

1. Course Description

Questions about the world that you might have thought of, such as “Is the world finite or infinite,” “Does the world have a purpose or meaning,” “Is the human world the same as the animal world” are questions that have been considered by philosophers. In this course, you will learn how to think philosophically while touching on the history of philosophy, using the concept of the “world” and “nature” as a keyword. It has long been treated as a fundamental problem in philosophy. By thinking about the ground on which the human being rests, 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 philosopher'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

納富信留／檜垣立哉／柏端達也編 『よくわかる哲学・思想』 ミネルヴァ書房、2019年

ISBN: 978-4623084104

『哲学の歴史』全12巻+別巻 中央公論新社、2008年

ルネ・デカルト、山田弘明訳 『方法序説』 ちくま学芸文庫、2010年

ISBN: 978-4480093066

マルクス・ガブリエル、清水一浩訳 『なぜ世界は存在しないのか』 講談社、2018年

ISBN: 978-4062586702

Center for the Study of Language and Information, Stanford University The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy <https://plato.stanford.edu/>

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 the world finite or infinite) (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 “Ethics” held in the second semester, 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 philosophy?)
- [2] Descartes (Is there something sure in the world?)
- [3] Leibniz (Is another world possible?)
- [4] Berkeley (Does the thing in the world exist without being perceived?)
- [5] Kant (Is the world finite or infinite?)
- [6] Schopenhauer (Does the world have a purpose or meaning?)
- [7] Husserl (How the mind is connected to the world?)
- [8] Heidegger ① (How are humans and the world related?)
- [9] Arendt (What is needed to maintain the world?)
- [10] Heidegger ② (Is the human world the same as the animal world?)
- [11] Modern world theory (Whether the world exists or not?)
- [12] Presentation①
- [13] Presentation② and about summary
- [14] Summary

