course. Its content will be based on multiple references (books, websites) that will be mentioned during the course.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Materials (pdf files) will be made available before class.

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Depending on the topic, studying the materials and preparing the report for evaluation may take several hours per week.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Materials (pdf files) are available on the Kulasis website. Email communication is available for questions outside of class time.

Lecture code: Z002010

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :A Beginners' guide to Carrying out Field Surveys and Qualitative Research (フィールドワークと定性的研究実施入門) ILAS Seminar-E2 :A Beginners' guide to Carrying out Field Surveys and Qualitative Research			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Disaster Prevention Research Institute Associate Professor,SAMADDAR, Subhajyoti			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Wed.5		
Classroom	23, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. North Wing				Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	Research Methodology / Qualitative research / Survey tools and techniques / Field Surveys / Action Research							

[Overview and purpose of the course]

In order to design practical and effective development plans and policies, it is essential to deeply understand local communities. In order to understand the voices and thoughts of communities, qualitative research methods will enable us to gain a deeper understanding of reality and everyday life. This is from the perspective of common people, from their own words and viewpoints. It brings voices to the voiceless and hears the unheard. This is a bottom-up approach.

Qualitative research is not only a science but also an art. During this course, we will learn the art and science of qualitative research methods. We will learn the basics of conducting qualitative research by discussing with each other, observing our university campus and fellow students, and reading articles. In this course, students will gain a basic understanding of qualitative research methods by completing practical exercises, conducting field surveys, and analyzing field data.

[Course objectives]

The main objectives of this seminar course are as follows:

1. This course will teach you how to conduct interviews, hold group discussions, and analyze photographs and documents.
2. The purpose of this course is to learn how to select research fields, decide on samples, and collect data from interviews, observations, photographs, and texts.
3. Learn how to analyze and present those data scientifically and aesthetically by coding, decoding, phasing, and paraphrasing.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Week 1: Introduction

- Understanding the basic concepts of qualitative research.

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :A Beginners' guide to Carrying out Field Surveys and Qualitative Research (フィールドワークと定性的研究実施入門) (2) ↓↓

- Why study qualitative research methods.

Week 2: Designing qualitative studies

- Filed Survey and Data collection decisions.

Week 3: Sampling

- Sample size
- Sampling strategies and options.

Week 4: Fieldwork strategies

- Rapport building techniques.
- Pilot survey techniques for knowing the fields.

Week 5: Techniques Of Data Collection

- Interview
- Observation
- Oral history
- Photography

Week 6: Data Collection from Observation, Photography, and Interview

- Collecting data within the university and among familiar individuals.

Week 7: Data Collection Training and Experiment on University Campus

Week 8: Discussion and class meeting on the challenges of data collection faced by the students.

Week 9: Recording data

- What to record
- Note-taking practices when doing fieldwork.
- Converting field notes into fuller notes.
- Keeping Notes.

Week 10: Data Analysis

- Codes and decoding
- Types of code
- Reading the data and extracting codes

Week 11: Data Coding practice for data analysis

Week 12: Presenting the results

- Graphic and pictorial presentation techniques.
- Displaying qualitative data.
- Making good use of photographs.

Week 13: Writing a Qualitative Data

- Encoding our writings.
- Quotes in our writings.
- Overall structure.

Week 14: Composing research, to share it with others.

- Composing qualitative research.
- Reworking your composition.

Week 15: Final Presentation and report submission

Week 16: Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on

- Active participation (30 points).
- Field survey practice (30 points)
- Report Writing (20 Points)
- Presentations (20 points).

Assignments and report presentations will be assessed on the basis of achievement level for course goals

[Textbooks]

Handouts will be distributed by the instructor if necessary.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Field Surveys will be conducted within the campus.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

A field survey will be conducted in order to gain a better understanding of the situation.

As a group or individually, students will work on small projects or existing case studies on campus to gain practical experience in qualitative research methods. The students will present the results of their projects and discuss them with their teachers and fellow students.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

The course with experiments or offered outside of the campus, state on the taking out accident insurance of Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Ed. & Rsch. as needed.

Field Surveys will be conducted within the campus.

Lecture code: Z002061

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50				
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to cross-cultural communication (異文化コミュニケーション入門) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to cross-cultural communication			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Disaster Prevention Research Institute Senior Lecturer, LAHOURNAT, Florence	
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester	Quota (Freshman)	10 (10)
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Thu.5
Classroom	3A, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. North Wing			Language of instruction	English	
Keyword	cross-cultural communication / cultural awareness / cultural competence					

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This seminar is designed as an introduction to cross-cultural communication with a focus on cultural awareness. The objective of this seminar is to provide students with knowledge and tools to reflect on and approach multi-cultural communication in a culturally-competent way:appropriately and effectively.

With an emphasis on approaching and understanding other cultures and communication without bias, it will cover basic concepts and principles necessary for the promoting and improving of cultural self-awareness and inter-group, cross-cultural communication.

With the basic question of what culture is as a starting point, we will explore the mechanisms of culture and inter-group relationships and their implications in our perceptions of ourselves and others along the following themes: cultural awareness, cultural identity, ethnocentrism and cultural relativism, stereotype and prejudice, cultural competence.

[Course objectives]

The objectives of this seminar are for students to:

- gain an understanding of the key notions related to culture, cultural awareness, the mechanisms of communication
- acquire awareness and understanding of cultural processes (including our own preconceptions), and the impact of culture on communication
- gain confidence formulating ideas and opinions, and engaging in discussions on specific topics.

[Course schedule and contents)]

This is a seminar-type class. Sessions will include a short lecture and rely on discussion and group work based on the week's topic and readings.

- 1- Orientation and overview
- 2- Deconstructing culture
- 3- Linking culture and communication
- 4- How communication works
- 5- Group work

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to cross-cultural communication (異文化コミュニケーション入門) (2) ↓↓

- 6- Social and cultural identities
- 7- Bias, stereotype, prejudices
- 8- Models of culture
- 9- Group work
- 10- Language and verbal communication
- 11- Nonverbal communication
- 12- Towards cultural competence (P.1)
- 13- Towards cultural competence (P.2)
- 14- Final project

Total: 14 classes and 1 feedback

Note: The detailed definitive schedule will be handed out during the first class.

[Course requirements]

There are no specific requirements for taking this seminar.

However, students must be willing to prepare for each session by completing the weekly readings and assigned tasks, and to participate actively in class.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on:

- class attendance (30%)
- active participation (30%), including group works and discussions
- weekly assignments (20%)
- final project and presentation (20%)

Active participation means actively engaging with the class content, participating during discussions and group work, and contributing to the class by sharing opinions, experiences and reflections.

Students absent 4 times or more will fail this class.

Tardiness (by 15 minutes or more) will be treated as absence.

Systematic tardiness and/or unexplained early departures will greatly reduce your attendance and participation grade.

[Textbooks]

There is no textbook for this seminar.

Weekly readings will be available for download.

Printing and preparing the material is the responsibility of the student.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are expected to prepare for each class by reviewing their notes and completing the weekly readings and assigned tasks.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

- This is a seminar-type class, and as such will rely heavily on in-class discussion and student participation. It will be conducted in English. All readings and material will also be in English.
- As stated in the evaluation section, students are expected to engage actively during class. The level of engagement will greatly influence the final grade.
- Office hour is after class or by appointment.

This class is conducted in a remote format where the instructor delivers classes from outside the classroom. So students are required to bring their own devices.

Lecture code: Z002008

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Frontiers in Theoretical Physics I (理論物理学最前線 I) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Frontiers in Theoretical Physics I			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics Associate Professor, Antonio De Felice				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Wed.5			
Classroom	Seminar room 24, ILAS Bldg.				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Theoretical Physics / 理論物理学 / modern physics / 現代物理学								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

- New discoveries and problems arise constantly in theoretical physics.
- We will discuss about the latest achievements, puzzles in the class.
- We will then read each week a couple of recent papers appeared on “Scientific American” of the subject of astronomy, cosmology, theoretical physics or experiments in particle physics.
- Students are given a paper to discuss for the next week.
- The students will be divided into groups and will answer some questions regarding the paper.
- Each of the groups in turn will report their answers to everyone else.

[Course objectives]

- Students will develop critical thinking in a friendly environment.
- The point is to understand and think about the message which lies at the core of each paper.
- The discussion session will then be an arena to develop students' skills to create their own scientific ideas.
- Students will be stimulated to have opinions, comments, criticism, questions.

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Frontiers in Theoretical Physics I (理論物理学最前線 I) (2) ↓↓

[Course schedule and contents)]

- 14 lectures per semester, no midterm/final exam.
- For each lecture papers will be given to students to read for the next week.
- Students are supposed to read the paper and prepare for the next week.
- Some papers are freshly new papers [from the latest issues of Scientific American], others are from previous years.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

- The method of evaluation merely comes from the interaction, participation and discussion in class.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

- The students will be given a paper to read a week before class.
- Students are then supposed to learn the material [inside each paper] and be able to present to others, to discuss its content with others, and to answer questions regarding the paper itself.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: Z002016

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50							
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Frontiers in Theoretical Physics II (理論物理学最前线 II) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Frontiers in Theoretical Physics II			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics Associate Professor, Antonio De Felice				
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester		Quota (Freshman)	15 (15)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Wed.5			
Classroom	Seminar room 24, ILAS Bldg.				Language of instruction	English			
Keyword	Theoretical Physics / 理論物理学 / Astrophysics / 宇宙物理学								

[Overview and purpose of the course]

- New discoveries and problems arise constantly in theoretical physics.
- We will discuss about the latest achievements, puzzles in the class.
- We will then read each week a couple of recent papers appeared on “Scientific American” of the subject of astronomy, cosmology, theoretical physics or experiments in particle physics.
- Students are given a paper to discuss for the next week.
- The students will be divided into groups and will answer some questions regarding the paper.
- Each of the groups in turn will report their answers to everyone else.

[Course objectives]

- Students will develop critical thinking in a friendly environment.
- The point is to understand and think about the message which lies at the core of each paper.
- The discussion session will then be an arena to develop students' skills to create their own scientific ideas.
- Students will be stimulated to have opinions, comments, criticism, questions.

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Frontiers in Theoretical Physics II (理論物理学最前线 II) (2) ↓↓

[Course schedule and contents)]

- 14 lectures per semester, no midterm/final exam.
- For each lecture papers will be given to students to read for the next week.
- Students are supposed to read the paper and prepare for the next week.
- Some papers are freshly new papers [from the latest issues of Scientific American], others are from previous years.

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

- The method of evaluation merely comes from the interaction, participation and discussion in class.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

- The students will be given a paper to read a week before class.
- Students are then supposed to learn the material [inside each paper] and be able to present to others, to discuss its content with others, and to answer questions regarding the paper itself.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: Z002041

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Encounters with modern arithmetic (現代整数論との出会い) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Encounters with modern arithmetic			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences Senior Lecturer, UEDA FUKUHIRO			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks	1		
Class style	Seminar (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Thu.5		
Classroom	22, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. East Wing				Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	Algebra-related							

[Overview and purpose of the course]

It is a classical question from centuries ago whether a quintic (or of higher degree) polynomial equation is solvable in terms of its coefficients, with only use of the usual operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) and application of radicals (square roots, cube roots, etc). Modern/abstract algebra was born to answer this question, the answer to which turns out to be negative in general. On the other hand, abstract algebra has gone far beyond this and is rightly regarded as one of the central features of modern mathematics nowadays, which is in particular fundamental for the study of arithmetic problems.

[Course objectives]

We will learn the basic concepts and theorems in group theory, ring theory, field theory, and Galois theory. As an application, we shall also be able to determine which polynomial equations are solvable in radicals.

[Course schedule and contents)]

We intend to cover a big chunk of modern algebra in a condensed and interesting way, to make it accessible to most undergraduate students. Both concepts and examples will be emphasized. Below are the plan and contents of the course. The lectures, as well as the order of the lectures, may be modified, depending on students' background and understanding of the course materials.

-Set Theory [1 week]:

Notion of sets, mappings, mathematical induction, Zorn's lemma.

-Group theory [4 weeks]:

Definition and examples of groups, homomorphisms, abelian groups, symmetric groups, Sylow's theorem.

-Ring theory [3 weeks]:

Definition and examples, ideals, quotient rings, Euclidean domains, PIDs, UFDs, polynomial rings.

-Field theory [3 weeks]:

Definition and examples, field extensions, polynomials, finite fields.

-Galois theory [2 weeks]:

Galois extensions, roots of unity, solvability.

-Some applications to arithmetic [1 week]

-Feedback [1 week]

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Encounters with modern arithmetic (現代整数論との出会い) (2) ↓↓↓

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The evaluation consists of the following weighted parts:

-Performance in class (20%).

-Presentation (60%): Each student reviews a mathematical topic assigned by the instructor. Such a topic is typically a section from the textbook below.

-Report (20%): Your report covers the details of your presentation. Each student needs to email the report to the instructor no later than Friday of Week 15.

[Textbooks]

D. Dummit and R. Foote 『Abstract Algebra』 (Wiley; 3rd edition) ISBN:9780471433347

There is no need to purchase the textbook. Several pdf versions of this book are available online for free.

[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Other supplemental materials, such as handouts from the instructor, may be introduced during the classes.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Along with preparation and review, students are encouraged to form study groups.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: Z002087

Course number	U-LAS70 10002 SE50				
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Encounters with modern arithmetic (現代整数論との出会い) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Encounters with modern arithmetic		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences Senior Lecturer, UEDA FUKUHIRO	
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences		Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks
Class style		Seminar (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester	Quota (Freshman)
Target year		Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors	Days and periods
Classroom	22, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. East Wing				Language of instruction
Keyword	Algebra-related				

[Overview and purpose of the course]

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[Course objectives]

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[Course schedule and contents)]

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-Field theory [3 weeks]:

Definition and examples, field extensions, polynomials, finite fields.

-Galois theory [2 weeks]:

Galois extensions, roots of unity, solvability.

-Some applications to arithmetic [1 week]

-Feedback [1 week]

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Encounters with modern arithmetic (現代整数論との出会い) (2) ↓↓↓

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The evaluation consists of the following weighted parts:

-Performance in class (20%).

-Presentation (60%): Each student reviews a mathematical topic assigned by the instructor. Such a topic is typically a section from the textbook below.

-Report (20%): Your report covers the details of your presentation. Each student needs to email the report to the instructor no later than Friday of Week 15.

[Textbooks]

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[References, etc.]

(Reference book)

Other supplemental materials, such as handouts from the instructor, may be introduced during the classes.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Along with preparation and review, students are encouraged to form study groups.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Lecture code: Z002080

Course number		U-LAS70 10002 SE50						
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Probability (確率入門) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Probability			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences Associate Professor,Croydon, David Alexander			
Group	Seminars in Liberal Arts and Sciences			Number of credits	2	Number of weekly time blocks		
Class style		Seminar (Face-to-face course)	Year/semesters	2025 • First semester		Quota (Freshman)		
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Thu.2		
Classroom	14, Yoshida-South Campus Bldg. No. 4				Language of instruction	English		
Keyword	mathematical analysis / applied mathematics and statistics / probability / stochastic process / Markov chain							

[Overview and purpose of the course]

This seminar-style course will give students a chance to learn about some important models in applied probability. The focus will be on Markov chains, which are central to the understanding of random processes, and have applications in simulation, economics, optimal control, genetics, queues and many other areas. As well as introducing mathematical techniques, it will be a goal to show how these can be applied to understand certain random phenomena, such as the long-time behaviour of random walks, survival/extinction of branching processes, convergence of algorithms, and reinforcement.

