

## JAPAN 311: THIRD-YEAR JAPANESE (5 Credits)

### I. INSTRUCTORS

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If you have any concerns about the course, instruction, etc., please see your instructor as soon as possible. If your instructor is a teaching assistant and if you are not comfortable talking with the instructor or not satisfied with the response that you receive, you may contact Ms. Nishikawa).

If you are still not satisfied with responses from your instructor or lecturer, you may contact the department chair Michael Shapiro in Gowen 225 or at [asianll@u.washington.edu](mailto:asianll@u.washington.edu). You may also contact the Graduate School at G-1 Communications Bldg, by phone at (206) 543-5900, or by e-mail at [efeetham@u.washington.edu](mailto:efeetham@u.washington.edu).

### II. PREREQUISITE

You may enroll if you obtained a grade of 2.0 or better in Japan 213 or 234, or transferred equivalent credits from another university. (Credits from other universities must be converted to the UW grading system.) Otherwise, meet with Ms. Nishikawa to confirm appropriate placement.

### III. CLASS TIME AND LOCATIONS

Section	Day and Time	Location	Instructor
A	M-F 08:30-09:20	Thompson 134	Imai
B	M-F 09:30-10:20	Condon 223B	Ekida
C	M-F 10:30-11:20	Mary Gates 242	Nishikawa
D	M-F 08:30-09:20	Condon 128B	Nishikawa
E	M-F 11:30-12:20	Mary Gates 242	Igarashi

### IV. COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course is the first of a three-quarter sequence of Third-year Japanese. The course will cover Lessons 1, 3, 4, and 5 of *An Integrated Approach to Intermediate Japanese* (Refer to V. COURSE MATERIALS).

The course aims to develop the four communication skills (i.e., speaking, listening, reading, and writing) on the intermediate level as well as conversation strategies. By the end of this quarter, you will be able to:

- comprehend more complex reading materials, both prose and expository;
- narrate a story in writing;
- increase the number of kanji you can write (52 characters in addition to the 334 characters learned in the lower courses) and read (approximately 70 more characters);
- deepen your understanding of Japanese culture through class discussion and reading;
- select appropriate speech styles, considering formality and gender, in a variety of situations.

## V. COURSE MATERIALS

Following materials are required:

- 1) Textbooks (available at the University Book Store)

*An Integrated Approach to Intermediate Japanese.* By Miura and McGloin. Tokyo: Japan Times.  
ISBN: 4-78900741-3

- 2) Course Pack (available at the University Book Store)
- 3) Audio Tapes (available at the Language Learning Center in Denny Hall 116)

You can also listen to audio files on the Language Learning Center's webpage:

<http://depts.washington.edu/lc/olr/japanese/index.php>

To get personal copies of audio tapes, bring one blank 60-minute, normal-bias audio cassette tape to the Audio Lab. You can also buy a cassette tape for \$1. Tapes are usually duplicated and ready to be picked up by the following day. Tape duplication is free to UW students.

The following dictionaries are optional but recommended:

- 4) *A Dictionary of Basic Japanese Grammar.* By Makino and Tsutsui. Japan Times. ISBN: 4789004546
- 5) *A Dictionary of Intermediate Japanese Grammar.* By Makino and Tsutsui. Japan Times. ISBN: 4789007758
- 6) *Kanji & Kana: A handbook of the Japanese Writing System.* Tuttle Language Library. ISBN: 0804820775
- 7) *Kodansha's Essential Kanji Dictionary: A Compact Character Dictionary for Students and Professionals.* Kodansha International. ISBN: 4770028911
- 8) *Kanji in Context: Workbook Vol. 1 & 2.* Japan Times. ISBN: 4789007545 / 4789007537
- 9) Electronic Japanese dictionary: <http://www.bornplaydie.com/japan/dictionary/dictionary.htm>
- 10) Online dictionaries (From the course web page, click on 学習ページのリンク, the second line from the bottom: <http://courses.washington.edu/jpn300/studylink.php>):  
Rikai: <http://www.rikai.com/perl/Home.pl>  
Jim Breen's: <http://www.csse.monash.edu.au/~jwb/wwwjdic.html>  
Goo Dictionary: <http://dictionary.goo.ne.jp/> (Choose 「完全一致」)

## VI. GRADING

The grading scale appears at the end of the syllabus, XI. Grading Scale for the 3rd year Japanese Language Course. Note that no incomplete grade will be given except under extraordinary circumstances (e.g., hospitalization in the last week of instruction) due to the nature of language courses.

The grade allocation for this course is as follows.

