科目ナンバリング	U-LAS06 10003 LE41						
授業科目名<英訳>	Jurisprudence-E2 Jurisprudence-E2			担当者所属職名・氏名	法学研究科　准教授　Kuan-Wei Chen		
群	人文・社会科学科目群	分野(分類)	法・政治・経済(基礎)			使用言語	英語
旧群	A群	単位数	2単位	週コマ数	1コマ	授業形態	講義（対面授業科目）
開講年度・開講期	2026・前期	曜時限	火4	配当学年	1回生	対象学生	全学向

[授業の概要・目的]

This course offers a guided introduction to jurisprudence-the philosophical study of law. Designed for students without prior legal background, the course explores foundational questions such as: What is law? What makes law legitimate? How does law relate to morality, justice, power, freedom, and community? Combining classical theories with contemporary perspectives, we will examine how major legal thinkers have understood the nature of law and its role in society. The course also engages with pressing modern challenges, such as legal interpretation in complex societies, the impact of technology, and the tension between individual rights and collective values.

Students are encouraged to approach these themes not by memorising fixed answers, but by critically engaging with diverse ideas and developing their own perspectives. Through structured discussions, real-world reflections, and philosophical reasoning, the course invites students to explore how law shapes-and is shaped by-the world we live in.

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1. Understand key concepts and schools of thought in jurisprudence, including natural law, legal positivism, and critical legal theory.
2. Analyse the relationship between law and core societal values such as justice, morality, authority, and freedom.
3. Apply abstract legal theories to concrete social issues, demonstrating critical thinking and reflective judgment.
4. Develop the ability to articulate, compare, and critique different legal and philosophical viewpoints.

[授業計画と内容]

I. Foundations of Jurisprudence
What is law? Why should we care? What makes law legitimate?
1. Introduction: What Is Jurisprudence?
2. What Is Law? Classical Definitions and Key Questions
3. Natural Law Theory: Law, Morality, and Universal Principles
4. Legal Positivism: Authority, Rules, and the Separation Thesis
5. Law and Morality: Can Unjust Laws Be Valid? + Presentation Idea Clinic

II. Law in Society: Interpretation, Justice, and Power
How is law applied, reasoned, and contested in practice?
6. Legal Interpretation and the Role of Judges
7. Legal Reasoning and Justification: Deduction, Analogy, Balancing
8. Theories of Justice: Distributive, Corrective, and Procedural + Presentation Structure Clinic
9. Law and Power: Critical Legal Theory and Social Structures
10. Rights and Legal Personhood: Who Has Rights and Why?

III. Contemporary Challenges and the Future of Law

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How does law respond to change, complexity, and globalisation?
11. Liberty, Autonomy, and Legal Boundaries + Presentation
12. Law in Plural and Multicultural Societies + Presentation
13. Law Beyond Borders: Globalisation and International Norms + Presentation
14. Technology and the Law: AI, Data, and Legal Innovation + Presentation
15. Final Reflections: What Should Law Be?

The lecture content of each week will provide the foundational knowledge for the discussion in the following class. Each week, there will be a group discussion session.
From Week 11 to 14, we will have in-class final presentations before lectures and group discussions.

*To support students' learning and in consideration of the actual composition of the class, the instructor reserves the right to make minor adjustments to the weekly schedule as needed.

[履修要件]

Students are expected to have the ability to learn and participate in discussions in English. No prior legal or disciplinary knowledge is required. An open mind and a willingness to engage with diverse perspectives are essential. An interest in abstract and theoretical thinking is also important for meaningful participation in this course.

[成績評価の方法・観点]

The final grade will be based on class participation (30%) and a final presentation (70%).
Class participation will be evaluated through students’ engagement in group discussions and their contributions to in-class sharing activities.
For the final presentation, it will be personal (non-group) and guided by a supportive structure, including clinics for ideas and structure.

[教科書]

Rather than following a single textbook, this course will provide handouts and reading materials aligned with the weekly topics. These will include required readings as well as optional supplementary materials for further exploration.

[参考書等]

（参考書）
Raymond Wacks 『Understanding Jurisprudence -An Introduction to Legal Theory- Sixth Edition』（Oxford University Press）ISBN:978-01-98-86467-7
Michael Freeman 『Lloyd's Introduction to Jurisprudence - 9th edition』（Sweet & Maxwell）ISBN:978-04-14-02672-8

[授業外学修（予習・復習）等]

Students are expected to review the weekly handouts and required readings in preparation for the following week’s discussion. The reading load will be adjusted according to the composition and progress of the class. There will be no assignments or written reports required outside of class. Students are encouraged, but not required, to explore the optional supplementary materials provided.

[その他（オフィスアワー等）]

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