

Course number		U-LAS70 10001 SJ50				
Course title (and course title in English)	ILASセミナー：動物と私たち - 利用、福祉、倫理		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Senior Lecturer,Duncan Wilson		
	ILAS Seminar :Animals and Us - Utility, Welfare and Ethics					
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	2024・First semester		Quota (Freshman)	10 (10)
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors		Days and periods	Thu.5
Classroom	Wilson Laboratory, 3rd floor, Faculty of Letters Main Bldg. (Main Campus)				Language of instruction	English
Keyword	Animals / Humans / Society / Welfare / Ethics					
[Overview and purpose of the course]						
<p>Students will gain a critical understanding of the principles of animal welfare assessment, knowledge of scientific methods used to assess welfare, and its application to different forms of human use of animals (e.g. farm animals, laboratory animals, companion animals and zoo animals). You will obtain knowledge of welfare issues in different forms of human use of animals, and be able to have an informed discussion and make critical judgements about a range of welfare issues.</p> <p>Students will also gain a solid foundation in the relevant ethical frameworks and their application to issues of animal use in our society. You will critically discuss, evaluate and synthesise welfare and ethical issues relating to different forms of human use of animals, contrasting treatment of animals in different contexts where appropriate. You will also critically analyse ethical dilemmas, employing ethical reasoning and applying ethical principles in the context of relevant case examples.</p>						
[Course objectives]						
<p>Students will gain an evidence-based, critical and detailed understanding of the concept of animal welfare and the range of issues faced by animals in various contexts. Students will also gain an awareness of the principles of relevant animal ethics frameworks and how they may be applied to consider the moral implications of different forms of human use of animals.</p>						
[Course schedule and contents)]						
<p>In principle, the course will follow the schedule below. However, the order or number of classes for each topic may change depending on the progress of the course or the incorporation of new topics.</p> <p>1. Introduction to animal welfare 2. Introduction to animal ethics 3. Farm animal issues 4. Laboratory animal issues 5. Companion animal issues 6. Zoo animal issues 7. Wild animal issues 8. Hunting animals</p>						
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9. Euthanasia in animals
  10. Animals in entertainment
  11. Animals in social media
  12. Cultural and religious animal welfare issues
  13. Animal welfare issues in Japan
  14. Recent animal welfare developments
  - << Final examination >>
  15. Feedback

**[Course requirements]**

None

**[Evaluation methods and policy]**

Assessment will be based on attendance and participation in discussions (50%) and an end-of-semester multiple-choice exam on all of the topics covered (50%).

**[Textbooks]**

Not used

Reading materials will be distributed in advance to help students prepare. Students will also be encouraged to find additional sources to support their in-class discussions.

**[References, etc.]**

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In view of the diversity of topics to be covered, no specific reference book is recommended.

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

It is expected that students will arrive at classes adequately prepared, having read relevant background materials that will help them to participate in discussions, and understand concepts and details of the topics in question.

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

The instructor may be contacted by e-mail or in person at any time.

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Additional materials may be recommended by the instructor or proposed by students. The emphasis during the seminars will be on open exchange of information and points of view, to provide all participants with a good understanding of each topic.