Class Participation		5 %
Homework		15 %
Project	Preliminary report	(1 %)
	Outline	(1 %)
	Paper	(12 %)
Quizzes	8 Vocabulary	(8 %)
	4 Kanji	(12 %)
Written Exams	4 Chapter Tests	33 %
2 Oral Interviews		13 %

Please note that a prerequisite for all fourth-year Japanese courses is a minimum grade of 2.5 in Japan 313. For further information, please go to: [http://depts.washington.edu/asianll/lang\\_degs/prog\\_japanese\\_reqs.html](http://depts.washington.edu/asianll/lang_degs/prog_japanese_reqs.html).

### 1. Class Participation

Active class participation is mandatory. Participation counts for 2 points per class, and full points will be given only to students who participate in all class activities. Your participation points will be deducted and you will be asked to leave the classroom if you are disruptive (speaking in English, sleeping, not paying attention to the teacher, etc). Being tardy or leaving more than 10 minutes early will lower your daily participation point total by 1 point. Participating in class for less than 25 minutes will count for 0 points. Whatever the reason for your absence or tardiness, *no grading adjustment will be considered*.

### 2. Course Materials on the Web

In addition to the textbook, you are required to read the grammar notes on the course website before entering the classroom. Also, please print any additional handouts for class activities and bring them to class. Some materials are password protected. The user ID and password will be announced in class.

User ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Password: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Homework

Use kanji you have learned. Each assignment must be turned in on time to receive full credit. No incomplete or unsatisfactory homework will be accepted. With a single exception, *no late assignment will be accepted* without proof of documented emergency. If an assignment is due on the day when you know you will miss the class, hand it in ahead of time. To accommodate a non-documented emergency or illness, one and only one late homework assignment will be accepted. In general, you will be asked to submit the following types of homework per chapter:

- ぶんぽうれんしゅう 文法練習 (grammar exercises) in the textbook;
- きとれんしゅう 聞き取り練習 (listening comprehension practices) in the textbook;
- そくどく 速読 (rapid reading practices) in the textbook;
- よものないようしつもん 読み物の内容質問 (reading comprehension) in the course pack, and
- じゅくご 漢字熟語 (kanji compound words)

### 4. Project

The project consists of two parts: interviewing your (Japanese) friend and writing the report. Late assignments will have 10% deducted from the overall score if submitted on the first day after the submission deadline; 20% on the second day. Any assignments submitted beyond the two class-day grace period without documented proof will be corrected but no credit will be given. If an assignment is due on a day when you know you will miss the class, hand it in ahead of time. You are not allowed to ask someone to revise your composition. Write on your own by using kanji and expressions you have learned.

## 5. Quizzes

There will be 2 vocabulary quizzes and 1 kanji quiz per chapter and these quizzes are given at the beginning of the class. If you need to make up a quiz, talk to the instructor ahead of time if possible.

In kanji practice, refer to Kanji Sheets because handwritten and printed styles sometimes differ. Always use the handwritten style to write.

## 6. Exams (Chapter Written Tests and Oral Interviews)

There will be 4 chapter exams and 2 oral interviews during the quarter. *No make-up will be offered without proof of documented emergency* or official university business; talk to your instructor ahead of time if possible. *Make-up exams will be penalized*: your score will be deducted by 10% for each day after the scheduled exam day. You may be exempted from this penalty only with the instructor's consent.

## 7. Academic Integrity

In case of academic misconduct, such as having someone revise your writing, copying someone's homework or cheating on quizzes and exams, the offending student will be penalized in accordance with the policy of the College of Arts and Sciences (<http://depts.washington.edu/grading/issue1/honesty.htm>). Those who let someone copy their work also will be penalized.

# VII. EXPECTATIONS AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Regular attendance and participation as well as timely assignment submission are presumed and will enhance your ability to learn the new material presented in class. Please remember that it is not possible to recreate class activities by copying another student's notes, obtaining handouts, or visiting the instructor for a missed class. If you must miss class, it is your responsibility to find out what was covered in class and to come prepared for the next class.

### 1. Use of Japanese in Class

*No English* is allowed in class unless your instructor gives you special permission. Repeated use of English in class will affect your grade. If you have difficulty understanding what is explained or discussed in class, you may ask in English only after the instructor's permission is granted. If possible, ask clarifying questions in Japanese.

### 2. Preparation for Class

The schedule in X. Course Schedule and Due Dates is tentative. Only exam dates, project due dates, and presentation dates are indicated. The chapter schedule will be made available on the web, and further changes will be announced in class. In case you miss a class, ask a fellow student if there has been a change to the schedule. It is *your* responsibility to be aware of any schedule changes, to prepare properly, and to submit the correct homework assignments as they are due.

