

# Ethics

Syllabus Number

0B141

General Basic Subjects

Elective 2 credit

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## 1. Course Description

“Can I sacrifice one person to help 100 people?” “Is it true that I should not lie?” “Can I do animal experiments for medical care?” These questions are also questions that ethicists have been thinking about. In this lecture, you will learn about various themes of ethics, including the basic theories of ethics such as consequentialism, duty-based theory, and virtue ethics. You will re-examine what you have taken for granted so that you can think deeper and explore other possibilities.

This course is mainly a lecture style, but rather than one-way communication from the teachers, I will provide time for discussion and give the opportunity of presentation by applicants.

This course is designated to achieve educational goals 1, 2, and 3 of General Basic Subjects.

## 2. Course Objectives

- Students can understand the Ethicist's thought taken up in the course and explain in their own words. (Knowledge / Understanding)
- Students can think logically and critically. (Skill)
- Students can read critically. (Skill)
- Students can give presentations. (Skill)

## 3. Grading Policy

- Regular examination: 80%, active participation in this course (expressing opinions, reading texts, making presentation, summarizing): 20%
- I will provide feedback at the time of consideration in each lecture. I will also provide feedback on the presentations.

## 4. Textbook and Reference

Textbook

Lecture prints will be distributed on LMS.

Reference

柘植尚則編 『入門・倫理学の歴史——24人の思想家——』  
梓出版社、2016年

ISBN: 978-4872620382

児玉聡 『功利主義入門——はじめての倫理学』 筑摩書房、2012年

ISBN: 978-4480066718

伊勢田哲治 『動物からの倫理学入門』

名古屋大学出版会、2008年

ISBN: 978-4815805999

伊勢田哲治、神崎宣次、呉羽真編 『宇宙倫理学』

昭和堂、2018年

ISBN: 9784812217382

森村進 『幸福とは何か——思考実験で学ぶ倫理学入門』

ちくまプリマー新書、2018年

ISBN: 978-4480683298

稲原美苗・川崎唯史・中澤暉・宮原優編 『フェミニスト現象学入門——経験から「普遍」を問い直す』 ナカニシヤ出版、2020年

ISBN: 978-4779514265

## 5. Requirements(Assignments)

• The second to the 11th: The teaching materials for each lecture will be uploaded on LMS in advance. Think about the questions in the lecture at that time (e.g., is it true that I should not lie) (30 minutes), and prepare the lecture using the LMS teaching materials (30 minutes). In addition, summarize the lecture content for the exam (60 minutes).

• The 12th, 13th: If you want to make a presentation, please prepare for it (180 minutes).

• The 14th: If you are a candidate for summary, summarize the contents of the lecture you are in charge of and prepare a short discussion (180 minutes).

## 6. Note

• It is recommended to attend the course of “Philosophy” and “Engineering Ethics”, but this is not a requirement.

• In this course, we will use LMS for distributing lecture prints, taking a questionnaire etc.

## 7. Schedule

- [1] Introduction (What is ethics?)
- [2] Consequentialism (Can I sacrifice one person to help 100 people?)
- [3] Duty-based theory (Is it true that I should not lie?)
- [4] Virtue ethics (What is a virtuous person?)
- [5] Animal ethics (Can I do animal experiments for medical treatment?)
- [6] Robot Ethics (Can I leave the care to the robot?)
- [7] Space Ethics (Can I throw garbage into space?)
- [8] Happiness theory (what is happiness?)
- [9] Moral luck (Is luck related to morality?)

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| [10] | Gender theory (What separates men and women?) |
| [11] | Antinatalism (Is it better not to be born?)   |
| [12] | Presentation ①                                |
| [13] | Presentation ② and about summary              |
| [14] | Summary                                       |
| [15] | Examination and summary                       |