[Course objectives]

- To understand basic models of applied probability, particularly Markov chains
- To apply mathematical techniques to understand random phenomena in applications
- To gain experience in reading and presenting mathematics in English

[Course schedule and contents)]

In the first lecture, the lecturer will introduce the topic, and basic aims of the course. For most subsequent weeks, the classes will consist of two parts:

- a part where students present their attempts to solve problems set by the lecturer in the previous class;
- a part where the lecturer introduces some new topics upon which the following week's student problems will be based.

The following indicates possible topics, though this may vary depending on the students' proficiency level and background.

- (1) Introduction to applied probability and Markov chains [1 week]
Review of basic probability, definition of a Markov chain, outline of course
- (2) Basic properties of discrete-time Markov chains [7 weeks]
Class structure, hitting times/probabilities, computations using probability generating functions
- (3) Long-time behavior of discrete-time Markov chains [3 weeks]
recurrence/transience, invariant distributions, convergence to equilibrium, time reversal, ergodic theorem
- (4) Applications [3 weeks]
Random walks, branching processes, urn models, queuing models

Continue to ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Probability (確率入門) (2) ↓ ↓

Total: 14 classes and 1 week for feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students will be expected to participate in class, both by presenting material prepared in advance, and by discussing problems. Their performance in these aspects will contribute 70% of the final mark. There will also be a final exam, in which students will be asked to apply the techniques covered in the course, which will also contribute 30% of the final mark.

[Textbooks]

Norris 『Markov Chains』 (University Press, 1997)

Grimmett and Stirzaker 『Probability and random processes』 (Oxford University Press, 2001)

All the material needed for this course will be provided in the classes, and so there is no need to purchase the listed textbooks. However, they are both good sources for additional reading. Particularly, the course will follow quite closely Chapter 1 of the Norris book.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

As noted in the course schedule, from the second week, students will be asked to prepare and present problem solutions. (Their efforts on such assignments form part of the assessment.) Details will depend on the number of students enrolled on the course, and will be discussed in the first class. Typically the lecturer would expect students to spend 1-2 hours per week on study outside the class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

First semester of the 2025 academic year

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	H708001 Introduction to Educational Studies I-E2	H919001 Introduction to Management-E2	H281001 Japanese History I-E2	H712001 Observation-E2:Understanding Environmental Challenges	H275001 Western History I-E2
	T065001 Introduction to Formal Languages-E2	N251001 Advanced Course of Electromagnetism-E2	H277001 Introduction to World Religions-E2	H814001 Introduction to Urban Geography-E2	
			H381001 Introduction to Linguistic Science-E2	N815001 Mathematical Statistics-E2	
			H715001 Advanced Lecture for Pedagogy I-E2		
			N366003 Basic Physical Chemistry (quantum theory)-E2		
2	H721001 Sociology I-E2	H290001 Oriental History I-E2	H149001 The History of Eastern Thought I-E2	H161001 Japanese Philosophy I-E2	H275002 Western History I-E2
	N938001 Fundamentals of Organismal and Population Biology-E2	H283001 Japanese Intellectual History I-E2	H159001 Theories of Religion in the Social Sciences-E2	H598003 Cultural Anthropology I-E2	N106001 Advanced Linear Algebra
	T057002 Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence-E2	H727001 Pedagogy I-E2	H292001 Japanese Popular Culture I-E2	H802002 Human Geography-E2:Climate Change	N923001 Fundamentals of Cell and Molecular Biology-E2
	T052003 Introduction to Algorithms-E2	H934001 Introduction to Economics-E2	H808001 Food and Globalization I-E2	N272001 Fundamentals of Materials I-E2	N491001 Introduction to Molecular Biotechnology-E2
	Y225001 Introduction to Biogeochemistry-E2	H919002 Introduction to Management-E2	N157001 Calculus with Exercises A	N368002 Basic Organic Chemistry I-E2	N533001 Introduction to Earth Science A
		N157001 Calculus with Exercises A	N248001 Introduction to Cosmology-E2		T056005 Practice of Basic Informatics-E2
		N159001 Linear Algebra with Exercises A	N391001 Outline of Chemistry II(Its History & Fundamentals)-E2		Y221001 Sustainable Forest Environment-E2
3		N174002 Quest for Mathematics I-E2	T051001 Basic Informatics-E2		
		N261002 Fundamental Physics A-E2	U156001 Health Psychology I-E2		
		T056004 Practice of Basic Informatics-E2	W229001 Business Thinking-E3		
		W228001 Business English-E3			
	H709001 Introduction to Educational Psychology I-E2	H151001 History of Modern Science-E2	H166001 Ethics II-E2	H734001 Introduction to Ritual Studies-E2	H589001 Environmental Anthropology-E2
	H946001 Introduction to Game Theory-E2	H739001 Psychoanalysis-E2	H744001 Psychology I-E2	H815001 Topics in Cultural Anthropology I-E2	N804001 Introductory Statistics-E2
	N159001 Linear Algebra with Exercises A	H598001 Cultural Anthropology I-E2	H725001 Introduction to Social Research-E2	N278001 Introduction to Solid State Physics-E2	N374003 Fundamental Chemical Experiments-E2
4	N255001 Elementary Course of Physics A-E2	H813001 Contemporary Japanese Architecture-E2	H806001 Introduction to Urban Planning-E2	N365003 Basic Physical Chemistry (thermodynamics)-E2	U148001 Structures and Mechanisms of Human Movement-E2
	N390001 Thermodynamics in Everyday Life-E2	N168001 Mathematical Description of Natural Phenomena	H938001 Political Science I-E2	N937001 Introduction to Biology and Life Science-E2	W236001 Scientific English II-E3 (Presentation & Discussion)
	N911001 Basic Biology-E2	N165001 Honors Mathematics B-E2	H917001 Contemporary Economics I-E2	N943001 Microorganisms in our Lives-E2	
		N253001 A Guide to Modern Physics A-E2	N260003 Physics for All-E2		
		N254001 Analytic Dynamics-E2	N371001 Essentials of Basic Physical Chemistry-E2		
5	N363001 Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry A-E2	N374001 Introduction to Basic Concepts of Health Psychology-E2 :Health Behavior and Behavior Change	N374001 Fundamental Chemical Experiments-E2		
	U149001 Health Psychology-E2 :Health Behavior and Behavior Change		N494001 Introductory Plant Ecology-E2		

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4	H946002 Introduction to Game Theory-E2	H591001 Introduction to Globalization I-E2	H165001 Ethics I-E2	H163001 Philosophy of Nature I-E2	H155001 Logic I-E2 :Deductive Reasoning & Analysis
	N809001 Basic Data Analysis-E2	N368003 Basic Organic Chemistry I-E2	H394001 History of Oriental Art I-E2	N208001 Fundamental Physics A	N275001 Physics of Wave and Oscillation-E2
	Theory and Practice in Scientific Writing and Discussion (Pharmaceutical Sciences, English)A-E3	N492001 Principles of Genetics-E2	H383001 Intercultural Communication I-E2	N207001 Physics of Wave and Oscillation	N374003 Fundamental Chemical Experiments - E2
		T008001 Practice of Basic Informatics	H722001 Introduction to Comparative Psychology-E2	N385001 Chemistry for non-science majors I-E2	N361001 Organic Chemistry of Life-E2
			H917002 Contemporary Economics I-E2	N378001 Revisiting Basic Organic Chemistry II-E2	W231001 Digesting Scientific English-E3
			H943001 International History 1900 to the Present-E2	N928001 Introduction to Biological Data Analysis-E2	Y227001 Climate Change and Human Activities-E2 :Introduction to Humanosphere
			N813002 Data Analysis Practice I-E2	N559001 Introduction to Hydrology-E2	
			N261001 Fundamental Physics A-E2	Y213001 Introduction to Sustainable Development-E2	
			N374001 Fundamental Chemical Experiments-E2		
			N935001 Proteins-workforce of life-E2		
5	T018001 Information and Society-E2	H936001 Economy and Society I-E2	N169001 Advanced Calculus I-Vector Calculus	T063005 Programming Practice (Python) -E2	N913001 Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience A-E2
		N904001 Chromosome Biology-E2	T063004 Programming Practice (Python) -E2	Y209001 Human-environmental Interactions-E2	
		N925001 Biological Sciences through Scientific Articles I-E2			
		T063002 Programming Practice (Python) -E2			
		U165001 Physiology in Health and Sports-E2			

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H281002 Japanese History I-E2
H297001 Social History of Japanese Technology I-E2
N162001 Function Theory of a Complex Variable-E2

Humanities and Social Sciences

Natural Sciences

Informatics

Health and Sports

Career Development

Interdisciplinary Sciences

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	H711001 Introduction to Educational Studies II-E2 T065002 Introduction to Formal Languages-E2	H920001 Contemporary Management-E2	H282001 Japanese History II-E2 H280001 Introduction to Asian Societies-E2 H382001 Introduction to Japanese Linguistics I-E2 H716001 Advanced Lecture for Pedagogy II-E2 N365002 Basic Physical Chemistry (thermodynamics)-E2 N560001 Introduction to Earth Science B-E2	H817001 Topics in Human Geography VIII-E2 (Governing urban sustainability challenges) H814002 Introduction to Urban Geography-E2 N815002 Mathematical Statistics-E2	H274001 Western History II-E2
2	N804002 Introductory Statistics-E2	H291001 Oriental History II-E2	H150002 Science of Religion I-E2	H162001 Japanese Philosophy II-E2	H274002 Western History II-E2
	N273001 Fundamentals of Materials II-E2	H284001 Japanese Intellectual History II-E2	H279001 Religion in Contemporary Society-E2	H802003 Human Geography-E2	N924001 Introduction to Plant Science-E2
	N929001 Introduction to Plant Physiology-E2	H728001 Pedagogy II-E2	H293001 Japanese Popular Culture II-E2	H815002 Topics in Cultural Anthropology I-E2	N566001 Science on Water, Soil and Ecosystems-E2
	N939001 Introduction to Ecology and Evolution-E2	H935001 Principles of Economics-E2	H743001 Social Psychology-E2	N816001 Second Course in Statistics-E2	
	T018002 Information and Society-E2	H920002 Contemporary Management-E2	H718001 Introduction to Society and Community Studies-E2	N260005 Physics for All-E2	
	T052002 Introduction to Algorithms-E2	H929001 Japanese Politics-E2 N158001 Calculus with Exercises B N160001 Linear Algebra with Exercises B	H598004 Cultural Anthropology I-E2 H952001 Local Government in Comparative Perspective-E2 N158001 Calculus with Exercises B	N369002 Basic Organic Chemistry II-E2 N384001 Outline of Chemistry I(Its History and Fundamentals)-E2 Y212001 Introduction to Food Sustainability-E2	
		N490001 Introduction to Biochemistry-E2	N249001 Theory of Special Relativity-E2		
		N490002 Introduction to Biochemistry-E2	N912001 Basic Genetic Engineering-E2		
			N936001 Food Science-E2		
			N562001 Field Earth Science-E2		
			W237001 Advanced Scientific English-E3 (Debate)		
3	H710001 Introduction to Educational Psychology II-E2 H724001 Introduction to Globalization Studies-E2	H154001 Philosophy of Modern Science-E2	H745001 Psychology II-E2	H733001 Disaster and Culture-E2	H801001 Environmental Histories of South Asia-E2
	H947001 Applied Game Theory-E2	H598002 Cultural Anthropology I-E2	H717001 Introduction to Risk Communication-E2	N264003 Fundamental Physics B-E2	N814001 Data Analysis Practice II-E2
	H948001 Democracy in Crisis-E2 :Government of, by, and for whom?	H812001 Theory of Landscape Design-E2 :House and Gardens of Kyoto	H939001 Political Science II-E2	N367001 Chemistry of Sustainable Energy-E2 N937002 Introduction to Biology and Life Science-F2 N942001 Introduction to Immunology-E2 :The body's defense system	N256001 Elementary Experimental Physics-E2 N374004 Fundamental Chemical Experiments-F2 T050001 Processing and analyzing data I-E2 :Shell-based data processing
	N160001 Linear Algebra with Exercises B	H928001 Japan's Political Economy-E2	H918001 Contemporary Economics II-E2	U154001 Cultural Aspects of Health Care-E2	
	N372001 Introduction to surface chemistry-E2	N161001 Honors Mathematics A-E2	H944001 An International History of East Asia 1839-1945-E2		
	N901001 Introduction to Genetics and Evolution-E2	N264002 Fundamental Physics B-E2	N277001 Thermodynamics-E2		
		N211001 Advanced Dynamics	N366004 Basic Physical Chemistry (quantum theory)-E2		
		N269001 Introduction to Plasma Science-E2	N374002 Fundamental Chemical Experiments-F2		
		N364001 Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry B-E2	N934001 Plant Biotechnology-E2		
		N490003 Introduction to Biochemistry-E2	N495001 Principles of Horticulture-E2		
		N490004 Introduction to Biochemistry-E2			

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4	H947002 Applied Game Theory-E2	H592001 Introduction to Globalization II-E2	H156001 Logic II-E2 :Quantificational Logic and Deductions	H164001 Philosophy of Nature II-E2	N256001 Elementary Experimental Physics-E2
	N393001 Introduction to the Chemistry of Materials-E2	N276001 Advanced Dynamics-E2	H395001 History of Oriental Art II-E2	N175002 Quest for Mathematics II-E2	N374004 Fundamental Chemical Experiments-E2
	W225001 Writing and Discussion (Pharmaceutical Sciences, English)B-	N270001 Introduction to Quantum Physics-E2	H384001 Intercultural Communication II-E2	N209001 Fundamental Physics B	N387001 Chemistry on Natural and Human Environments-E2
		N369001 Basic Organic Chemistry II-E2	H723001 Introduction to Primate Behavior and Cognition-E2	N386001 Chemistry for non-science majors II-E2	W232001 Scientific Writing and Presenting in English-E3
		T015001 Basic Informatics	H918002 Contemporary Economics II-E2	N362001 Everyday Life Chemistry-E2	U135001 Introduction to Medical Psychology-E2
			N260004 Physics for All-E2	N377001 Revisiting Basic Organic Chemistry I-E2	Y226001 Environmental Monitoring for Humanosphere-E2 :Introduction to Humanosphere
			N257001 Introduction to Statistical Physics-E2	N927001 Introduction to Computational Molecular Biology-E2	
			N374002 Fundamental Chemical Experiments-E2	N564001 How the Earth Works II-E2 :Earth's History	
			N558001 Introduction to mineral resources-E2	Y213002 Introduction to Sustainable Development-E2	
			W230001 Negotiation-E3	Y214001 Natural Disaster Science-E2	
5	N394001 Analytical Chemistry and Forensic Science-E2	H937001 Economy and Society II-E2	N170001 Advanced Calculus II-Differential Equations	T063003 Programming Practice (Python)-E2	N914001 Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience B-E2
	T058001 Programming Practice (R)-E2:For managing and analysing data	N907001 Practical Computing for Biologists-E2	N274001 Soft Matter Physics-E2:From Condensed Matter to Life	Y102001 Interdisciplinary Sciences-E2 :Global Changes	T056001 Practice of Basic Informatics-E2
	W225002 Writing and Discussion (Pharmaceutical Sciences, English)B-	N926001 Biological Sciences through Scientific Articles II-E2	T019001 Information Network-E2		
	Y102002 Interdisciplinary Sciences-E2 :Foods and Microbes	N537001 Introduction to Engineering Geology	T063001 Programming Practice (Python) -E2		
		T063006 Programming Practice (Python) -E2	W228002 Business English-E3		
		U106001 Introduction to Lifestyle Related Diseases-E2			
		U155001 Psychopathology I-E2			

