

Course number	U-LAS70 10002 SE50				
Course title (and course title in English)	ILAS Seminar-E2 :Critical Thinking in Ethics (倫理学における批判的思考) ILAS Seminar-E2 :Critical Thinking in Ethics	Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Assistant Professor,Campbell, Michael		
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)	15 (15)
Target year	Mainly 1st year students	Eligible students	For all majors	Days and periods	Wed.5
Classroom	22, Yoshida-South Campus Academic Center Bldg. West Wing			Language of instruction	English
Keyword	Philosophy / Metaphysics / Personal Identity / Political Philosophy / Ethics				
[Overview and purpose of the course]					
In this seminar we will read and discussion a series of classic texts in analytic philosophy, covering a wide range of different topics. Students will be encouraged to actively participate in discussions concerning questions such as whether immortal life would be desirable, how individuals relate to their bodies, what it means to be free, the nature of regret and remorse, and what justice requires.					
[Course objectives]					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To introduce students to a range of classic texts and thinkers in philosophy. - To foster students' abilities to participate in constructive philosophical debate and to improve students' confidence in articulating their ideas. - To develop students' communication and presentation skills. - To develop students' abilities to reason critically, to interpret philosophical texts and to construct and critique arguments. 					
[Course schedule and contents]					
Week 1 Introduction Week 2 - 3 Would Immortality Be Desirable? Week 4 - 5 What Gives Life Meaning? Week 6 - 7 Am I My Body? Week 7 - 8 Can I Know Others? Week 9 - 10 What Can I Regret? Week 11 - 12 What is Freedom? Week 13 - 14 What Does Justice Require? Week 15 Feedback Class					
NB this is a representative sample of topics from previous years - the precise topics that we cover throughout the semester will depend in part on the shape that the discussion takes and what students find interesting.					
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[Course requirements]

Students will be expected to read one text in English in preparation for class each fortnight, to be provided by the instructor. Where possible Japanese translations of the texts will be provided.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students will be evaluated by a final reflective essay. Students will be given a raw score grade out of 100.

[Textbooks]

Not used

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be required to read a philosophy essay every fortnight. Therefore every week there will be an expectation to read approximately 10 pages of philosophy.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

For any inquiries, students can contact me by email, and we can arrange in-person or Zoom office hours on request.