

Course Syllabus
JPN412L Second-Year Japanese II
Summer '12

Class #82510 Time: MTuWThF 10am-12:30pm Loc: RLM7.112

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Prerequisite

- You must have finished JPN412K or equivalent with a grade of at least C.
- Students who studied Japanese previously with materials/textbooks other than "*Yookoso*" or at the other institutions should consult the instructor immediately to receive further instruction.
- Those who wish to advance to the next level in the future must take this course by letter grade option (with at least a C grade). (Passing this class by CR will not allow you to take upper division classes such as JPN320K, 325K, 326 etc.)

I. Course Objectives

- To improve the following four skills in the Japanese language as well as to increase general knowledge of the Japanese people and their culture.
 - 1) Listening: the ability to understand a larger range of every day conversation.
 - 2) Speaking: the ability to handle an increasing number of everyday situations, focusing on the topics of body and health, life & career, and communication & media.
 - 3) Reading: the ability to read more complex reading materials including semi-authentic materials.
 - 4) Writing: the ability to write more complex descriptions of things pertaining to you while correctly using the Japanese writing system and Japanese word processor.

II. Course Materials

- 1) *YOOKOSO: Continuing with Contemporary Japanese*, Vol. Two By Yasuhiko Toosaku (© 2006, 3rd Edition)
- 2) Homework assignments on UT Blackboard
- 3) Audio material for both textbook & homework (workbook) (<http://laits.utexas.edu/itsaud/>)
- 4) Course handouts on UT Blackboard
- 5) You should be able to access textbook and workbook in the PCL
- 6) JOSHU <http://lanic.utexas.edu/japanese>
- 7) Visit the publisher's site http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/0072408162/student_view0/
- 8) Follow us on Japanese Program <http://www.laits.utexas.edu/japanese/> & <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Japanese-Program-UT-Austin/209417159118042>

III. Course Structure

- You are required to attend all classes.
- Be prepare for classes according to the schedule. Do not do your homework in class.
- Read your e-mails daily since important announcements will be sent.

1) Lecture class

- Come prepared. Read appropriate textbook assignments and do the grammar exercises and activities before class.
- Brief grammar explanations and grammar exercises will be given, and students will practice activities, which are related to the new grammatical structures.
- Reading and some writing practice will be given.
- Japanese culture related to the topic will be discussed.
- Administrative announcements will be given.

2) Activity class

- Come prepared. Dialogues and activities in the textbook are focused on and will be followed by communicative practice based upon/related to the dialogues.
- The sessions will be entirely in Japanese. Questions, which require explanations (in English), should be asked in lecture classes.

IV. Grading Policy

Your final course grade is determined in the following way:

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| | | A | 92+ |
| | | A- | 89~91.99 |
| 1) Attendance & Class Participation | 0% | B+ | 86~88.99 |
| 2) Homework | 14% | B | 82~85.99 |
| 3) Quizzes (28-4=24) | 16% | B- | 79~81.99 |
| 4) Written exam (3) | 42% | C+ | 76~78.99 |
| 5) Oral Performance test (2) | 28% | C- | 69~71.99 |
| | 100% | D+ | 66~68.99 |
| | | D- | 62~65.99 |
| | | D | 59~61.99 |
| | | F | 0~58.99 |

- Letter grades will be determined according to the above scale. There will be NO grading on a curve.

V. Course Requirements

1) Attendance & Participation

- You are required to attend all classes and to prepare for the class according to the schedule; however, you will not be penalized for your absences. Come to class on time, and do not disturb the class by coming late or leaving before the end of the class. Each day's class will be divided into three sessions.
- There will absolutely no make-up for missed course requirements such as quizzes, tests, etc. listed below. You are allowed to turn in an assignment earlier with a note (only in the classroom); Do not simply leave any assignment at your teacher's room or mailbox. However you are not allowed to take quizzes and tests neither earlier nor later than the scheduled time.
- Read your e-mails daily; important announcements will be sent by your instructor.

- The student must notify the instructor at least 14 days prior to the classes scheduled of dates s/he will be absent to observe a religious holy day.
- Your teacher will abide by the above-mentioned rules very strictly and reserves the right to judge whether to allow work to be made up or not in unexpected circumstances such as family emergencies.
- No food, No drink, No gum, No phone, No texting, No internet use, etc. in class. **If you carry a cellular phone etc., turn it off!**
- You are not allowed to use any recording devices (e.g. voice recorder, camera, video etc.) in class. Please leave the classroom if you have to use a gadget.
- Do not wear outfits nor carry accessories which include Japanese (& Chinese) characters when you take quizzes and tests.