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H960001 Introduction to Political Science-E2	N941001 Basic Biology and Metabolism-E2
H282002 Japanese History II-E2	N176001 Elementary Probability-E2
H927001 Law and Culture in Japan-E2	N940001 Introduction to Biosciences-E2
H298001 Social History of Japanese Technology II-E2	N174003 Quest for Mathematics I-E2
H958001 State and Civil Society I-E2	T047001 Information Literacy for Academic Study-E2
H959001 State and Civil Society II-E2	T057001 Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence-E2

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ILAS Seminars / 1st semester of the 2025 academic year

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2				Z002080 ILAS Seminar-E2:Introduction to Probability	
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4			Z002022 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Stem and iPS Cells		
5	Z002075 ILAS Seminar-E2:Global Environmental Issues	Z002058 ILAS Seminar-E2:Food Systems in Asia	Z002097 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Critical Thinking in Ethics	Z002050 ILAS Seminar-E2 :The Invisible Universe	Z002069 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Let's create 3D computer animations
	Z002002 ILAS Seminar-E2:Introduction to Logic, Proofs and Programs	Z002073 ILAS Seminar-E2:History and Theory of Modern Architecture	Z002004 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Frontiers of Earthquake Science	Z002017 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Biomedical Presentation and Debate	Z002086 ILAS Seminar-E2 :It's a Bug's Life - bacteria and viruses
	Z002026 ILAS Seminar-E2:Methods in Ecology and Natural History	Z002084 ILAS Seminar-E2:Introduction to Organic Electronics	Z002085 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Computer simulations in Biology	Z002052 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Wonders of semiconductor	Z002089 ILAS Seminar-E2 :How to make nano-machines
	Z002003 ILAS Seminar-E2:The wonderful world of quantum physics	Z002078 ILAS Seminar-E2:Mental Health and Social Isolation in Japan	Z002093 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Chaos theory	Z002091 materials chemistry - Superconducting materials	Z002082 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Chemistry in Art
	Z002039 ILAS Seminar-E2:Topics in Frontier Physics	Z002079 ILAS Seminar-E2:Nanostructured Materials	Z002014 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Human Genetics and Genetic Disease	Z002021 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Logic, critical thinking and argument (Natural Sciences and Engineering)	Z002099 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Fundamentals of Earth's atmosphere dynamics and climate
	Z002068 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Programming for data analysis	Z002031 ILAS Seminar-E2:What are Liquids? Answers from Physics, Chemistry and Engineering	Z002090 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Psychology of Addiction	Z002019 ILAS Seminar-E2 :How to Read a Scientific Paper	
		Z002071 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Current issues in palliative care- the International Context	Z002095 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Physiological Neuroscience	Z002018 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to the biology of nematodes	
		Z002101 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Decoding the Fundamentals of Cancer Biology	Z002104 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Sustainable Food Production in the Era of Climate Change and the Role of Interdisciplinary Research	Z002061 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to cross-cultural communication	
		Z002076 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Quadrotor Unmanned Flight Control: Principles and Applications	Z002048 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Engineering in Biology and Medicine	Z002041 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Encounters with modern arithmetic	
			Z002010 ILAS Seminar-E2 :A Beginners' guide to Carrying out Field Surveys and Qualitative Research		
			Z002056 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Regional Disaster Prevention		
			Z002008 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Frontiers in Theoretical Physics I		

Intensive Lectures

ILAS Seminar-E2 :Experiential short training course in basic life sciences using marine organism
Z002100

ILAS Seminars / 2nd semester of the 2025 academic year

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
5	Z002036 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Bird Study - Ornithology	Z002013 ILAS Seminar-E2 :How to Study Atoms and Molecules with the Help of Light	Z002092 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Physics of Life	Z002037 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Earthquakes & Volcanoes - Prediction and Hazards	Z002038 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Biochemistry Principles
		Z002059 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Food Systems in Asia	Z002096 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Disorders of the Nervous System	Z002033 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Biochemistry Principles	Z002070 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Let's simulate human movement
		Z002074 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Radical Art and Politics in Japan 1960-70	Z002057 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Geo-Disaster Risk Reduction and Prevention	Z002072 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Qualitative research methods in health care	Z002088 ILAS Seminar-E2 :How to make scientific Breakthrough- Learning from Nobel discoveries
		Z002107 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Climate Change in the Earth System - Past, Present, Future	Z002049 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Discussions in Biomechanics and Biophysics	Z002034 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to the biology of nematodes	Z002094 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Climate change impacts on the humanosphere
			Z002016 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Frontiers in Theoretical Physics II	Z002087 ILAS Seminar-E2 :Encounters with modern arithmetic	

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Z002029	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
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Instructors

教員紹介



ANAGNOSTOU, Despoina

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Medicine

Profile: I am an associate professor at the Graduate School of Medicine. With a first degree in Nursing , I practiced clinically in various settings in Athens, Greece before moving to the UK, where I obtained an MSc form the University of Edinburgh, and a PhD from King's College London in Palliative Care. Subsequently I worked as a researcher in UK academic institutions in the field of cancer and palliative care, before moving to Japan to explore cross cultural issues in end-of-life care. My research interests include decision-making in palliative care, measuring quality of care, support systems for families and patients, and transcultural aspects of end-of-life care. My current research explores the challenges of advanced-care-planning in the intensive care units, and the effectiveness of palliative care interventions in the intensive care context.

Courses: Introduction to Health Psychology introduces concepts of integration of psychosocial and biomedical models of care and explores the impact of health psychology on the treatment of chronic illness, pain management and palliative care. Cultural Aspects of Health Care will enhance students' knowledge about the interplay between culture and health care and will examine concepts of medical authority, treatment compliance, decision-making, and communication styles in different cultural contexts. Palliative care within the European context will enable students to develop awareness of international approaches to palliative care and the European attitudes to current ethical challenges. Critical appraisal of qualitative research will provide students with critical understanding of a range of qualitative research methodologies and of their application in health care.

The courses are designed to be interactive with short lectures, class discussion, student-led sessions and a variety of material, so that students are can engage actively in the class.



ARIVAZHAGAN, Rajedran

Senior Lecturer
Institute of Advanced Energy

Profile: Arivazhagan Rajendran received his Master degree with specialization in Inorganic Chemistry from University of Madras, India. After completing his Master degree, he participated in many short-term research trainings at various institutes such as Tohoku University, Japan, Max Planck Institute for Bioinorganic Chemistry, Germany, and Central Leather Research Institute, India. He then began doctoral research in Bioanalytical Chemistry working with Prof. Norio Teramae at Tohoku University. After earning Ph.D. in 2008, he joined at Frontier Institute for Biomolecular Engineering Research, Konan University as a Postdoctoral Researcher. Then, he moved to Institute for Integrated Cell-Material Sciences, Kyoto University and worked on scaffolded DNA origami based Nano-Biotechnology. After working at Life Science Center of Tsukuba Advanced Research Alliance, University of Tsukuba as an Assistant Professor, in 2015 he joined at Institute of Advanced Energy, Kyoto University as a Junior Associate Professor.

Message to the students: The aim of the courses mentioned above is to teach the advanced energy science through fundamental physical chemistry starting from the structure and electronic properties of atoms. These basic courses will help the students to understand the chemistries involved in sustainable energy, energy production, storage, environmental issues, and so on. Besides the technical aspects, I can speak little Japanese which will greatly help me to communicate with the students.



AU, Ka Man

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Energy Science

Dr. Au received her BSc with First Class Honors (Major in Chemistry and Minor in Philosophy) and PhD from The University of Hong Kong. Her PhD work was focused on luminescent transition metal complexes for supramolecular assemblies and organic electronics. Later, she moved to The University of Tokyo under the support of the JSPS Post-doctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers, and extended her research to polymeric materials and nanomaterials. Before joining Kyoto University, Dr. Au has been an Assistant Professor at The Education University of Hong Kong, where she also served as the Programme Leader of the Master of Arts in Education for Sustainability programme from 2021 to 2023. Dr. Au's research interests include the study of functional materials for energy and environmental applications, and she is experienced in teaching courses related to chemistry, sustainability and science education.



BAARS, Roger Cloud

Senior Lecturer

Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies

I am a Senior Lecturer at the Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies, Kyoto University. Originally from Hamburg (Germany), I have received my PhD in Human Geography from The University of Auckland, New Zealand. Before coming to Kyoto, I have held academic appointments at Goethe University Frankfurt (Germany) and The University of Auckland (New Zealand).

I am interested in the relationships between theories of social change and transformative teaching and learning, particularly as they relate to social orders, values, and practices. My expertise includes research on disaster preparedness, climate change education, sustainable lifestyles, environmental ethics, and youth activism.

My courses on Human and Urban Geography are concerned with the spatial organisation and transformation of human life. We will examine how most global phenomena are intrinsically spatial and how a geographical lens allows us to understand these global processes in a more comprehensive way.



BABER, William

Professor

Graduate School of Management

I have combined education with business throughout his career, my professional experience includes economic development in the State of Maryland, language services in the Washington, DC area, supporting business starters in Japan, auditor of the Nagoya based research organization, IAFOR, and advisory board member of TRBC, a leading craft brewer in Japan. I regularly teach business students in Japan, Europe, and Canada. I am currently Professor at the Graduate School of Management at Kyoto University. The courses I teach include Business Negotiation, Cross Cultural Management, Management Communication, and Business Model Innovation. My recent publications include Practical Business Negotiation, Confirming the Impact of Training on Negotiators and Organizations, Transforming Japanese Business, and Sustainable International Business Models.



BANERJEE, Amit

Senior Lecturer

Graduate School of Engineering

Hello! I am an experimentalist who likes to understand how nature works at nano-scale. I received my PhD degree in Physics from Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India. Subsequently, I conducted postdoctoral research in City University of Hong Kong, Kyoto University, and Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology. I am currently a junior associate professor in the graduate school of engineering.

Message to students: making sense of how nature works is not only beneficial for humanity, but it's also a lot of fun! At first glance, many natural phenomenon look hopelessly complicated. It is amazing to see how starting from a simple model and gradually refining it can lead us close to a complete understanding of these phenomenon. Therefore, I believe, my goal as a teacher is to show you not only what physics can do but also how physics is done.



BARNETT, Craig Antony

Associate Professor

Graduate School of Science

I obtained my first degree in Zoology from Victoria University of Wellington and my M.Sc. degree also in Zoology from the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, which are both in New Zealand. I then completed a Ph.D. in the United Kingdom at Newcastle University. Since completing my Ph.D., I have worked as a researcher and professor in many countries including the United States, Japan, New Zealand, and China. My current research interests include the evolution of aposematism and cheating, the adaptive significance of animal personalities, animal communication, the relations between animal's behaviour and their physiology, and life history evolution.

I teach four courses for the Institute of Liberal Arts and Sciences: (1) Fundamentals of Organismal and Population Biology, (2) Introduction to Ecology and Evolution, (3) Methods in Ecology and Natural History (MENH), and (4) Introduction to Bird Study (Ornithology). I emphasise the importance of critical thinking, problem-solving, and team-work in my courses and many class exercises may incorporate these aspects. My overall aim is to design courses that are interesting and topical and also provide students with an opportunity to learn new skills.



BHATTE, Pallavi Kamlakar

Senior Lecturer
Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies

Dr. Pallavi Bhatte is a lecturer in Western and Contemporary History at the Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies of Kyoto University. She graduated from the Faculty of Commerce, University of Bombay and arrived in Japan in the year 2000. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Japanese Language at the Department of Asian Studies, Faculty of International Culture, Tenri University. Thereafter, she obtained her Master and Doctoral degrees from the Department of Cultural Coexistence, Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies, Kyoto University.

Research Interests: Contemporary History; Transnational History; South Asian History; Modern Indian History; British History; Empire; Imperialism; Colonialism; Nationalism; Nationalist Resistance Movements; Political History; Postcolonial Studies; 19th and 20th Century British Imperial and Commonwealth History; Diaspora Studies; Migration; Subaltern Studies; Colonial Discourse; South Asian Literature; World War I; Second World War; Interwar Years; Pan-Asianism; Japanese Studies

Message to Students: Learning and teaching is reciprocal. Motivation comes from willingness to do something. Learning history is not about memorizing dates. These courses are aimed at instilling the ability to think critically, develop a historical consciousness to gain a better understanding of humanity, society, and contemporary politics. Students from diverse disciplines are encouraged to join.



BRANDANI, Giovanni Bruno

Program-Specific Senior Lecturer
Graduate School of Science

After my undergraduate studies in physics in Italy, I moved to the UK for my PhD, where, working in close collaboration with experimentalists, I applied analytical and computational methods to understand how bacteria use specialized proteins to aggregate into strong communities. Here at the Department of Biophysics of Kyoto University, I use computer simulations to investigate the packing and organization of chromosomes into the Eukaryotic nucleus. I have always been fascinated by how theoretical approaches can contribute to our understanding of life on Earth, and by what can be achieved when researcher with different expertise and background join forces to tackle complex problems.

My courses also emphasize the interdisciplinary aspect of scientific discovery. "Introduction to Biology and Life Sciences" is directed to all students, even those without any background in biology but curious to learn how fascinating life can be. In "Soft Matter Physics", we look more closely at many intriguing substances that can be found in our daily experience and inside cells. In "Computer Simulations in Biology", students can learn how to code programs to observe the dynamics of living systems.



BROTHERHOOD, Thomas David

Senior Lecturer
Graduate School of Education

Higher education studies tries to understand the roles that universities play in contemporary society. Specifically, my research concerns the relationship between higher education and international migration. I am interested in internationalisation processes around the world, but I am particularly focused on the experiences of the many migrants that study and work in universities: including international students, foreign-born faculty, and their dependents. I also love teaching and I am very excited to discuss these topics and more with students from across the university. On the weekends I will usually be in the great outdoors. I can typically be found cycling and hiking in the rich nature that surrounds Kyoto.



CAMPBELL, Michael

Senior Lecturer
Graduate School of Letters

I am a moral philosopher specialising in issues at the intersection between meta-ethics and normative ethics. I received my PhD from King's College London. My research focuses in particular on the British post-war philosophers (including Philippa Foot, Bernard Williams and Peter Winch) as well as the Swansea School of Wittgensteinians (such as DZ Phillips and Rush Rhees). I am interested in understanding how conceptions of human nature inform ethics and morality, and how we can provide an account of moral evaluation which avoids crude reductionism but nevertheless pays due respect to the facts of our creaturely nature. In my most recent work I approach these issues through enquiring into what experiences of violence and trauma can teach us about the nature of the self.



