

Course number		G-LAS02 80004 SE48					
Course title (and course title in English)		アカデミックディスカッション I Academic Discussion I		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation		Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences Senior Lecturer, MCCARTHY, Tanya Miranda	
Group	Common Graduate Courses		Field(Classification)		Language and 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	2026 • Second semester	
Days and periods	Tue.3		Target year	Graduate students	Eligible students	For all majors	
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
The purpose of English Academic Discussion is to equip students with the communication skills necessary to actively engage within academic and professional communities, improve critical thinking and discussion skills, and expand viewpoints on a variety of topics from the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. The course will be focused mainly on group discussions. Students will be asked to watch videos and write notes for homework and actively participate in discussions. 本授業の目的は、人文科学、自然科学、社会科学の様々なトピックについて、アカデミック・コミュニティやプロフェッショナル・コミュニティに積極的に参加し、批判的思考やディスカッションのスキルを向上させ、視野を広げるために必要なコミュニケーション・スキルを身につけることである。							
[Course objectives]							
By the end of this course, students should be able to: - understand the role of discussion in academic settings - initiate and maintain a conversation - ask critical questions and respond in length - lead and manage a discussion - identify and use discourse markers - synthesize and summarize ideas from in-class discussions							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
1. Course introductions 2. Discussion skill 1 / Teacher-led discussion 1 3. Discussion skill 2 / Teacher-led discussion 2 4. Discussion skill 3 / Teacher-led discussion 3 5. Student-led discussion 6. Student-led discussion 7. Student-led discussion 8. Poster presentation workshop 9. Poster presentation 10. Student topic choice discussion 11. Student topic choice discussion 12. Student topic choice discussion							
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- 13. Discussion evaluation workshop
 - 14. Graded group discussion
 - 15. Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

- (30%) Active participation
- (20%) Discussion leadership
- (10%) Poster presentation
- (30%) Final group discussion
- (10%) Self-evaluation

[Textbooks]

Not used

Learning materials will be provided to the students by the teacher. They will be uploaded to LMS.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students must watch videos and take notes, find suitable materials and prepare responses for class discussions.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

If you have any questions, the teacher can be contacted at mccarthy.tanyamiranda.7n@kyoto-u.ac.jp

[Essential courses]