

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 Sova P.K.		
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]						
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>						
[Course objectives]						
<p>Students who successfully complete this course will reach the following attainment goals:</p> <p>1) competently discuss early approaches developed in Japan to understanding philosophy's role in the modern world;</p> <p>2) analyze and evaluate philosophical texts.</p>						
[Course schedule and contents)]						
<p>The following is the planned course schedule. Please note that this schedule may be subject to change.</p> <p>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></p>						
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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.]

(References, etc.)

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.)]