CANDEIAS, Marco Marques

Senior Lecturer
Graduate School of Medicine

Marco grew up in Portugal and DR Congo and did his graduate studies in France, where he obtained his PhD from the University Paris Cité, under the supervision of Robin Fahraeus who first described the human p53 isoform p53/47 (also known as delta40p53). Marco's PhD research led to the discoveries of the Internal Ribosome Entry Site (IRES) and the RNA non-coding functions in p53 mRNA. During his postdoctoral training in collaboration between France's INSERM and Kyoto University, Marco further strengthened this new concept of mRNAs with non-coding trans-acting functions by showing that the p53 mRNA can sequestrate p53 protein's negative regulator MDM2 in the nucleolus. Marco is now a Junior Associate Professor in Kyoto University where he teaches Human Genetics and Genetic Disease, Stem and iPS Cells and Biochemistry. His most recent research achievements include the identification of the wt p53 proto-oncogene, the discovery of a new p53 isoform that affects aging and the elucidation of the mechanisms by which the most common mutations in cancer transform normal cells. For more information on Marco's research and educational activities please visit: areap53.com

Message to the students: In the Human Genetics and Genetic Disease class the students will learn about genetics from examples of human genetic diseases. In Stem and iPS Cells the students will learn the principles and functionalities of Stem and iPS Cells in physiology and disease.



CARLTON, Peter

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Biostudies

My research centers on chromosome dynamics during meiosis, the special cell division that creates haploid gametes such as sperm, eggs, and pollen from diploid precursor cells. Meiosis creates special challenges for chromosomes, since each pair of chromosomes (one inherited from the mother and one from the father) must pair with each other, recombine (trade genetic information), and finally segregate away from each other to reduce the genome size in half. In my laboratory, we study these questions using the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans*, a small worm (only about 1000 cells), using traditional cell and molecular biology techniques, as well as newly-developed computational biology methods. In my ILAS classes, I have used my laboratory experience as a basis to develop three courses: nematode biology, computational biology (introduction), and chromosome biology.

I started my laboratory in Kyoto 14 years ago; before that I received my Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley, and was a postdoctoral researcher at University of California, San Francisco.



CATT, Adam Alvah

Professor
Graduate School of Letters

I grew up in rural Arkansas in the heart of the Ozark mountains. While this was a great place to spend my childhood, it wasn't until I was a freshman in college that I came into contact with people from other cultures and linguistic backgrounds. This experience prompted me to learn more about other languages, cultures, and religions. After spending three years in a Zen temple in Kyoto, I received my MA degree at Otani University in the field of Buddhist Studies. Most of my work involved Sanskrit, an important Indo-European language of India, and I became interested in how Sanskrit fit into the larger historical context of the Indo-European language family. I later received my MA and PhD in Indo-European historical linguistics from Kyoto University. My current research focuses on the history of the Indo-European languages, in particular the old languages of India and Iran, and how an understanding of these languages can help us interpret religious texts from ancient cultures.

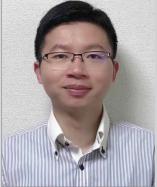
Languages are curious entities. As children, we have no choice about what language(s) we will speak, and even though we learn to speak our native tongue with fluency, we often have little or no conscious awareness of what we are doing. Linguistics seeks to shed light on this area to reveal what it is we know when we say we "know" a language. I hope that students who come to my classes leave with a greater sense of wonder and curiosity about language and an understanding of how central language is for interpreting texts from other cultures and times.



CHANG, Kai-Chun

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Engineering

Dr. Kai-Chun Chang is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering and Earth Resources Engineering at Kyoto University. His primary research interests include bridge structural health monitoring, bridge dynamics and vibrations, and data analysis techniques. He earned his Ph.D. from National Taiwan University, where he also worked as a postdoctoral researcher for 2 years. He later joined Kyoto University, serving as a postdoctoral research fellow for 4 years and as a Jr. Associate Professor for 8 years. Throughout his research career, he has focused on vehicle-bridge interaction problems, particularly their applications in extracting bridge dynamic properties and detecting bridge damage. He has developed innovative bridge structural health monitoring techniques and systems, elastic wave-based nondestructive inspection methods, and various data analysis techniques to support these tasks. His lectures aim to bridge the gap between high school and university education. They feature illustrative examples that connect high school mathematics to natural phenomena, clear explanations that avoid complex computations, logical rules to help participants read and write scientific papers, and many other features awaiting discovery.



CHU, Chenhui

Program-Specific Associate Professor
Graduate School of Informatics

Profile: Chenhui Chu received his B.S. in software engineering from Chongqing University in 2008, and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Informatics from Kyoto University in 2012 and 2015, respectively. After working as a researcher at JSPS and JST, and research assistant professor at Osaka University, he is currently a program-specific associate professor at Kyoto University. His research interests include natural language processing, particularly machine translation and multimodal machine learning.

To students: I am very happy to teach English courses in Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences because I have been studying machine translation between English and other languages for more than ten years. In my Fundamentals of AI course, you will learn machine learning and deep learning, which promotes the recent success and penetration of artificial intelligence into our daily life. In my Information Literacy for Academic Study course, you will learn how to effectively identify, search, evaluate, use, and present information for decision making and problem solving in your academic studies. In my Practice of Basic Informatics course, you will learn information communication technology skills that are indispensable for efficient academic studies. Looking forward to seeing you in my courses.



CHUNG MOYA, Emily Tin Lee

Program-Specific Senior Lecturer
Graduate School of Economics

Emily joined Kyoto University in 2024 after moving to Japan from Melbourne Australia in 2019. Prior to joining Kyoto University, Emily taught at Doshisha University, Kyoto University of Foreign Studies, and CIEE (Center for International Education and Exchange) Kyoto while running her own businesses. She worked in marketing and events management in Melbourne, Hong Kong, and Japan prior to joining academia full-time in 2007. Emily was the Program Manager for the Bachelor of Business (Marketing) program at RMIT University, where she has worked for over 11 years. She has also taught at the University of Melbourne, Monash University, and SIM University. She is a passionate educator and strives to combine theory and practice in her classes. Her current research interests include tourism (and overtourism), consumer-brand relationships, and unique consumption experiences.



COLLINS, Benoit Vincent Pierre

Professor
Graduate School of Science

Profile: I studied mathematics at ENS Paris and got my PhD degree from Université Paris 6 in France. Before arriving in Kyoto, I held postdoctoral positions and visiting positions in Japan, and permanent academic positions in France and Canada.

Message: For mathematicians, English has become the standard communication language. In my experience, many students from non-English speaking countries get their first exposure to mathematical English by the time they actually need to start research. A sudden dive into a new world of research and into a new language simultaneously is definitely double challenge. Fortunately, most students overcome it, but difficulties to communicate appropriately one's research at an international level sometimes remain.

One main purpose of my courses is to address this point by giving a chance to the students to get used to mathematics in English at an early stage, so that they can focus better on research in due time, without linguistic worries.

Excellent English skills are not a preliminary to join my class: I am not evaluating English skills, just mathematical skills — the contents and marking scheme are the same as the Japanese counterpart of my class. However, I expect that taking a mathematics class in English will be like killing two birds with one stone...



CROYDON, David Alexander

Associate Professor
Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences

Profile: I am a mathematician specialising in probability theory. Having completed my undergraduate studies at the University of Cambridge and doctorate at the University of Oxford, I spent twelve years at the University of Warwick.

During this time, I enjoyed a number of academic visits to Japan, and am happy to now find myself at Kyoto University!

Message: Uncertainty is everywhere around us. Understanding this is crucial in many areas, including the natural sciences, engineering, economics and other social sciences, and there is a growing demand in industry and academia for people that have the ability to do so. Within my courses, students will be introduced to a mathematical approach for handling randomness through the study of some key aspects of modern probability and statistics.



DANESHGAR, Majid

Associate Professor
Center for Southeast Asian Studies

I am a historian of oriental intellectual thoughts. My work connects Southeast Asian Studies to broader circulations or the Persianate and Indian Ocean worlds through studies of transregional intellectual and exegetical traditions, Shi'ism, Persian-Shi'ism, Orientalism and method and critical theory in the academic study of religion. Prior to my move to Kyoto, I was a Cambridge University Library Fellow in association with St John's College, University of Cambridge, where I worked on one of the oldest collections of oriental manuscripts in Europe.

Religions, Scriptures and their origins are always the main topics discussed in my classes through which students get familiar with reception, development and transformation of Muslim and Asian intellectual history over the course of history.



DANIELL, Thomas Charles

Professor
Graduate School of Engineering

Thomas Daniell is Professor of Architectural Theory and Criticism in the Graduate School of Engineering. He holds a B.B.Sc and a B.Arch with honors from Victoria University of Wellington, an M.Eng from Kyoto University, and a Ph.D from RMIT University. He is an external reviewer for ACSA (Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture) and SAHANZ (Society of Architectural Historians of Australia and New Zealand), an Expert of International Standing for the ARC (Australian Research Council), and a founding board member of ADAN (Architectural Design Association of Nippon). A two-time recipient of publication grants from the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts, he is author of FOBA: Buildings (Princeton Architectural Press, 2005), After the Crash: Architecture in Post-Bubble Japan (Princeton Architectural Press, 2008), Houses and Gardens of Kyoto (Tuttle, 2010, second edition 2018), Kiyoshi Sey Takeyama + Amorphe (Equal Books, 2011), Kansai 6 (Equal Books, 2011), and An Anatomy of Influence (AA Publications, 2018).



DE ALMEIDA, Igor

Senior Lecturer
Institute for the Future of Human Society

I was born and raised in São Paulo, Brazil. I received my bachelor's degree from the University of São Paulo, my master's and doctoral degrees from Kyoto University. I am a social-cultural psychologist. My research revolves around cultures and how they influence people's psyche (emotions, cognition, behavior and so on). My courses are in the field of psychology, we will be discussing the connection between science and the real world, in other words, how we can use scientific knowledge to improve society.



DE ANTONI, Andrea

Program-Specific Associate Professor
Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies

Profile: I am an Italian socio-cultural anthropologist with a main interest in religion and spirituality. My field is contemporary Japan, but I have carried out ethnographic research also in Italy and Austria. My research has focused on experiences with spirits and social suffering, especially in relation to the perception of space and place (particularly places related to death and the afterlife), rumors and discrimination, construction of social memory and "tradition", tourism and commodification, spirit possession, exorcism and religious/spiritual healing. From a theoretical perspective, I focus on the anthropology of the body, bodily perceptions, affect and emotions, as well as construction of identity and digital anthropology. I obtained my PhD at Ca' Foscari University of Venice and worked at Kyoto University, Doshisha University, Ritsumeikan University, and the University of Vienna.

Message to Students: During my courses, you will learn how to look at the world through an anthropological lens, how this is relevant in understanding contemporary globalizing societies, and to develop an acceptance and appreciation for cultural diversity. My courses are characterized by use of multimedia resources and by a high degree of interactivity and discussion. Therefore, while watching and discussing audiovisual material about a variety of practices and societies, you will also improve your logic, critical thinking and communication skills.



DE FELICE, Antonio

Associate Professor
Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics

My profile: My name is Antonio De Felice. I am a cosmologist, who has worked in several countries: USA, UK, Belgium, Japan, Thailand, and now, once more in Japan. I have learned many things by knowing so many different cultures. By meeting so many nice people in my work and life. In my free time, I like cooking Southern Italian bread, and making cheese.

My message: Cosmology is one of the most fascinating branch of theoretical physics. It tries to give a reason for the astonishing beauty of the cosmos, that we can already see by our own naked eyes, and an explanation for the evident majestic structure the universe endows. It studies the evolution of our universe, from its origins up to our time. In this course, I will give an introduction to this fascinating topic. We will study the big-bang model, its success and the most recent controversies in today's cosmological theories. I think that any student who is interested in understanding the beauty of our universe should attend this class. I will try to make it as exciting as it deserves to be, with your appreciated help.



DECHANT, Andreas

Senior Lecturer
Graduate School of Science

I am a lecturer at the graduate school of science at Kyoto University. I grew up in Augsburg in the southern part of Germany, where I also studied physics. After my PhD at Free University of Berlin, I worked as a postdoc in Germany and Israel. I came to Japan in 2015 as JSPS postdoc at Kyoto University, before becoming an assistant professor at Tohoku University. I returned to Kyoto University in 2020, where I am currently working as a lecturer.

My research interests are centered around non-equilibrium thermodynamics, for example in biological systems such as cells and molecular motors. What fascinates me about this research is how our everyday experience relates to the fundamental laws of physics: Even though the motion of atoms and molecules is extremely complicated, just the fact that we typically observe many of them, allows us to describe our world using simple rules. On the other hand, biological cells, whose individual motion follows simple rules, can behave in a complicated and hard-to-predict way when we put many of them together.

In my course "Physics for All", I hope to convey my fascination for the connections between physics and everyday phenomena to students who have little or no prior knowledge about physics. The course "Thermodynamics" explores the fundamental laws that tell us what can and cannot happen in our macroscopic world. The seminars "Physics of Life" and "Chaos Theory" are all about how complicated behavior can result from simple laws.



D'SOUZA, Rohan Ignatious

Professor
Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies

Rohan D'Souza is Professor at the Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies (Kyoto University). His Ph.D. was awarded from the Centre for Historical Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi, India). His publications and concerns range from environmental history, history of technology, climate change and the contemporary focus on Anthropocene studies.

He is the author of Drowned and Dammed: Colonial Capitalism and Flood control in Eastern India (2006) and some of the edited volumes include: The British Empire and the Natural World: Environmental Encounters in South Asia (2011); and Commonwealth Forestry and Environmental History: Empire Forests and Colonial Environments in Africa, the Caribbean, South Asia and New Zealand (2020).

I teach four courses at the undergraduate level titled: a) Environmental History of South Asia; b) Environmental Anthropology; c) History of Modern Science and d) Philosophy of Modern Science.

These are introductory level courses that are essentially aimed at introducing undergraduate students to the debates, questions and concepts that shape our disciplinary understanding of terms and themes related to modern science, the environment and the idea of history as a field and style of thinking. The emphasis in my lectures and teaching, in a nutshell, is to unsettle and challenge the common sense view of modern science and Nature.



ENESCU, Bogdan Dumitru

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Science

Profile: My field of study is Geophysics, in particular Earthquake Science. I got my Ph.D. degree from Kyoto University in 2004 and afterwards did research in Japan, Germany, and US. I am interested to understand the physics of earthquakes and find ways to reduce the earthquake risk.

Message to students: During classes and seminars we will explore together how the Earth works. You are going to learn about scientific topics that are both fascinating and have an important social impact: the climate change and global warming, the formation of the Solar System and the Earth, the birth and evolution of Life. You will find out about frontier research topics in Earthquake & Volcano Science, as well as Disaster Prevention and Management. I welcome anyone interested to attend.

