

J301 Fall 1997

Advanced Japanese

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Office Hours: Inden: M W 3:00-4:00pm or by appointment

Classroom: M W F 102FJ

Period: F Hour: 1:50-2:50pm

Textbooks: Nagara, Osamu. Japanese for Everyone.

Required Dictionary: Kenkyusha's Furigana English-Japanese Dictionary
 Kenkyusha's New College Japanese-English
 Dictionary

Recommended: Basic Kanji Book Vol. 1 & 2

Course Description and Requirements:

Welcome to Japanese Language Class J301.

This is a third-year Japanese language course for the students who have completed J202. We use a different textbook: Japanese for Everyone. Japanese is often considered to be one of the most difficult language to acquire for western learners. True, no one can master the language in two years. Though you have covered all the basic grammar of Japanese in the past two years, you can easily lose part of or most of what you learned unless you review and use the patterns constantly. What makes the learning of Japanese difficult is the fact that you have to learn concepts of the language which are quite different from English.

In this course, you will review all the fundamental grammar and concepts of Japanese thoroughly in order to gain the deeper understanding and better control of the language. Although no language lab session is offered this year, we strongly recommend you to listen to Japanese tapes or to watch Japanese videos frequently.

Beside regular homework assignments, you will write two *sakubun* (essays) this semester. Each *sakubun* should be at least two *sakubun* papers long. The topics of *sakubun* will be given by the instructor. Please hand in each *sakubun* and all the other homework assignments on time. Early papers are always welcome, but late papers will be subject to a lower grade.

Quizzes and lesson tests are constantly given to check up your daily work. Also, two oral interviews will be given during the semester. You can visit your instructor to practice speaking during his/her office hours.

GRADING POLICY:

Grade will be given according to the following percentage:

1. Attendance & Performance*	20%
2. Homework Assignments	15%
(Each assignment will be graded.)	
3. Sakubun (=essays) (5+5)	10%
4. Quizzes (Vocabulary, Kanji)	15%
5. Lesson Tests	30%
6. Final Written Exam	5%
7. Oral Interview	5%
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The above proportion of the percentages is subject to change upon necessary.

* In-class performance will be graded daily on a 5-point scale.

5-Excellent, well-prepared active participation

4-Good, prepared active participation

3-Fair, somewhat prepared participation

2-Not satisfactory with few preparation

1-Poor performance with few or no preparation

0-Absence

** The following scale will be used to figure out your letter grade.

92% and up	A	89 -- 91.9%	A-
86 -- 88.9%	B+	82 -- 85.9%	B
79 -- 81.9%	B-	76 -- 78.9%	C+
72 -- 75.9%	C	69 -- 71.9%	C-
66 -- 68.9%	D+	62 -- 65.9%	D
59 -- 61.9%	D-	58.9 or lower	F

Come to class on time, well prepared. Otherwise, you cannot receive a satisfactory in-class performance grade. Try to attend all the classes. In case you have to miss a class for a good reason such as illness, please do not fail to contact your instructor. It is your responsibility to arrange to make up for what you missed. However, if you skip a class without a proper excuse, no make up will be given.

No language can be mastered unless you commit yourself to a hard work. Daily practice is crucial to acquire the language you are challenging. For this reason, and also in order to make your language learning more enjoyable, we will have the Japanese language table every Monday 12:00-1:00pm.

Your eager participation and constant effort will be highly considered by the instructors. That is, extra credits will be given based on your performance.

I hope you will do your best and make much progress in this semester.

ALL THE ABOVE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
UPON NECESSARY. ANY CHANGE
AND ADJUSTMENT WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN CLASS,
SO PLEASE PAY ATTENTION.