

<b>Course number</b>		U-LAS06 10017 LE42					
<b>Course title (and course title in English)</b>		Political Science I-E2 Political Science I-E2		<b>Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation</b>		Center for Southeast Asian Studies Associate Professor,TANGSEEFA , Decha	
<b>Group</b>		Humanities and Social Sciences		<b>Field(Classification)</b>		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Foundations)	
<b>Language of instruction</b>		English		<b>Old group</b>		Group A	
				<b>Number of credits</b>		2	
<b>Number of weekly time blocks</b>		1		<b>Class style</b>		Lecture (Face-to-face course)	
				<b>Year/semesters</b>		2024 • First semester	
<b>Days and periods</b>		Wed.3		<b>Target year</b>		All students	
				<b>Eligible students</b>		For all majors	
<b>[Overview and purpose of the course]</b>							
<p>Treating politics as a potentially humanizing enterprise, this course ' s foci are: a) Rules of the Game; b) Political Philosophy and Ideology; and c) Application to the Japanese Contexts. The first part will take us to an exploration of the following notions: the meaning of and the factors affecting “ politics ” ; the intertwining relations between value, choice and judgment; the basic characteristics of the discipline of political science. Second, we will discuss how the search for and the commitment upon certain notions of “ good ” political lives lead to different political ideologies. Toward the end, we will apply such explorations, conceptualizations and discussions to the Japanese context, hoping to shed some light on Japan ' s multiple phenomena related to “ the political ” .</p>							
<b>[Course objectives]</b>							
<p>This course aims to equip students with a set of abilities to: (1) conceptually think through “ the political ” in different subfields of political science; (2) apply that conceptualization to the Japanese contexts.</p>							
<b>[Course schedule and contents)]</b>							
<p>Week 1: Introduction and Course Queries  Part I: Rules of the Game  Week 2: Games Politicians Play  Week 3: Politics and Choice  Week 4: Political Science: Components, Tasks, and Controversies  Week 5: The Physical, Social, and Cultural Environment of Politics  Part II: Political Philosophy and Ideology  Week 6: The Quest for the Good Political Life  Week 7: Liberal Democracy  Week 8: Democratic Socialism and Communism: Ideologies of the Left  Week 9: Fascism  Part III: On “ Japanese Politics ” : Writing a Paper  Week 10: On “ Japanese Politics ” -- 1  Week 11: Proposal Presentation  Week 12: Writing Workshop -- 1  Week 13: Writing Workshop -- 2  - Thursday: Final Paper Due  Week 14: Course Summary  Week 15 Examination</p>							
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## Political Science I-E2(2)

Week 16: Feedback Session

### [Course requirements]

None

### [Evaluation methods and policy]

Attendance and class participation (30%), team research paper (40%), final exam (30%).

### [Textbooks]

Neal Riemer, Douglas W. Simon, Joseph Romance 『The Challenge of Politics: An Introduction to Political Science. Fifth edition』 ( CQ Press ) ISBN:978-1506323473 ( 2017 )

### [References, etc.]

#### ( References, etc. )

Bertrand Badie, Dirk Berg-Schlosser, Leonardo A. Morlino (General Editors) 『International Encyclopedia of Political Science』 ( SAGE Publications, Inc. ) ISBN:978-1412959636 ( 2011 )

George Thomas Kurian (Editor in Chief) 『The Encyclopedia of Political Science』 ( CQ Press ) ISBN:978-1933116440 ( 2011 )

#### ( Related URL )

<https://edge.sagepub.com/riemer5e>

### [Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

On the first day of class, each weekly required reading(s) will be assigned. Throughout the semester, students will come to class having read the reading(s) and ready to engage with their peers.

### [Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Consultations can be arranged as needed.