Teaching style: English is nowadays the main language used to communicate Science. Nevertheless, it can be challenging at times to learn and communicate in a non-native language. I will therefore adjust lectures to address the learning needs of all students and use graphic-rich teaching materials during classes. Keywords will be provided in both English and Japanese.



EPRON, Daniel

Professor
Graduate School of Agriculture

Daniel Epron is plant ecophysicist. He has developed research projects related to the adaptation of trees to environmental changes, and to the carbon budget of forests and tree plantations, both in temperate and tropical areas, with a special attention to environmental controls and to carbon partitioning among ecosystem compartments. He has a long experience of teaching plant physiology and ecology to undergraduate and graduate students.

To the students: the courses Daniel Epron give for the Institute of Liberal Arts and Sciences focus on plant physiology, biogeochemistry, global environmental issues and programming for statistical analyses using R, with a special attention to questions related to environment, agriculture and forestry. He is convinced that sound scientific knowledges, logical reasoning and rigorous analyses are required to propose appropriate policies and sustainable management options to address the major environmental issues facing our planet and jeopardizing our future.



FEUER, Hart Nadav

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Agriculture

When I grew up in Portland, Oregon (USA), I met many immigrant families that encouraged me to learn languages, travel, and be a thoughtful person. This led me to study and live in many places, but especially in East Asia. Now as a specialist of Southeast Asian agriculture and food, I hope I can share with you how beautiful, healthy, and tasty the cuisines of this region are, and how important it is to understand and support the farmers who have made it possible.

The lessons I teach, 'Agri-Food Systems in Asia' and 'Food and Globalization', explore history, economics, nature, and culture and will help students learn the skills to understand their own country's and others' food and farm systems. My teaching draws on my background as a student and researcher in Lafayette College (Pennsylvania, USA), Oxford University (England), University of Bonn (Germany), Tel Aviv University (Israel), the Center for Khmer Studies (Cambodia) and here in Kyoto. I hope this worldwide view brings students a unique and fun learning experience, and will also make you a bit hungry!



FORTE, Erika Angela

Professor
Institute for Research in Humanities

I earned my specialization in East Asian studies and archaeology from the University of Rome "La Sapienza" in Italy and Northwest University in Xi'an, China. My research focuses on cultural flows and visual communication across Asia in the 1st millennium CE, integrating archaeological evidence with Chinese textual sources.

Throughout my career, I actively participated in international archaeological projects in Nepal and China, exploring diverse regions like Northwest China and Xinjiang along the Silk Road. My extensive travels allowed me to study ancient Buddhist remains, contributing to a deeper understanding of their historical and cultural significance.

I conducted research at academic institutions in Italy, Japan, China, Germany, and Austria. Additionally, I've lectured on various topics, including Chinese history of art, Buddhist art and architecture, and Silk Road archaeology. Since October 2020, I've served as a Professor at the Institute for Research in Humanities at Kyoto University.

In my teaching, I emphasize sharing experiences gained throughout my career, encouraging students to develop an independent and critical approach to scientific problems through active thinking. I provide a balanced mix of theory and practice, exposing students to a varied set of useful methodologies and approaches in



GAO, Si

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Engineering

I am an associate professor in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at the graduate school of engineering. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Materials Physics from Lanzhou University, China, in 2009, followed by a Master's and PhD in Materials Science and Engineering from Kyoto University in 2013 and 2016, respectively. Since completing my doctoral studies, I have been engaged as a postdoctoral researcher within the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at Kyoto University from 2016 to 2019. My research is dedicated to exploring the intricate relationship between the microstructures and mechanical properties of structural metallic materials, including steels and aluminum alloys. The goal of my work is to contribute to the development of more resilient and robust metallic materials, which play a crucial role in the fabric of our social infrastructure.



GUY, Adam Tsuda

Associate professor
Graduate School of Biostudies

I am originally from the United Kingdom. After completing my undergraduate degree at London University's School of Pharmacy, I obtained my PhD at University College London, studying developmental neurobiology using fate-mapping, live-imaging and transgenic zebrafish. Before coming to Kyoto University, I was a researcher at the Institute of Physical and Chemical Research (RIKEN) Center for Brain Science, where I conducted research into the role of radial glia in axon guidance during nervous system development.

I teach introductory courses and seminars in basic biology, genetics and scientific literacy. These are suitable for students who may not have a strong background in science but are interested in gaining fundamental knowledge in biology, genetics and related topics, or as a foundation for more advanced studies in science subjects in the future.



HADFI, Rafik

Program-Specific Associate Professor
Graduate School of Informatics

I obtained my Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering from the Nagoya Institute of Technology in 2015. I then held postdoctoral positions in Japan and Australia before joining the Graduate School of Informatics at Kyoto University in December 2020. My research focuses on understanding the agency mechanisms that govern economic, social, and biological systems and on developing intelligent agents that could be used, for example, in automated decision-making or social simulations.

The courses I will take charge of cover topics ranging from the basics and practices of informatics to the relationships between information and society. In my approach to teaching, I value curiosity as an essential component of effective learning. Therefore, I encourage students to ask questions, share their perspectives, and explore new ideas on engaging topics. My ultimate goal is to equip my students with the conceptual and technical skills to succeed in their future ventures.



HEIM, Stephane

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Letters

I received my PhD degree in Sociology at Strasbourg University (France) in 2011, and I am currently Associate Professor at the Faculty of Letters, Department of Sociology (since March 2015). Previously, I was Research Engineer at GERPISA (<http://gerpisa.org/en>), the international network of social scientists on the automotive industry hosted by Paris-Saclay University, ENS Cachan, France. I am, among others, member of the GERPISA's international steering committee, of the International Journal of Automotive Technology and Management's Editorial Board (<http://www.underscience.com/jhome.php?jcode=ijatm>), and my current main research interests cover the development of Asian automotive industries, the Japanese higher education system, and the Japanese welfare regime.

In the lecture Sociology I, we will explore the social construction of reality and society. In the lecture Introduction to Globalization Studies, we will focus on the economic, social and political dimensions of globalization. In the lecture Introduction to Social Research, students will learn the basic knowledge to become social scientists. In the lecture Sociology of Work and Organizations, we will put the emphasis on work as a central institution of our contemporary societies. In my courses, I aim at providing students with basic knowledge on each field, while enabling them to express themselves freely in English on each topic. I am looking forward to teaching these topics and learning from students in Japan.

Link towards my homepage: <https://kyouindb.iimc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/e/dA1IS>



HIJINO, Ken

Professor
Graduate School of Law

Lecturer profile: I am a political scientist with an MPhil and PhD in Japanese Studies from Cambridge University (UK) and a BA in East Asian history from Wesleyan University (USA) with a short career as Tokyo correspondent for the Financial Times of London. My current research interests include local election campaigning and discourse, local and central government conflict, urban-rural cleavages, market pressures and local politics, and “repopulation” policies by local government in depopulating rural areas.

“Japan’s Political Economy”. This class presents an overview of Japan’s post-war modern history and investigates select issues in its political economy. The class is organized into two parts: 1) an analysis of the politics, economics, and society in Japan’s post-war history (1945-2020) and 2) an exploration of Japan’s industrial relations, gender equality, demographic changes and inter-generational conflicts, centre-local relations, environmental issues et al. as analyzed through the interactions of political forces/institutions and market forces/economic institutions.

“Japanese Politics in Comparative Perspective”. This is an introductory course on Japanese politics which considers the nature of Japan’s political institutions from a comparative perspective. The

course will analyze how variation in key political institutions (such as the electoral system) affects political outcomes in Japan and other democracies. The course is organized into three parts: 1) a brief survey of Japanese political history from the Meiji era to the present 2) a description and comparison of Japan’s key political institutions 3) investigation into a number of political themes in post-war Japan.

“Democracy in Crisis: Government of, by, and for whom?” I teach how to read critically and think about democracy by weekly readings of quality articles/book reviews/journalism (Foreign Affairs, Economist, London Review of Books, New York Review of Books, etc.) We consider the following questions about democracy What is democracy? How is it under threat? How does free-market capitalism/ globalization/ class, race, and territorial divisions affect the health and viability of democratic processes? Is there an alternative to democracy? How might democracy end? Can it stop/survive climate change and other planetary catastrophes?



JANSSON, Jesper

Program-Specific Associate Professor
Graduate School of Informatics

Message to students: Every field of science tries to answer some fundamental questions such as "What's the structure of the universe?", "Why do we dream?", "What surprising properties do the prime numbers have?", "What is life?", etc. Such questions have inspired researchers for generations and have led to a deeper understanding of the world around us. In the ILAS courses that I will be teaching at Kyoto University, the underlying fundamental questions being asked (and that we hope to at least partially answer) are "Why are some problems harder to solve than others?", "What can be computed?", and "What is information?". Please join us if you would like to think about these kinds of topics.

Profile: Dr. Jesper Jansson received the Ph.D. degree in Computer Science from Lund University, Sweden. His main research areas are graph algorithms, data structures, computational complexity, and bioinformatics, and he is especially interested in combinatorial problems from the biological sciences that can be expressed elegantly and solved efficiently using graphs and tree structures. He enjoys doing research together with his students and has co-authored many papers with undergraduate and graduate students from all over the world. Dr. Jansson is currently the Section Editor-in-Chief for the "Analysis of Algorithms and Complexity Theory" section of the MDPI open-access journal "Algorithms".



KANTOUSH, Sameh

Professor
Disaster Prevention Research Institute

I have joined Kyoto University at the capacity of an Associate Professor at Disaster Prevention Research Institute. I received my BSc degree in Civil Engineering from Alexandria University in Egypt. I pursued my MS in civil engineering and PhD in environmental engineering at Saga University in Japan and EPFL in Switzerland, respectively. Prior to joining Kyoto, I worked at The German University in Cairo in the Civil Engineering Program. My research interests span dam impacts, and water resources management.

My teaching style is centered around grooming my students with solid knowledge and broad background in multidisciplinary areas -primarily environment, human health and engineering. In the classroom, I am generally energetic and prefer interactive teaching style especially during my seminar course on Dams and Reservoirs. I am also teaching Introduction to Hydrology course, where students learn and understand how elementary concepts and interdisciplinary subjects are related to their lives. Natural Disaster Science and Conflict Management in Global Water Issues courses are designed to promote independent reading and critical analysis for case studies. This is believed to sharpen students' soft skills including presentation, writing reports, leadership, innovation and critical thinking. I encourage students to openly discuss and formulate water- and environmental-related problems either of local or global nature. In delivering such curriculum, I balance between theory and practice via interactive learning, hands-on experimentation, field trips, and project-based learning.

In conclusion, I strive to equip my students for the competitive job market through practical assignments that build on the fundamental concepts. This will require promoting their soft skills and practice leadership, and innovation. My research in the area of integrated river basin and sediment management is pivotal for maintain sustainable reservoir and river basin environment. Such challenge shall be bravely taken to endure changing water supply storage, flood control, irrigation and power generation. It is hoped that my academic expertise and potential contribution encourage the university body to engage and collaborate in areas of common interest.



KIM, Minsoo

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Medicine

Originally from Korea, I received my Ph.D. from the Tokyo University, where I start to study a small protein called "Ubiquitin". Ubiquitin is covalently attached to the substrate protein and regulates various cellular processes and contribute to disease development. I am focusing on the ubiquitin system related to cancer and infectious disease.

To the students – During my courses, I will introduce the fundamentals of microorganisms and the host defense system. I want my students to feel from my class that "Science is very close to us. It is fun, and it is not difficult". Welcome to students who would like to learn microbes in our daily life and feel science together.



KIM, Sunmin

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Engineering

I earned my doctoral degree from the Department of Urban and Environmental Engineering at Kyoto University, after completing my undergraduate and master's studies at Chungnam National University in Korea. My academic background is rooted in civil engineering and hydrology, with a focus on water resources management and flood risk management. I am passionate about solving international water-related challenges from an engineering perspective, particularly in the context of environmental and climate change.

Currently, I teach several undergraduate courses, including Physics of Wave and Oscillation, Probabilistic and Statistical Analysis with Exercises, Advanced Dynamics, and Scientific English 1B. My goal is to create an engaging and practical learning environment where students can connect theoretical concepts with real-world applications. I invite you to join my classes, where we tackle exciting challenges together and bring energy and enthusiasm to every lecture!



KIM, Young Kwan

Assistant Professor
Institute for Life and Medical Sciences

I majored in medical engineering at the School of Engineering and obtained a bachelor's degree. Then I enrolled in medical school. After graduation, I gained clinical experiences through surgery for musculoskeletal disorders and treatment of metabolic bone diseases such as osteoporosis. I received a PhD in medicine with my doctoral thesis on computational simulation of bone metabolism and treatment. Currently, as an assistant professor at the Institute for Life and medical sciences, I am conducting researches aiming at providing new insights for disease treatment, primarily through *in silico* approaches.

At ILAS, I am teaching physics and am also in charge of two ILAS seminars. The physics lectures will introduce the basic concepts of classical physics primarily on Newtonian mechanics and will help develop physical problem-solving skills in everyday life. The ILAS seminars will aim at introducing multidisciplinary approaches in scientific researches through discussions on the theme of interdisciplinary fields of biology, medicine, and engineering.



KUZMIN, Arseniy Aleksandrovich

Senior Lecturer
Graduate School of Engineering

Originally from Russia, I received my Ph.D. from Moscow Engineering and Physics University. There I studied plasma-material interactions. In Japan I worked as a researcher on two big experimental devices: spherical tokamak QUEST in Kyushu University and Large Helical Device in Gifu prefecture. These devices are devoted to the development of the electrical powerplants based on the thermonuclear fusion.

In my introductory lectures for all majors, "Quest for Mathematics" and "Introduction to Plasma Science", there will be no need for complicated computations and any students are welcome. I will explain main concepts of complex numbers and how to understand and to use them. In the "Introduction to Plasma Science" you will learn about various types of plasma and I will share some of my experiences. The lecture "Elementary Course of Physics B" is oriented for those who did not learn physics at high school. This course covers Electrostatics and Thermodynamics. The course "Introduction to Quantum Physics" covers development of quantum mechanics and will introduce essential concepts and tools, such as wave functions and Schrodinger equation.



LAHOURNAT, Florence

Senior Lecturer
Disaster Prevention Research Institute

Florence Lahournat is a junior associate professor at the Disaster Prevention Research Institute. Her research interest is in cultural anthropology and material culture studies, with a special focus on Japan. She holds a PhD from the National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations (Paris, France). As a cultural anthropologist, she is interested in the mechanisms of culture, particularly the adaptive nature of cultural practices: how human rituals – from habits to local traditional practices, adapt to changing circumstances. Part of her current research focuses on the link between local traditions and disaster-affected communities.

Message to the students: I have designed these courses as interactive spaces where students are expected to engage actively with the content and take an active part in the class experience. We will use class discussion, readings, student-led sessions and a variety of materials and activities to make the most of our time together. The objective of this interactive approach is for you to master new knowledge, as well as develop your communication skills. While no prior knowledge is required for these courses, an open-mind and the willingness to participate are expected.



