

JPN 332 Syllabus Spring 2015

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLOs)

Students will gain reading and writing skills in Japanese dealing with intermediate to advanced texts. By the end of this course, students will:

1. Become aware of the skills and strategies available for improving reading ability in Japanese.
2. Be able to understand main ideas and most supporting details in descriptions, factual narration, news events, or other non-technical texts.
3. Be able to navigate in Japanese on the computer and on the Internet.
4. Become acquainted with aspects of Japanese culture and social behavior that relate to the readings.
5. Develop the ability to compose grammatically appropriate and organized essays in Japanese related to the above topics.

TEXTS & MATERIALS

All required materials may be found on this JPN 332 course website. [<back to top>](#)

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **Participation and Punctuality:** Visit the course website **at least 5 times per week OR 5 hours per week**, and be prepared to read and communicate in written Japanese. Be sure to read the instructions for each unit thoroughly and be prepared to interact with classmates. The class will progress through a series of task-based activities. **Punctuality in submitting assignments is of vital importance.** It is imperative that the deadline for each task be **strictly** observed. Points will be deducted for late submission of assignments. (NO ACCEPTIONS.)
2. **Quizzes:** All quizzes are listed in the unit assignments. Quizzes cannot be made up unless arrangements are made one week BEFORE the quiz date. [<back to top>](#)

Grading:

TOTAL FOR EACH UNIT: 100.0 points (Exception: Unit 6 has 90 points – NO unit quiz)

PARTICIPATION (45.0 pts)	SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (20.0 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 posting = 5.0 points • 2 postings = 10.0 points • 3 postings = 15.0 points • 4 postings = 20.0 points • ESSAY (10.0 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 points for the first posting • 5 points for the second revised essay posting COMMENTS on ESSAY (15.0 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 posting = 3.0 points • 2 postings = 6.0 points • 3 postings = 9.0 points • 4 postings = 12.0 points • 5 (or more) postings = 15.0 points
CONTENT & QUALITY OF ESSAY (30.0 pts)	The essays will be evaluated using the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Completion (organization/discourse/cohesiveness/relevance to topic) • Vocabulary Usage • Grammatical Accuracy (syntax, structure, styles) • Orthography (<i>kanji</i> and <i>kana</i> usage) • Appropriate length (satisfies length requirement)
QUIZ (L. 2 – L.5) (10.0 pts)	If you score 85% on the quiz, you will receive 8.5 points.
TIMELINESS (10.0 pts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignments submitted on time 10.0 points

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignments late by one day 8.0 points • Assignments late by two days 6.0 points • Assignments late by three days 4.0 points • Assignments late by four days 2.0 points • Assignments late by more than 4 days 0.0 points
FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS (5.0 pts)	All or nothing. Read all instructions very carefully and follow instructions as stated.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: IF YOU ARE TAKING THE COURSE FOR A LETTER GRADE, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE AN ON-CAMPUS FINAL EXAM AT UH-MANOA. NO OTHER CAMPUS SITE WILL BE ARRANGED. PLEASE BRING YOUR STUDENT ID CARD. At the final exam, we must "authenticate you as a student", i.e., make sure that you are who you claim to be.

To obtain credit for the course, you should get at least 70 points for each lesson. The full score for Unit 6 is 90 points.

A+ = 97% - 100% (572 – 590 points)

A = 93% - 96% (548 - 571 points)

A- = 90% - 92% (531 – 547 points)

B+ = 87% - 89% (525 – 530 points)

B = 83% - 86% (507 – 524 points)

B- = 80% - 82% (472 – 506 points)

C+ = 77% - 79% (454 – 471 points)

C = 73% - 76% (430 - 453 points)

C- = 70% - 72% (413 – 429 points)

D+ = 67% - 69% (395 – 412 points)

D = 63% - 66% (371 – 394 points)

D- = 60% - 62% (354 – 370 points)

F = 59% and below (348 points & below)

413 - 590 points = Credit

412 points and below = No Credit

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Technical Requirements

Students should have basic knowledge of how to navigate the Internet, how to use a computer with Japanese language applications, and how to input Japanese text. Computers with Japanese capabilities are also available in the [College of Language, Linguistics, and Literature's Multimedia Computer Lab](#) (Moore Hall 153). [<back to top>](#)

Prerequisites

Students must have completed Japanese 301 with a grade of C or better, or have completed any course above Japanese 301, **or have the consent of the instructor.**