For undergraduate courses, one credit is generally defined as equivalent to an average of three hours of learning effort per week for one quarter. This is thought to be the minimum necessary for a student to achieve an average grade in the course. Therefore, a student taking this five-credit course, which meets for five hours a week, should expect to spend an additional 10 hours a week on coursework outside of the classroom.

### 3. Using Japanese on a Computer

It is required that you have access to a Japanese-capable computer. You will need one to read mail from the course listserv, to read the course website, and to do the homework. To read and write Japanese on your home computer, go to: <http://courses.washington.edu/jpn300/computer.php>

### 4. Course Email List

There will be an email list which will serve as a message board for the course. As you register for the course, you are automatically subscribed to the list, but if you wish to subscribe from a non-UW address, please go to

[http://mailman1.u.washington.edu/mailman/listinfo/japan311\[your section here\]\\_au08](http://mailman1.u.washington.edu/mailman/listinfo/japan311[your section here]_au08) and follow the instruction. Make sure you are on this list and check your email regularly.

## **VIII. DISABLED STUDENT SERVICES**

Disabled students who require accommodations must seek assistance at Disabled Student Services ([http://www.washington.edu/students/gencaat/front/Disabled\\_Student.html](http://www.washington.edu/students/gencaat/front/Disabled_Student.html)) in a timely manner; usually prior to the start of classes or as soon as a disability becomes known. For information or to request disability accommodations, contact:  
206-543-8924/V, 206-543-8925/TTY, 206-616-8379 (FAX) or [uwdss@u.washington.edu](mailto:uwdss@u.washington.edu).

Only after the necessary documents are submitted will the instructors make accommodations determined by the Disabled Student Services.

## **IX. OTHER INFORMATION FOR YOUR JAPANESE STUDIES**

### **1. Study Abroad**

Study abroad opportunities in Japan are available for students with any level of Japanese proficiency, from beginning through advanced. Information sheets are available from Abby Petty, the undergraduate advisor in the department office (Gowen 225). You can also go to the office of International Programs and Exchange Office (Schimitz 516) or visit their website at: <http://www.ipe.washington.edu/>

### **2. Japan-info email list**

The J-info list will distribute Japan-related announcements on study abroad, jobs, volunteer opportunities, and campus events. To subscribe to J-info, fill out the subscription form at the following web address:  
<http://mailman.u.washington.edu/mailman/listinfo/j-info/>

### **3. Conversation Partner**

If you would like to find a language exchange partner to practice your Japanese in exchange for teaching your native language, email [langex@u.washington.edu](mailto:langex@u.washington.edu) or go to their website:  
<http://depts.washington.edu/uwelp/langex/>

### **4. Kaiwa Table**

Japanese students and people who are interested in Japan meet once a week at the HUB.  
<http://kaiwa.noneto.com/main.html>

## X. COURSE SCHEDULE AND DUE DATES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

The detailed chapter schedule will be posted on the course website.

		試験	プロジェクト
10月	13日 (月)	第1課筆記試験 <sup>ひっき</sup>	
	14日 (火)		準備レポート <sup>じゅんび</sup>
	24日 (金)		アウトライン
	27日 (月)	第3課筆記試験 <sup>ひっき</sup>	
	28日 (火)	第1,3課口頭試験 <sup>こうとう</sup>	
	29日 (水)	第1,3課口頭試験 <sup>こうとう</sup>	
11月	7日 (金)		下書き1 (出した人だけ、先生に)
	12日 (水)	第4課筆記試験 <sup>ひっき</sup>	
	21日 (月)		下書き2 (クラスメートに)
	26日 (水)		作文
12月	4日 (木)	第4,5課口頭試験 <sup>こうとう</sup>	
	5日 (金)	第4,5課口頭試験 <sup>こうとう</sup>	
	6日 (土)	第5課筆記試験 <sup>ひっき</sup>	

**XI. GRADING SCALE FOR THE 3RD YEAR JAPANESE LANGUAGE COURSE**

Letter grade	Numerical grade	%
A	4	100
	4	99
	4	98
	4	97
	3.9	96
	3.9	95
A-	3.8	94
	3.8	93
	3.7	92
	3.6	91
	3.5	90
B+	3.4	89
	3.3	88
	3.2	87
B	3.1	86
	3	85
B-	2.9	84
	2.8	83
	2.7	82
	2.6	81
	2.5	80
C+	2.4	79
	2.3	78
	2.2	77
C	2.1	76
	2	75
	1.9	74
C-	1.8	73
	1.7	72
	1.6	71
	1.5	70
D+	1.4	69
	1.3	68
	1.2	67
D	1.1	66
	1	65
	0.9	64
D-	0.9	63
	0.8	62
	0.8	61
	0.7	60
	F	

Note: Letter grade equivalents to numerical grades are from the UW Course catalog.