LANDENBERGER, Kira Beth

Senior Lecturer
Graduate School of Engineering

Profile: Kira Landenberger is currently pursuing research as well as teaching at Kyoto University in the Graduate School of Engineering in the Department of Polymer Chemistry as a Lecturer. She was born and raised in Michigan in the United States and earned her Ph.D. in Materials Chemistry at the University of Michigan studying the cocrystallization of small molecules under Professor Matzger. After completing her doctorate, she started post-doctoral research at Osaka University under Professor Aoshima studying the precision synthesis of stimuli-responsive polymers using living cationic polymerization. Her research interests include the synthesis, self-assembly and application of stimuli-responsive, functional polymer systems.

To the students: Revisiting Basic Organic Chemistry I and II are intended to follow the courses as provided one semester earlier and to give students a chance to review the information again in English. The seminar entitled "Smart Materials: Innovations in Materials Chemistry" is intended to equip students with a basic understanding of what might be defined as a smart material and how these materials are present in current research and applications and to inspire students to pursue creativity in future research or studies.



LEE, Shiu Hang

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Science

I am an astrophysicist and a brand new staff member at the Department of Astronomy. Born in Hong Kong, I obtained my Bachelor degree from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), and my PhD in Physics from Stanford University in the sunny California. I mainly study exploded stars (supernova) and the beautiful nebulae they leave behind, among other cool things like cosmic-rays.

Message to students: my introductory lecture will bring you to the fascinating world of modern astronomy and astrophysics. We will start from our Solar neighborhood, and gradually depart into the vast interstellar space, seeing many awesome astrophysical objects en route through our Milky Way galaxy. We will then charge forward to encounter other galaxies and ultimately have an outlook over the Universe itself. Let's enjoy the cosmic journey together!



LI, Chen

Program-Specific Senior Lecturer
Graduate School of Economics

I am from China and obtained Ph.D. in Economics from Kyoto University. My research interests include microeconomic theory and decision theory, with a focus on decision making under uncertainty and its theoretical application.

Currently, I teach two undergraduate courses in game theory: Introduction to Game Theory and Applied Game Theory. These courses aim to help students understand the fundamental concepts and model construction techniques of game theory.

Additionally, I instruct undergraduate students from the Faculty of Economics in English reading courses. In these classes, we study and present classical textbooks in microeconomic theory.



LIM, Sunghoon

Senior Lecturer
Graduate School of Engineering

Sunghoon Lim has been a junior associate professor in Graduate School of Engineering, Kyoto University since June 2020. He received his Ph.D. degree from the Department of Automotive engineering at Hanyang University in Korea and worked at Kyoto University from 2017 to 2020 as a program specific researcher and specific assistant professor. His research is focused on the development of structural design method and optimization of high-efficient electromagnetic systems.

To the students: My classes are designed to help you understand basic concepts of dynamics and electromagnetism, and you will acquire the necessary mathematical background and specialized science knowledge to conduct your future research. The classes will not be difficult, but there will be a lot of participation from you. The classes will not be fast, but there will be a lot to think about. I hope to see you in class.

LINTULUOTO, Juha

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Engineering

I studied organic chemistry at The University of Helsinki in Finland to obtain M.Sc. After working for a while in petrochemical industry, in 1993 I entered Kyoto University Graduate School of Engineering and later obtained PhD in Synthetic and Biological Chemistry. I have practiced a wide variety of chemistry, and involved in teaching of subjects such as engineering project management and economics. I am also teaching presentation skills for engineering students.

The above listed courses are (or will be) taught for undergraduate students on 2017.

I also teach Engineering Economy for Engineering Undergraduate Students, and Advanced Engineering Economy and Engineering Project Management for Graduate School Students. Also, in the future I will teach Supramolecular Chemistry for Graduate School Students (the course preparation is underway).



LIU, Yikan

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Science

Profile: I am an applied mathematician mainly interested in inverse problems for partial differential equations and mathematical models. I obtained Ph.D. in 2015 at Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences, The University of Tokyo. Spending several years as postdoctoral researcher, a JSPS foreign postdoctoral fellow and a project research associate subsequently in the same university, I became an assistant professor at Research Institute for Electronic Science, Hokkaido University from 2019. Then I joined Kyoto University as an associate professor from late 2023. I not only study theoretical and numerical aspects of applied mathematics, but also carry out multidisciplinary joint researches with several industrial collaborators.

Message: There is no doubt that mathematics plays fundamental and essential roles in natural and even social science. Mathematics at undergraduate level, however, turns out to be much more difficult compared with that at high school level in the sense of its rigorosity and abstract settings. So it is important to understand the concepts clearly and get familiar with new knowledge by solving exercises and revision repeatedly. The language can also be a problem for non-English students, who are encouraged to ask questions actively. I will mainly focus on calculation and also keep an eye on proofs in the courses of calculus and linear algebra, whereas highly motivated students are also welcome to attend honors mathematics for more advanced topics.



LOPEZ, Mario Ivan

Associate Professor
Center for Southeast Asian Studies

I am a cultural anthropologist who works on transnational migration, care for ageing societies and sustainability issues in Southeast Asia and the Asian pacific region. My introduction to globalization courses offer students the chance to engage and discuss core processes that underlie present day human movement and also learn about issues that impact contemporary societies. A series of themes act as stepping-stones for students to learn and explore the different aspects of globalization that play out in Asia-pacific, Southeast Asia, and other regions in the world. Students will look at themes such as modern-day migration, prosperity and growth, ageing, global consumption and our core values as a species.

My cultural anthropology courses offer students a chance to see how anthropology can have practical relevance in understanding modern day societies and cultures. Students will be introduced to the discipline's basic core concepts and all classes engage with real life examples to place the study of cultures and societies and issues in identifiable contexts with the aim of deepening student's knowledge and interest of other societies and cultures. One course will focus specifically on the broad diversity of gender experiences available in contemporary societies. It hopes to provide students with an analytical framework to contextualize gender diversity and its continual transformation over the past couple of centuries to situate our own experiences.



LUCE, Hubert

Professor
Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere

I obtained my Ph.D. in 1996 at the University of Toulon (France) in radar measurement physics. I then held two postdoctoral positions in Japan until 2002 before obtaining a permanent teaching position at the University of Toulon until 2020. I have been a professor at the Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere (RISH) since April 2021. My research aims to better understand dynamical processes in the atmosphere and to quantify small-scale turbulence using experimental approaches based on remote sensing and in-situ measurement techniques. Better characterization of atmospheric turbulence is necessary for many aspects of the humanosphere.

The lectures and seminars focus, in part, on the problems of climate change and environmental degradation caused by human activities. They also describe the main mechanisms responsible for climate and weather, the impacts of their changes on the humanosphere and provide an overview of environmental monitoring to preserve the environment and protect life.

The proposed courses are prepared and given in the spirit of encouraging interactivity and thus developing communication skills in English. No prior knowledge other than that acquired in high school for scientific and mathematical aspects is necessary.



MACPHERSON, Tom

Senior Lecturer
Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Unlock the secrets of life itself, where microscopic cells form complex biological networks that control every aspect of our existence. My "Introduction to Biosciences -E2" course provides a broad introduction to the fundamental principles of biology, while "Basic Biology & Metabolism -E2" and "Introduction to Molecular Cell Biology E-3" delve into the cellular and molecular mechanisms that sustain life at every level. In "Theory & Practice in Scientific Writing & Discussion A-E3", students will learn to understand and effectively communicate scientific ideas. Science is fun, and my courses aim to make biology engaging and useful, while helping students to pursue their own interests and to develop a passion for scientific discovery.

I am originally from the UK, where I completed my Ph.D. in Neuroscience at the University of Sussex. In 2014 I moved to Japan for a Post-Doc at Kyoto University, and in 2017 I joined Osaka University as an Assistant Professor. In 2025 I returned to Kyoto University to join the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences as a Junior Associate Professor. My research is focused on understanding the neurobiological mechanisms that control learning and decision-making, as well as their disruption in psychiatric conditions. It's all about unlocking the mysteries of the brain!



MANALO, Emmanuel

Professor
Graduate School of Education

I am a New Zealander and a professor at the Graduate School of Education of Kyoto University. I completed a PhD in psychology at Massey University in New Zealand, and have previously held academic appointments at the University of Auckland in New Zealand and Waseda University in Tokyo. My research area is educational psychology: much of my research has focused on student use of learning strategies, like critical thinking, mnemonics, and diagrams in problem solving and communication. I have over a hundred research publications – including, recently, articles in journals like Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology; Thinking Skills and Creativity; and Mind, Brain and Education.

I have designed the courses I teach so that students will not only learn content about the education-related topics covered in those courses, but also develop their thinking and communication skills. Thus, in those courses, students do not just listen to me talking – they also have to complete various tasks, work collaboratively with other students, and report back on what they have achieved and opinions they have formed. I provide detailed information about the requirements and expectations of each course, and how exactly students will be assessed and graded.



MCNAMEE, Cathy Elizabeth

Professor
Graduate School of Engineering

Profile: Cathy McNamee received her Bachelor (honours) degree from Queensland University (Australia), and her D.Sc. from Kyoto University. She then completed post-doctoral research at Ulm University (Germany), Lund University (Sweden), Kyoto University, and the Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research (Germany). Cathy McNamee then worked at the Shinshu University, where she became a full professor in 2021. She commenced as full professor at Kyoto University in March 2024. Her recent research interest includes understanding non-equilibrium and dynamic forces in interfacial systems, and how to use these forces to control the physical properties of systems.

Message to students: My aim is to encourage students to understand concepts related to science and the society, and to learn critical thinking in order to solve new problems.



MURDEY, Richard James

Senior Lecturer
Institute for Chemical Research

I grew up in Canada and England. I speak English and Japanese. Problem solving, investigation, insight, and curiosity are important skills for scientific research. I would like to teach you those skills - and help you improve your English abilities! - while you learn about science. In my two regular courses, Introductory Analytical Chemistry and Introductory Electrochemistry, these relatively advanced subjects will be broken down into smaller, more manageable ‘bite-sized’ parts which you don’t have to be a chemistry major to understand. They will focus on modern techniques and topics. The ILAS Seminar course on Organic Electronics seminar is more about technology and applications. We will look at a topic like “Let’s make a light emitting diode from conductive plastics!” and illustrate how these electronic devices work and how they are made. Want to know how your iPhone display works? My ILAS seminar would be the place to learn that.



MURPHY, Mahon

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Law

Originally from Ireland, I completed my PhD in International History at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). I am a global historian focused on the First World War with a particular interest in international law and the changing nature of imperialism during warfare.

The first course I teach an International History of the modern world from the beginning of the twentieth century to the present focusing on the main developments that have shaped the present such as the rise and fall of Communism, decolonization in Africa, Europe’s trajectory from Fascism to integration, the current ‘war on terror’ and of course the two World Wars.

Second, I teach on the international history of East Asia from 1839-1945. This traces the global entanglements that shaped East Asian history from the first ‘Opium War’ in 1839 to Japan’s defeat in the Second World War. It will look at Empire building and the resistance to it from the perspectives of the main geographical players.

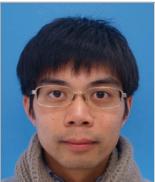
Lastly, I teach two courses on Japanese popular culture in the modern period. Both courses look at popular culture as a site for struggle over personal and collective identities, international interaction, gender values, and how Japan’s international image constantly shifted throughout the modern period. The first course focuses on popular culture from the Meiji period up to the Second World War. The second starts with the immediate post-war period up to the present day.



NAGHAVI, Alireza

Professor
Graduate School of Economics

I am a full professor of Economics at Kyoto University. I obtained my Ph.D. from University College Dublin (Ireland) and was a Professor in Italy at the University of Bologna prior to coming to Japan. I have published in international journals such as Economic Journal, the Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of International Economics, and Journal of Development Economics. I was the principal investigator of several projects during my career, such as European Commission's FP7 project INGINEUS on Global Innovation Networks and the Italian Ministry of Education PRIN project on New Protectionist Policies: Political Determinants and Economic Consequences. My research interests focus on international trade and institutions, and include topics such as intellectual property rights, global value chains, migration, innovation, and the economics of religion and culture. My main teaching activities have usually been on topics in international trade. I was also the director of the Bachelor's degree in Economics of Tourism at the University of Bologna for 4 years.



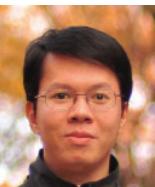
NGUYEN, Tam Willy

Senior Lecturer
Graduate School of Engineering

I am a Junior Associate Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering, Graduate School of Engineering, specializing in the control and modeling of nonlinear systems. My academic journey has been driven by a deep curiosity about aerospace engineering, control systems, and robotics. Over the years, I have published research exploring advanced control algorithms, aiming to push the boundaries of what these systems can achieve.

As an educator, I deeply value the connection between theoretical knowledge and practical application. My goal is to create an engaging learning environment, where students can connect complex mathematical concepts with real-world engineering challenges.

In this course, students will explore the fundamentals of flight control for quadrotor unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). The curriculum combines foundational concepts with hands-on opportunities to implement algorithms on real-world flight systems, allowing students to build a comprehensive understanding of UAV dynamics and control.



NGUYEN, Thanh Phuc

Senior Lecturer
Graduate School of Engineering

Profile: I was born and grew up in Hanoi, Vietnam. I came to Japan after my high school for further studies. After finishing one-year course of Japanese language at Osaka University of Foreign Studies, I entered the University of Tokyo. I received the BSc., MSc. and Ph.D. degrees in Physics from the University of Tokyo. After spending two years as a post-doctoral researcher at RIKEN and three years as an assistant professor at Institute for Molecular Science, I joined the faculty of Kyoto University in 2020. My research focuses on theoretical studies of physical and chemical properties of complex atomic and molecular systems.

To the students: Basic Physical Chemistry (Thermodynamics & Quantum Theory) are intended to introduce to students the basic knowledge of two fundamental and important subjects in the field of physical chemistry that studies the formation of molecules and substances, the nature and characteristics of chemical bonds and molecular structures, chemical equilibrium and chemical reactions. The knowledge learned from his course will be the foundation for studying all areas of chemistry as well as other related science and engineering disciplines.



PATAKY, Todd

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Medicine

Profile: I am from Toronto, Canada's largest city and only 14 hours from Japan. I studied Kinesiology (Human Movement Science) and Mathematics as an undergraduate student at the University of Western Ontario from 1995 to 1999. I obtained a Ph.D. in Kinesiology and Mechanical Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University, USA in 2004. I then held postdoctoral research positions in functional neuroimaging and biomechanical simulation in Japan and the UK. At Kyoto University I am developing techniques to simulate, quantify, and objectively analyze complex three-dimensional human joint motion.

Lecture content: My lectures will cover a variety of topics related to my research including: human functional anatomy, computer modeling, numerical simulation, applied statistics and data science. Most of the skills you will learn can be applied to other courses, and also to a variety of real-world problems.

Message to students: In my lectures I aim to create an open environment, where students interactively work to solve problems based on fundamental concepts from lectures. Let's learn together, and let's build skills together! I'll do my best to give you a challenging but also enjoyable and memorable experience. I look forward to seeing you in class!



