SYLLABUS (Fall 2014)
Japanese 471: Okinawan Language and Culture I (East Asian Languages & Literatures)

Tuesday and Thursday: 1:30-2:45 (Moore 119)
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This class introduces the basics of Okinawan language (Uchinaaguchi) and culture. The emphasis is placed on Okinawan (Uchinaaguchi) as a spoken language.

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course students should be able to use Uchinaaguchi to …
• introduce themselves
• conduct basic shopping
• interact with friends
• name culturally specific items such as food and places

Students also should be able to discuss...
• the basic phonology, morphology and grammar of Uchinaaguchi
• the difference between Uchinaaguchi and Japanese
• aspects of Okinawa/Ryukyu and Okinawan culture

Required Textbook:
Rikka, Uchinaa-nkai! (Masashi Sakihara et al.) - Laulima
Language Handbook – Laulima
Okinawan-English Wordbook (Mitsugu Sakihara, ed. by Stewart Curry)

Reference materials:
沖縄語辞典（内間直仁、野原三義）研究社
琉球語音声データベース  http://ryukyu-lang.lib.u-ryukyu.ac.jp/

Prerequisites: JPN 302 and willingness to invest your time to learn Uchinaaguchi

Grading scale

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Grading breakdown

1. Participation 10%
2. Homework 10%
3. Written test 20%
4. Oral test 30%
5. Final exam 30%
(1) Participation: Attendance is mandatory, and active participation is required. Constant tardiness will affect the participation point. Please let the instructor know if you will be late for class or need to leave class early.

(2) Homework: Submit completed work by the deadline. No late submissions are accepted.

(3) Written test: There will be 4 small written tests. No make-ups are allowed except for a medical reason accompanied by a doctor’s note. Each test counts as 5% toward the final grade.

(4) Oral test: Student are required to memorize and recite sentences from the textbook. There are 12 tests. No make-ups are allowed for any reason. Each oral test is graded on a scale of 0 (no participation) – 4 (perfect). A score of 4 means 2.5% towards the final grade.

(5) Final exam: A compilation of all the written tests in the semester with some new questions.

**Note on the use of computers in class:** You are allowed to use a laptop, iPad or other similar devices during class to take notes and use for the immediate class activities. Other uses (e.g. doing homework for this or other classes, Facebook, Twitter, checking emails) are NOT allowed.

**Note on the use of phones in class.** The use of smart phones and cellphones is NOT allowed in class. Please turn off your phone and put it in your bag during the class. If you violate this rule, you will not be allowed to use any devices in class from that point forward. If you need special permission, please discuss it with the instructor in advance.

**Note on e-mails:** Please put “JPN471” in the subject line when you send me an email concerning this course. **Put your name** for each message. I will not respond if I cannot identify you in the email.