2) Homework - NO late homework

- You will be given written homework assignments almost every day. Do your homework promptly and carefully. Write down all of the answers even when you are not sure of the answers--your teacher can help you with your mistakes but need to have something to correct.
- All the **hand written** (workbook/kanji) **homework** assignments are due at the beginning of the session of each day (**10:00 am**). You are encouraged to turn in homework in order to check your understanding of the material even when you are late to submit. If you need to submit an assignment earlier than the scheduled date, you must attach a written note which explains which assignment of what date you are turning in earlier.
- Joshu** online homework assignments are due at **9:30 am** of the due date. See the schedule. Submission method is described in the schedule. See the schedule.
- The homework will be graded. Late, incomplete, or sloppily done homework may be accepted but will not be counted for credit.
- Workbook page copies are on Blackboard.
- Visit your Blackboard so you can do *kanji* homework. Practice kanji words (and add hirigana) on the list using the practice sheets. Turn in both workbook pages and practice sheets.
- Write neatly. Use only pencil (and erase carefully). Write your name on each homework sheet. If there are more than 2 pages, **staple** them on the upper left corner. Your instructor is not responsible for missing pages when pages are not stapled together.

※**You must do all your homework assignments on your own.** Unauthorized collaboration on assignment and/or copying someone's assignment and turning it in as your own will be considered as cheating and will result in a severe penalty. Allowing other students to use your assignment is also considered as scholastic dishonesty.

3) Quizzes -- NO make-up / early quizzes

- There are four different types of quizzes, which are described below. See the schedule for the content of each quiz. The quizzes will be given at the beginning of class, so come to class on time.
 - The 4 lowest grades will be dropped from your total quiz grade. Use this to make up emergency absences such as family emergencies, sickness, and so on.
- (V)-Vocabulary Quizzes
- Each quiz includes 5 words. Your instructor will read each word twice. Your task is to write the word using appropriate *kana* (Do not use *kanji*.) and its English equivalent.

(G)-Grammar Quizzes

- Grammar quizzes will mainly test your understanding of the new grammatical structures.

(KR)-*Kanji* reading

- You will be asked to write *furigana* for each *kanji* compound word and match it with its English meaning. Study the *kanji* list on Blackboard.

(KW)-*Kanji* writing

- You will be asked to write *kanji* for each reading (*furigana*). Study the *kanji* list on Blackboard.

4) Written Exam -- NO make-up / early chapter tests

- You will have three written exams at the end of each chapter, 4, 5, and 6. Each exam will include everything that has been covered in that chapter. Chapter 6 exam may include some material from chapters 4 & 5 (such as *kanji*, vocab. structures etc.).
- Study "Linguistic Notes," and "Culture Notes," etc. in the textbook. (We will not cover all of them in the class; however, students are expected to read them.)
- The listening section will be conducted in the beginning of the hour, so please come to classroom on time. You will not be able to make up a missed listening section if you come late.

5) Oral Performance Test -- NO make-up / early oral performance

- At the end of chapters 4 and 5, there will be an oral performance exam (e.g. interview & role play) based upon the material that you have been practicing. Study handouts on Blackboard. They will be graded on the basis of communicative skills as well as accuracy, structure, vocabulary, pronunciation, and fluency.
- You need to sign up for oral performance tests in advance. Without signing in, you cannot take the oral tests. There will be no make up if you missed your scheduled time slot, so come on time (preferably at least 5 minutes early).

※You cannot keep any of the oral performances and written tests. Make sure to return them to your teacher by the end of the class. If they are not returned in class on the same day, you will not receive any credit for the exam. Please go to your instructor's office if you need to look at them further.

VI. Policy on Scholastic Dishonesty

- The University of Texas guidelines on scholastic dishonesty apply to all requirements in this class.

e.g. Copying the publisher's answer sheets.

Copying other students' homework/exam answers.

Showing your homework/exam answers to other students.

Working homework together.

Having someone else write a paper for you or correct your compositions.

- Visit the Student Judicial Service web site for more information.

http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/acint_student.php

- Students who violate university rules on scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failing the course and dismissal from the University. University policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced.

VII. Honor Code

- The core values of the University of Texas at Austin are learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity, and responsibility. Each member of the University is expected to uphold these values through integrity, honesty, trust, fairness, and respect toward peers and community.
- <http://www.utexas.edu/welcome/mission.html>

VIII. For Students with Disabilities

- Any student with a documented medical condition which requires academic accommodations should contact the Service for Students with Disabilities in the Office of the Dean of Students at 471-6259 or 1-866-329-3986 (video phone) as soon as possible to request an official letter outlining authorized accommodations.
- <http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/ssd/>