PETERS, Robert

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Science

I am a Lecturer at the Kyoto University in the Graduate School of Science. I studied physics at the University of Göttingen, which became famous as one of the birth places of quantum mechanics 100 years ago. After my time in Göttingen, I worked in Kyoto and at RIKEN as a researcher. In my research I am interested in quantum theory, especially in quantum manybody phenomena. Bringing together many quantum particles at one place, fascinating and unimaginable things can occur. If you cool certain materials and put them above a magnet, the electrons in the material will arrange themselves, and the material begins to levitate. In other materials the electrons align when being cooled, and the material becomes a magnet. In my courses I will explain how to understand such phenomena. While in the courses of "Elementary Physics", "Analytic Dynamics", and "Introduction to statistical Physics" we will use mathematics to understand and predict the behavior of classical objects, in the seminar "The wonderful world of quantum physics" we will forget (nearly) all mathematics and learn about the fascinating phenomena possible in the quantum world.



PINCELLA, Francesca

Senior Lecturer
Institute for Chemical Research

I am from Italy and my background is in experimental physics, more specifically colloidal science and optical spectroscopy. I have received my B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Physics at the University of Parma, Italy. In 2011, I moved to NIMS in Tsukuba, where I studied metal nanoparticles for photocatalysis and optical biosensors and in 2014 I earned a PhD in Materials Science and Engineering. In 2016 I moved from NUS Singapore to Kyoto University to work on nanoparticles catalysts for the valorization of woody biomass, a material with a great potential to replace fossil fuel as a future energy source.

In my classes I want to help students enrolled in non-science major programs to appreciate the importance, pervasiveness and beauty of chemistry. In Chemistry for non-science majors I and II, we will explore how new chemical theories are formed. We will discuss how chemical concepts and laws were developed from the analysis of classical experimental results. In Chemistry on Natural and Human Environments the student will learn the basics of environmental chemistry, and the importance of our daily actions to preserve our planet. In the ILAS seminar: Chemistry in art, we will investigate the role of chemistry in the production, conservation, restoration and authentication of art pieces.



PUEBLA NUNEZ, Jorge Luis

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Engineering

Jorge Puebla grew up in Cárdenas (San Luis Potosí, Mexico) and pursued his Bachelor and Master degree at the Faculty of Sciences of the Autonomous University of San Luis Potosí (Mexico). In 2013, Jorge received his doctorate from the University of Sheffield (United Kingdom), under the supervision of Professor Alexander Tartakovskii. In his doctoral research, Jorge studied the control of individual spins in semiconductor nanostructures. Between 2013 and 2015, Jorge was awarded a "Marie-Curie Fellowship" and conducted his project at the Department of Technological Innovation at attocube systems (Munich, Germany), under the supervision of Professor Khaled Karrai. During this time, Jorge helped develop a closed-cycle cryostat for ultra-low vibration measurements, with which Skyrmions and atomic terraces were first measured in this type of equipment. From 2015 to January 2025, Jorge was a full-time Research Scientist at the Center for Emergent Matter Science, RIKEN (Wako, Japan), focusing on the experimental study of spin interactions with photons and phonons. To date, Jorge has over 30 publications in prestigious peer-reviewed journals, 4 publications on technological developments, 1 patent, and over 10 invited talks at international conferences. Jorge is appointed as an Associate Professor at Kyoto University, starting in February 2025.



QURESHI, Ali Gul

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Engineering

Profile: Dr. Qureshi has earned a doctoral degree in Engineering from Department of Urban Management, Kyoto University. He has also got a Master of Engineering degree from the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, and a Bachelor of Engineering degree from Mehran university of Engineering and Technology, Pakistan.

Message and Courses Specialization (Liberal Arts and Sciences): A sound knowledge of advanced mathematics and basic sciences such as physics, are vital to be successful in a wide range of fields of studies in science including many fields of engineering. The courses on Advanced Calculus A and Advanced Calculus B introduce many basic and advanced topics, such as vector fields, line and surface integrals, differential equations and their solutions with some applications. Fundamental physics A covers the concepts of classical physics such as laws of motion, conservation laws of energy, momentum etc. A variety of topics related to electricity and magnetism are covered in the course on Fundamental Physics B. I believe teaching is also a form of learning, therefore, lets join to learn and explore together.



RAUDZUS, Fabian

Assistant Professor
Graduate School of Medicine

Nowadays, we all have access to an abundance of information at any time and place. I believe that it is more important than ever to be able to evaluate this information and to understand overall concepts and their interconnection. Therefore, instead of overloading the lectures and seminars with details that will be forgotten soon, I want to generate a general understanding of the human body and especially the nervous system by elaborating the basic principles with the students.

In a globalized world, it is also essential to collaborate with other researchers from the same and other disciplines. To prepare the students for that, I want to create an atmosphere in my classes that encourage everybody to verbalize her/his ideas and to discuss subjects from different perspectives.

During my studies in biochemistry, I discovered my interest in signaling pathways and stem cells for neural regeneration. During my Bachelor's and Master's studies, I performed research on cell-permeable transcription factors for the direct conversion of e.g. fibroblasts to dopaminergic neurons. Subsequently, I was awarded the doctorate of natural sciences by the Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany for my research on the biofunctionalization of magnetic nanoparticles to remote-control the growth of nerve fibers. These biofunctionalized nanoparticles are aimed to be used for the non-invasive restoration of neural circuits in combination with cell replacement therapies.

After graduating, I moved to Kyoto and started as a researcher in the Center for iPS Cell Research and Application (CiRA) to continue my research on the modulation of signaling pathways for improving the survival as well as the functional integration of induced neurons upon transplantation.



ROBERT, Martin

Program-Specific Associate Professor
Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences

I joined Kyoto University and the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences in September 2020. Trained in biochemistry I obtained both my B.Sc. (1990) and PhD. (1996) degrees from McGill University in my hometown, Montreal, in Canada. I was a postdoctoral researcher in a major Japanese Pharmaceutical company for several years and returned to academia in 2003 to pursue research and education in the biological sciences at Keio University and Tohoku University. The focus of our research has been to understand bacterial metabolic function through systems biology approaches and, more recently, multicellularity and collective behavior in bacterial biofilms. Although Canada is the country I was born and brought up in, I consider the Japan's Tohoku area as my second home having spent over 17 years in that beautiful and more remote area. I now hope to make Kyoto a comfortable home with you.

The courses I'm in charge of are introductory in nature and focus on data analysis for the biological sciences. You will learn basic methods to collect, analyze, and process common data types encountered in molecular biology and biochemistry. I also teach a unique scientific seminar course in marine biology held by the sea-shore of Aomori. In all these courses, student-centered learning, both individually and in small groups is an important part of the experience. Join us, all you need to succeed is to come equipped with curiosity, the will to learn and to be prepared to interact and be active in the class. See you in the classroom!



SAHKER, Ethan Kyle

Senior Lecturer
Graduate School of Medicine

I believe learning should be fun. If we enjoy the process, it is easier to create meaning from new information. I teach new content with simple explanations and ask students to discuss how it relates to their own experiences and perspectives. My assignments incorporate traditional lectures, plus real-world examples, activities, polls, and application of information into students' existing understanding of their world. The goal is for my students to integrate information, rather than simply memorizing facts (some memorization is needed). In my logic courses I teach effective methods of constructing and assessing arguments and opinions. In my psychology courses I teach evidence-based behavioral health theory and application.

I am originally from Denver, Colorado, USA. I received my PhD in counseling psychology from the University of Iowa and completed my clinical residency at the University of California San Diego/US Department of Veterans Affairs. I came to Japan for a post-doctoral fellowship in evidence-based behavioral health at Kyoto University. Clinically, I am a generalist with a specialty in trauma-focused therapy. My research is in clinical epidemiology of mental health with an emphasis on addiction treatment. I am interested in improving addiction treatment, behavioral health intervention in primary care, and integrating technology in psychological treatments.



SAMADDAR, Subhajyoti

Associate Professor
Disaster Prevention Research Institute

I joined as an Associate Professor at Disaster Prevention Research Institute in Kyoto University. I have an interdisciplinary academic background including social anthropology, urban planning and disaster risk management. I did my PhD from Kyoto University, Japan and Master of Urban Planning from School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, India.

My academic interest encompasses at knowing why different people perceive risk differently, what are their motivations to take risk preventive actions and how these local people can be more meaningfully involved in the risk management process. I had the opportunity to conduct in-depth field surveys in in different countries such as - India, Bangladesh, and Japan and recently in Ghana (Africa) in different disaster risk contexts.

I believe the greatest source for human learning is to pursue their own individual motivations. So in my class I wish to encourage and stimulate students to pursue their own motivations, their own interests to learn the social system and explore the world around them. I wish that in my classes there will not be any hierarchy between teachers and students, but learning and teaching would be through reciprocal and interactive dialogues, exchanging ideas, learning mutually from real-life challenges and then to challenge the existing ideas and thoughts.



SCHMÖCKER, Jan-Dirk

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Engineering

My research interests are understanding people's travel behaviour and transport planning. This combines social psychology, operations research, economics as well as other disciplines. Exciting opportunities as well challenges arise in this research field nowadays through the availability of "big data" and key developments such as sharing economy, electromobility and autonomous driving.

Together with six other teachers I am teaching the "English Scientific Debate". I hope students will learn to better express and discuss the complexities of challenges engineers face nowadays. We see this as an important topic also because putting successful research into practice often requires difficult discussions with different stakeholders. We hope this class can contribute to equipping students for this.



SEO, Stela Hanbyeoel

Program-Specific Associate Professor
Graduate School of Informatics

Stela H. Seo is an assistant professor in Informatics at Kyoto University, Japan. He received his PhD in Human-Robot Interaction from the University of Manitoba in 2021 and started his career as an assistant professor at Kyoto University. His research interests lie in social teleoperation, teleoperation interface designs, multi-robot operations, social human-robot interaction, and interactive content designs. As a programmer, he likes to implement practical tools and explore new technologies. In his course, he discusses various technologies, programming practices, and other interesting topics in software engineering in addition to the regular course materials.



SERAG ALNOR, Yasir Serag Alnor Mohammed

Program-Specific Associate Professor
Graduate School of Agriculture

I was born and raised in Sudan, obtained a bachelor's degree in botany and plant biotechnology from the University of Khartoum, a Master's in plant biotechnology from the Sudan Academy of Sciences, and a PhD from Tottori University in Japan. I joined the Graduate School of Agriculture in January 2024 after ten years at the Arid Land Research Center, Tottori University. My research interest is in cereals, particularly wheat heat and drought tolerance. Using molecular biology tools, I aim to develop heat and drought-tolerant crops with enhanced end-use quality and understand how crops adapt to environmental stresses.

I am supposed to teach you about proteins, plant biotechnology and food science, but the truth is that we will learn together and dive into this beautiful science. Please let us enjoy, learn a lot and get new skills.



SHARMA, Vikas

Program-Specific Assistant Professor
Graduate School of Agriculture

Dr. Vikas Sharma is an assistant professor at the Graduate School of Agriculture. He obtained a B.Tech degree in Civil engineering at Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India. Then, he obtained a Ph.D in Agriculture Sciences from the Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University as a MEXT fellow. His research covers computational geomechanics, multiscale analysis of porous media, high-performance computing, and cold-region soil mechanics. Currently, he is working on multiscale modeling of soil erosion in earthen structures. He has received several awards, including the Best Paper from the Japanese Geotechnical Society and the Japan Society for Computation Engineering and Science. He is also a founder of EASIFEM (www.easifem.com, www.github.com/easifem), which is an open-source and free computer software for solving engineering problems.

His courses will focus on a study of the mechanics of natural processes occurring on earth, such as the movement of water and nutrients through soils, and use such concepts to understand how sustainable initiatives can be developed for forest ecosystems. Students will also learn methods to quantify different natural phenomena besides the fundamentals. Following an engineering approach in the ILAS seminars, basic mechanics will be used to explain why disasters such as landslides occur and also understand how state-of-the-art mitigation technologies work. Through these courses, the instructor hopes to provide a soft introduction to different earth processes' mechanics and help students develop English communication skills through presentations and discussions.



SINGH, Vaibhav Pal

Assistant Professor
Institute for Chemical Research

After completing my post-graduation in organic chemistry from the University of Delhi, India, I worked at a pharmaceutical company focused on developing organic molecules for therapeutic use. I was truly amazed by how these organic molecules or compounds could work like "magic" in curing diseases and improving patients' lives. This experience inspired me to embark on my journey at the interface of chemistry and biology at the Institute for Chemical Research, Kyoto University. My research focuses on solving biological challenges with innovative chemical tools.

So, dear students, I was fascinated by the world of organic molecules and want to share that fascination with you. We will be learning the fundamentals involved in the construction and synthesis of these "magic" molecules, in my organic chemistry classes during spring and fall semesters. In addition, during the fall semester we offer a course "Everyday Life Chemistry", especially designed to appreciate how chemistry, often unnoticeable to many plays a significant role in everyday life.



TAJAN, Nicolas Pierre

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies

If you want to learn how to diagnose mental disorders (e.g., autism, schizophrenia, depression, bipolar disorder, PTSD), psychopathology class is the right place for you. Psychopathology is the interdisciplinary study of mental disorders, and my ILAS seminar introduces major disciplines contributing to the field. But wait a second. Why should we always think in terms of "disorders"? Are there other ways to approach human distress? Yes, there are, and one of them has a very specific status among scientific disciplines: psychoanalysis. My classes are a very rare and unique opportunity to learn from a psychoanalyst, in the academic setting, about Freudian and Lacanian theories and clinics.

Students sharing the ideal of an Enlightenment knotting East and West and willing to bring a renewed horizon for the next generations are warmly welcome to attend these classes. For their path to success in the global economy cannot be achieved without a genuine awareness of the burden, and the challenges of mental health issues.

In France, where I grew up, I had a clinical practice as a psychologist in hospitals, welfare services, guidance center, and I was trained as a psychoanalyst (2003-2011). Then I researched at Kyoto University Institute for Research in Humanities (2011-2017), Ritsumeikan University (2018), and I am now an Associate Professor at the Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies, Kyoto University (2019-).



TAKENAKA, Mizuki

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Science

My Profile: After receiving the PhD at the Kyoto University, I worked at the Ulm University (Germany) until 2017. I am currently working at the laboratory of plant molecular genetic in the Graduate School of Science in the Kyoto University. My research interest is molecular mechanism of C to U RNA editing, which is indispensable for proper expression of gene function in plant organelles. Recent our data suggested different types of proteins form dynamic complexes to pursue the reaction. We are searching for missing components in the complexes and analyzing how the complexes assemble in plant organelles.

Message: Plant biology has been an important subject from the earliest study of life processes. Research on plant system will also tell us how to approach problems in agriculture, health, and the environment. In my lecture courses, I will teach basic of cell biology and plant biology with introduction of recent research topics. In the seminar courses, we will read recent scientific literatures especially on plant biology. You will be expected to learn basic skills for reading manuscripts, summarizing the contents, and giving presentations on them. You will be also encouraged to discuss the topics in English. However, you will not be expected to speak native-like English, therefore, don't hesitate to express yourself at the course.



