Japanese 301 Course Syllabus

Spring 2015

Course Description

Japanese 301, Third-Year Japanese (4 credits) is the first half of a third-year course designed for those who have successfully completed Japanese language study up through the 200-level and are motivated to further their language skills. Active development of all four skills remains important in the course. Classes will be conducted in Japanese, except in situations where instruction in English is deemed necessary. Therefore, all students are expected to make an effort to communicate in Japanese during class. Class meets regularly four times a week (MTWF), and regular attendance and good participation and preparation for class are expected throughout the semester. In addition, all students are required to work independently outside of class with the audio and video language materials on the Tobira website <http://tobira.9640.jp/tobiralogin>.

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of Japanese 202, 205 or 217 with a “C” or better, or “CR”, or qualification by a placement test. All students with prior background taking language courses in the UH Manoa program for the first time and students returning from an exchange program in Japan, with the exceptions noted below, must take a regularly scheduled placement test. For continuing UHM students, a grade of “C” or better, or “CR” in the prerequisite course is required for continuation. To arrange for a placement test, please contact Mr. Todd Ashida, the undergraduate academic advisor in Moore Hall 378 at <tashida@hawaii.edu>.

Effective from Fall 2014: Taking the placement test is optional for students who have already earned prerequisite college credits for Japanese language at one of the UH campuses, including community colleges, or in the Konan or Obirin study abroad programs, with a grade of “C” or better, or “CR”. However, the placement test is strongly recommended if you are interested in taking advanced courses (300-400 level), if there has been a gap since your last language class, or if you would like a firmer sense of your proper placement.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, students will:

1. be able to read more extensively on topics covered in the textbook such as Japanese geography, language style differences, technology, sports, food, and other related topics. In addition to the textbook readings, students will be assigned selected supplementary readings on related topics.
2. be able to recognize about 500 commonly-occurring kanji compounds and be able to write a large number of them.
3. have the ability to recognize and comprehend complex sentences and grammatical structures that appear in written Japanese texts.
4. be able to comprehend the spoken Japanese used in class activities and discussions, as well as the main ideas expressed in video materials on related topics.
5. be able to communicate in spoken Japanese appropriately when asking for and giving cultural information, apologizing, making a request, consulting someone for suggestions or advice, and also when discussing in class the content of reading materials.
6. be able to utilize the vocabulary, idioms and other commonly-used expressions that appear in the textbook materials.
7. be able to write about their personal experiences and immediate surroundings, their study of Japanese, and their personal preferences and thoughts regarding some of the topics covered.
8. be able to efficiently prepare and do short class presentations.
9. be able to effectively use various reference sources, including dictionaries and on-line resources, to enhance reading comprehension and writing skills.
10. gain greater knowledge of Japanese culture and a deeper awareness of the role of culture and social behavior in effective communication.
Textbook and Reference Materials

Mayumi Oka, et al.  

Seiichi Makino and Michio Tsutsui.  

Japanese 301 Course Packet, containing introduction of new kanji, kanji exercises and grammar exercises (91 pp.).  [Required]  Available for purchase near the UHM campus in Moiliili at Professional Image [in University Square], 2633 S. King St.  [tel: 973-6599].

Optional Reference Materials:

Seiichi Makino and Michio Tsutsui.  

Andrew N. Nelson.  

Martin Collick and David Dutcher.  


Grading

Final course grades will be based on the results of:

- A comprehensive written final exam ................................. 20%
- Four end-of-lesson written tests ........................................ 30%
- Oral assessments (including class presentation) .................. 5%
- Final oral presentation.................................................... 10%
- Two listening comprehension tests ................................. 5%
- Other criteria (as defined by instructor) ......................... 30%
  Including writing assignments, short quizzes, homework, etc.

A course grade of “C” or better (not “C-“) is a prerequisite for taking Japanese 302. Students must achieve a **minimum overall average of 73% in order to receive a grade of “C”**. Students taking the course on the Cr/NC option will need at least a 73% (“C”) overall average to receive credit.

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**Note:** In the case of absences, as general policy, **absolutely NO make-up work will be given without a valid documented excuse**. Moreover, students with more than four unexcused absences during the semester should expect to have their course grade lowered one letter grade.
Other Information

If you have certain needs related to your full participation in class, you are warmly encouraged to contact the KOKUA Program, Student Services Center, Room 013, (V/T) 956-7511. KOKUA is our campus program offering disability access services.

Please visit the homepage of the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures at <http://www.hawaii.edu/eall> for more information on course offerings, the major and minor in Japanese, and the certificate in Japanese.

Students who may be eligible for back credits for previous Japanese language study should see the UH Manoa back credit policy at <http://www.hawaii.edu/gened/HSL/Guidelines2010.pdf>.

Students will be held to the highest standards of conduct. For details, see: <http://studentaffairs.manoa.hawaii.edu/downloads/Conduct_Code/UHM_Student_Conduct_Code.pdf>.

Tobira website: <http://tobira.9640.jp/tobiralogin>

For Youtube videos: search ‘JPN301uhm’