TANGSEEFA, Decha

Associate Professor
Center for Southeast Asian Studies

Although trained in political science and philosophy, I have since 2000 been conceptually situating my research at the intertwining relations of four notions: violence, difference, marginality, and temporality. It is thus crucial for my research to always blur different genres of various disciplines of the human sciences: political science, philosophy, anthropology, and history. My research fields lie at the nexus between migration studies and border studies, focusing especially on the Thai-Myanmar borderlands – a border region to where most of my publications on the following issues have devoted: death & atrocity; refugee; music & youth; ethnicity; marginal migrant workers; "cultural fluency"; community engagement; malaria elimination; and special economic zone. I approach my four courses – Political Science (I & II) and Intercultural Communication (I & II) – with such orientation and invite students to explore kaleidoscopic landscapes of "the political" and "the cultural" from their loci of enunciation.



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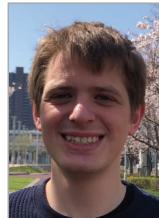
Senior lecturer
Institute of Economic Research

I am a lecturer at Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto university. My current research interests are mainly in the statistical analysis of non-stationary discrete stochastic processes.

The following is a brief overview of the courses I teach.

Lectures: (1) "Introduction to Economics" is an introductory course in economics, covering the essential economic concepts both qualitatively and quantitatively. It is designed to provide students with some ability to consider real world phenomena through economic thinking. (2) "Principles of Economics" illustrates and discusses the key principles of economics via examples and is suitable for students who enjoy mathematics and logical arguments associated with mathematics.

The seminars "Economy and Society I and II" provide student a hands-on introduction to the tools and techniques of quantitative social science using R programming. Students who are new to data analysis and statistics are also welcome.



THIES, Holger

Program-Specific Senior Lecturer
Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies

I am a Senior Lecturer at the Graduate School of Human and Environmental Science. I am originally from Germany and have received my undergraduate and Master degree in Mathematics and Computer Science from Darmstadt University of Technology. I moved to Japan in 2015 to pursue my doctoral studies at the University of Tokyo. I received my PhD from the University of Tokyo in 2018. Before coming to Kyoto, I worked for two years as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Informatics at Kyushu University in Fukuoka.

My research interests broadly lie in the intersection between Mathematics and Computer Science. In recent years I have mostly worked on the relation between the (discrete) theory of computation and continuous mathematics such as classical analysis, as well as the formalization of mathematics in proof assistants.

Knowledge about the basics of computer science are getting increasingly important in nearly all research fields and the knowledge of a modern programming language is a great skill that offers many opportunities. In my classes (e.g. Programming Practice Python), students can therefore learn skills that are definitely of great use, no matter what their major is.



THUERMER, Stephan

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Science

Before coming to Japan in 2013 my home was Berlin, Germany. I initially studied and graduated in physics, but over time my research was drifting more and more towards chemistry. In my days as graduate student I became interested in studying the phenomena underlying chemical reactions on the molecular level in liquid water and solutions. I am continuing this work here at the Department of Chemistry. I study molecular properties in liquids using spectroscopy, that is, utilizing the interaction of light with matter to learn about processes on the invisible atomic scale.

The quest in natural sciences is always to think about and find the underlying mechanisms for the observed effects or processes. I would like bring this philosophy of exploration and critical thinking to the lecture as an important skill of scientific research. In the courses we look at phenomena which are closer to our daily experiences than the dry theory and without getting lost in difficult details. We approach topics from physical chemistry by working our way down from the observation in nature or use in technology to the underlying processes and finally chemical and physical laws. I encourage everybody to come to the courses who is interested to learn about nature's sometimes surprising laws and how these effect our lives from a physical chemistry viewpoint.



TRENCHER, Gregory

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies

I obtained my Ph.D. from the University of Tokyo in the interdisciplinary field of sustainability science. After graduating, I have held appointments at Clark University in the United States and Tohoku University before coming to Kyoto University in April 2021. My research interests are mainly related to the governance of energy transitions (i.e. the process of moving to a carbon free society) and how to accelerate social and technological innovation for a sustainable society. I therefore focus on public policy, market trends and the behaviour of industry or societal actors in my research. Born in Australia, I have lived in Japan for 13 years in many wonderful locations such as Tsu, Tokyo, Sapporo, Sendai and now Kyoto. One of my hobbies is learning languages such as Japanese, Chinese and French and I study these every day.

Students taking my courses can expect to learn about fascinating and sometimes new or controversial environmental topics in an easy to understand and dynamic manner. I like to include many opportunities for interaction between myself or other students, real world case studies to illustrate difficult or theoretical aspects, and of course, as much humour as possible. Although I specialise in social science approaches in my environmental research, I like to also integrate insights from the natural sciences in my teaching. This is especially for topics such as climate change and the environmental impacts of agriculture. You can learn about these topics in classes like "Introduction to Sustainable Development E2" and "Human Environmental Interactions E2".



UEDA, Fukuhiro

Senior Lecturer
Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences

Ueda Fukuhiro is a researcher from Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences. He obtained his PhD in Mathematics from MIT, and had taught in the US for 5 years before joining in Kyoto University in 2016. He works on Arithmetic Geometry, which can be understood as the study of arithmetic problems using the tools from algebra and geometry. For teaching, he believes in continuous communication between teachers and students, and encouragement. He likes to discuss mathematics with students who enjoy mathematics, not only math majors but also students in other fields.

The materials taught in both classes are rooted in the ancient problems in number theory, which at the most basic level can be regarded as the study of the set of integers. On the other hand, the first class is with emphasis on elementary number theory, and the second class will focus on modern algebra, the foundation of algebraic number theory. He intends to make the classes accessible to most undergraduate and graduate students. In these classes, he will try to explain the basic concepts and solutions in mathematics with minimal requirements for the student's background. In the meantime, the classes will help the student improve their oral communication skill in English, via discussions and presentations.



VAN STEENPAAL, Niels

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Education

Despite widely held misconceptions, the discipline of history is not concerned with the past as such. The present is turning into the past as we speak and does not by that very fact suddenly gain in significance. What historians look for in history is not the past itself, but the changes that happened in it over time. History has no meaning other than in change. The realization that everything around us is subject to constant change is the essential precondition for historical inquiry. As such, it is the bare minimum that I hope to relay to my students my courses.

The true challenge of history, however, is trying to understand the reasons for change. After all, events unfold in complex socio-political circumstances, involving a variety of different actors each with different backgrounds, skills, and goals, thus making it extremely hard—if not impossible—to assign direct causality. The task of the historian is therefore not to decide on one single narrative of events, but to critically assess all possible narratives with an open mind. Getting the students to adopt such a historical viewpoint—both in and out of class—is the ultimate goal as a teacher of history.

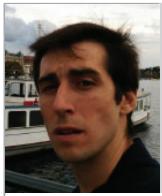


VANDENBON, Alexis

Associate professor
Institute for Life and Medical Sciences

After studying biochemistry in Belgium, I completed a PhD degree in the University of Tokyo, where I investigated the sequence and structure of regulatory DNA sequences using bioinformatics. After graduating, I conducted research in the fields of bioinformatics and immunology in Osaka University, and since 2017 in Kyoto University. My main research interest is the regulation of gene expression and analysis of spatial transcriptomics data.

We are living in the age of "big data", and research is increasingly data-driven. But data is not the same as knowledge. Our goal is to extract knowledge from data, and this process is the focus of my courses. My course on statistics introduces how to analyze and draw conclusions from observations. The course on data analysis explores machine learning techniques to find patterns in data, and in the programming course you can learn how to write scripts to easily perform data analysis. Finally, the course on bioinformatics gives a broad introduction to data-oriented research in biology, genomics and proteomics.



VEALE, Richard Edmund

Assistant Professor
Graduate School of Medicine

We are brains situated in bodies situated in physical environments. Only by understanding the dynamic interactions between the brain, body, and environment can we understand things like mind and language. In his research, Richard collects data from humans and animals, and builds robotic models of their brains and bodies to better analyse and understand our fundamental question: how can the detritus of stellar explosions know itself? He describes his research as broadly in the field of "developmental neuro-robotics".

Richard teaches introductory neuroscience and statistics courses, and aims for students to acquire basic knowledge while also gaining excitement and appreciation for the amount that we do not understand on these fundamental topics.

Richard studied Philosophy (B.A.) and Computer Science (B.S.) at Ursinus College as an undergraduate, then moved to the Cognitive Science program at Indiana University where he completed his joint Ph.D. with Computer Science in 2014. Lured by various JSPS fellowships, he spent 2 years at the National Institute for Physiological Sciences in Aichi, Japan before moving to the Graduate School of Medicine at Kyoto University, where he is a member of the Department of Neurobiology.



WALINDA, Erik

Senior Lecturer
Graduate School of Medicine

Research. After getting my degree in Biochemistry in Germany from the Free University of Berlin, I got a PhD at Kyoto University where I studied protein-protein interactions using biophysical methods such as calorimetry, fluorescence and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy. I am particularly interested in biochemical pathways where signaling is mediated by ubiquitin or related proteins. An example would be autophagy (Nobel Prize winner Osumi-sensei's field), which is the degradation system of bulk matter associated with many neurodegenerative diseases. I am also always interested in developing new biophysical tools to analyze and understand protein behavior.

Education. In all classes, students get the chance to talk and discuss in English. To join the class, you need a bit of courage, but afterwards your scientific listening and discussion skills will definitely improve. This year I will teach three ILAS courses: Presentation and Debate on Biomedical Science, Biochemistry Principles, and Introduction to Biotechnology. The presentation and debate class is an introduction on how to present your ideas to an international audience in English. We focus on simplicity and avoid unnecessary complexity. We also debate about some specific topics. The biochemistry seminar introduces the field of biochemistry (biomolecules like proteins, DNA, RNA, and the basics of metabolism). We solve biochemical problems in class to check our understanding. Introduction to Biotechnology includes areas from many fields (animal, plant, microbial, and medical biotechnology).

I hope that all students enjoy their time here at Kyoto University. Enjoy learning not for us teachers, but for your own curiosity!



WENDELL, Roger

Professor
Graduate School of Science

Physics is a powerful tool for understanding the natural world starting from sets of fundamental principles. This is true of all branches of physics, from the classical study of motion with Newtonian mechanics, to the quantum mechanical description of radioactivity and beyond.

Moreover, our modern description of nature is built upon a foundation of experimentation and observation, which can be referenced or reproduced to reaffirm and propagate our understanding to others. Lecture material will accordingly be supported by concrete example and reference to relevant experiments.

While it may seem daunting to learn physics at any level in a foreign language, English is currently the primary language used to communicate ideas in the fields of science and technology, so training oneself early will provide access to a wide and wonderful world of scientific thought and inquiry.

Most of my research is dedicated to the study of neutrino oscillations and this pursuit brought me to Japan in 2008. Primarily I work on the Super-Kamiokande experiment, which was awarded the 2015 Nobel Prize in physics, and the T2K experiment. Prior to joining the faculty of Kyoto University I was a researcher at the University of Tokyo's Institute for Cosmic Ray Research. Far prior to that I was born in and later trained in science at various institutes in the United States.



WILSON, Duncan

Senior Lecturer
Graduate School of Letters

I am a comparative psychologist in the Department of Psychology. I graduated with a PhD degree from the Primate Research Institute, Kyoto University. Prior to studying in Japan, I completed a Master's Degree in Applied Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare at the University of Edinburgh, and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at the University of Hull in the UK. My research uses a range of perceptual tasks from human psychology to understand the mechanisms underlying emotional attention in non-human primates. My recent projects have focused on face perception and facial expression in chimpanzees, capuchin monkeys and common marmosets.

In my courses you will learn about the major psychological approaches to understanding learning and behaviour in human and non-human animals. You will also acquire more specific knowledge about non-human primates, including their socio-ecological strategies, social systems and cognitive abilities. In addition, you will learn how to improve your scientific reading, writing and presenting skills in English through a variety of texts, discussions and practical exercises. Join these courses if you want to explore more about the fascinating world of animal behaviour and cognition, and become an effective science communicator.



YI, Wei

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Engineering

Wei YI was born in China and earned bachelor's degree from University of Science and Technology Beijing. He obtained Ph.D in Condensed Matter Physics from the Institute of Physics Chinese Academy of Sciences, where his researches were focused on study of superconducting materials. He came Japan in 2010 and worked for four years as a postdoctoral researcher in the National Institute for Materials Science Japan. He worked as an associate researcher, equivalent to associate professor, in the IOP-CAS. His research interests include new material research using high pressure and high temperature methods, crystalline structure analysis, and characterizations of defect, impurity and optical properties in semiconductors.

To the students: "The Outline of fundamental Chemistry II" is concerned the introduction of the basic concepts of chemistry from states and properties of matters and the changes that matter undergoes. Here you will learn various applications of materials and chemical reactions in modern world. Superconducting materials is one kind of substance without resistance. In the ILAS seminar "A Stroll Around Materials Chemistry: Superconducting Materials", you will be led into a wonderful and mysterious superconducting world. Discovery, phenomena, classification, and applications of various superconductors will be introduced.



ZHU, Fan

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Engineering

Dr. Zhu received his PhD in Civil Engineering from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. His research focuses on developing novel computational methods and tools for simulating complex behaviors of geomaterials. Dr. Zhu also has several years' multinational working experience in design and construction of urban geotechnical works and geo-environmental engineering works.

Dr. Zhu teaches several courses at ILAS. In the introductory courses of engineering geology and earth science, students will be guided to gain a fundamental understanding of our Earth - the past, present, possible future, the complex mechanisms in the Earth system, as well as their impact on our engineering practice. Students will be encouraged to think about sustainable development for our future world. The course of practice of basic informatics will help students to gain basic skills for information technology, such as using of Latex, programming, and data plotting which will be useful throughout the collage left and beyond.



ZHU, Tong

Associate Professor
Graduate School of Engineering

The relationship between an atom and a human is the same as that between a human and the stars - we stand in between these two extremes. I am a solid-state chemist and crystallographer. Before joining Kyoto University, I spent many years in China and the UK, earning my undergraduate degree in Liverpool (2016) and my doctorate in Inorganic Chemistry from the University of Oxford (2020).

My research focuses on understanding how atoms assemble into crystalline solids and how these materials can be engineered for societal benefit. One fascinating aspect of crystalline solids is their multiple "degrees of freedom", for example, how atoms arrange themselves (structural distortion) at different temperatures and how spins respond to magnetic fields. I aim to create new materials with several of these features and investigate how they interact (or "dance") to produce novel functionalities.

I will teach Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry and Fundamental Chemical Experiments. In these courses, you will learn the basics of inorganic chemistry - atomic and molecular structures, bonding, and reactions, and gain hands-on experience in synthesizing and analyzing materials. I look forward to exploring this captivating world of chemistry with you.



ZWINGMANN, Horst Friedrich August

Professor
Graduate School of Science

Geologist investigating earthquakes and timing of tectonic processes.

Horst Zwingmann joined Kyoto University in 2015 as a Professor for Geotectonics. His research involves investigation of surface tectonic processes and constraining the timing of deformation zones using isotopic dating methods.

Research introduction to students: The understanding of geological fault processes is important for numerous reasons such as regional correlation of shallow fault activity, of critical importance for the evaluation of earthquake hazards with applications for civil engineering and resources exploration (ore bodies, hydrocarbons) and in assessing suitability of waste storage sites including nuclear waste.

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