

## 日本語 3 年 (前期) JAPANESE 3010

Time: 9:30-10:20 MTWR

Room; Main 006

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This course is designed to prepare students' linguistic and cultural competency for advanced Japanese courses. Only those who completed Japanese 1010 through 2020 or those with equivalent speaking, reading and writing proficiency are permitted to enroll this course. Students who wish to take this course must demonstrate an equivalent level of achievement. Those who did not complete JAPN 2020 at USU must take the placement test administered by the department no later than the end of the first week, **Sep. 1** in Main 204.

The course is designed to teach students communicate effectively both in spoken and written language. It will focus particularly on improvement of communication skills grounded in real life conversation and reading essays on contemporary issues. This semester will focus on the topics such as **Communication and Media** (コミュニケーションとメディア) and **Nature and Culture**(自然と文化). Class instruction will be done in Japanese language as a general rule.

### Text Book : 教科書

ようこそ: *YOOKOSO/Continuing with Contemporary Japan Third Edition (McGraw-Hill)*

ISBN-13: 978-0-07-240816-4

ISBN-10: 0-07-240816-2

Course Reader (uploaded on Canvas)

Workbook/Laboratory Manual to accompany Yookoso! Continuing with Contemporary Japanese; published by McGraw-Hill, Inc., 2006. (Third edition) -optional

### Achievement Goals:

By the end of the semester, students should be able to:

1. solidify one's linguistic knowledge (various speech styles, expressions and vocabulary) in real life context.
2. get necessary information by listening series of interviews given by native speakers.
3. feel more comfortable towards act of reading in general.
4. gain knowledge of basic *Kanji* function within Japanese language system.
5. gain ability to learn *Kanji* in more systematic and autonomous manner.
6. gain enough skills to conduct researches on various topics of Japanese culture and society.
7. gain skills to organize knowledge and present on topics relevant to contemporary Japan.

## Grading :

Grades will be determined based on:

Class Attendance and Participation	20%
Homework	15%
Writing Assignment	15%
Chapter-Tests	20%
Kanji Quiz	15%
Oral Interview	10%
Project/Presentation	5%

Total 100%

Your performance in each of the above areas will contribute to your overall grade in the course by the percentage indicated. Final grades will be based on a scale of 90- 100(A), 85-89(A-), 80-84(B+), 75-79(B), 70-74(B-), 65-69(C+), 60-64(C), etc.

## Class Rules

**Attendance policy:** It is essential that you keep up with course work on a daily basis and attend all classes. You are responsible for any announcements made or information presented in class. Absence will in no way excuse you from fulfilling the requirement. Make-up of work is allowed only in case of an excuse absence, which is defined as (1) illness or injury to the student; (2) death, injury, or serious illness of an immediate family member or the like;(3) religious reasons; (4) jury duty or government obligation; (5) university sanctioned or approved activities. In the above mentioned cases (3), (4) or (5), you need to notify your instructor **before** the beginning of class. In case of (1) or (2), you need to do so as soon as possible. **Then you will be allowed to hand in your homework for credit on the day that you return to class.** If you are late for class by more than 10 minutes, your participation score is reduced by 50 %; if you are late by more than 20 minutes, your attendance will not count. You are also responsible for keeping yourself informed in the case of absence.

**Homework policy:** All assignments are consistent to what you learn in the class on the day. It is important, therefore, **to complete all assigned homework on the day** for your progress. You are not allowed to hand in your homework late with the exception of the conditions stated above. Late homework may be checked, if the instructor has time, but absolutely NO credit will be given. When there are multiple pages of homework to submit, **staple or clip all of them together** to prevent any loss of your homework sheets. Those unstapled handouts will be returned without credits. When you have constant errors on your homework, your homework will be returned with やり直し” (redo and resubmit) with 20 % points deducted. In order to earn full point you need to redo and resubmit it **next day.**

**Homework Correction Term:** **P:** Particle error **S:** Spelling error **K:** Kanji **C:** Conjugation error  
**T:** Tense error **WC:** Word Choice

**Group-work policy:** You are encouraged to work with your classmates on assignments. However, you are not allowed to copy each other's work. If you study together on your homework and decide on the same answers, please write down on the homework sheet, "worked with so-and-so". Without this oath, the exact same homework sheets will be regarded as dishonest copying; they will not only receive no credit for the work, but also will be reported to the School as a case of Academic Misconduct.

### **Make-up policy**

#### **Quiz**

You are allowed to make up quizzes exam you missed within ONE week from the scheduled date/time. However, each make-up quiz is worth 80% of the actual score. Exceptions may be granted in emergencies with official written record submitted to the instructor. For make-up quiz, please set up a time with the instructor as soon as possible.

#### **Exams**

Make up exams is **not** allowed unless there is a legitimate reason (an excuse absences stated above in Attendance Policy) accompanied by an explanatory letter to the instructor with medical documents, accident report or such documentation. The letter and the documents must be handed in when you return to class. The make-up test must be taken within class three days of your return. \*Note all quizzes and tests will be given at the beginning of class. No extra time will be granted if you walk in late.

#### **No early or late final exams and quizzes:**

All students are expected to take the exams on the scheduled date and time. In case of emergency or an unavoidable situation, notify the instructor **beforehand** in order to make up for the missed test. Personal travel is not accepted as a legitimate reason to take exam early or late.

**Turn your cellular phone silenced during the class.** Please help keep the classroom a distraction-free learning environment.

**No drink or food of any kind in class.**

#### **Requirements Class Attendance and Participation (20%)**

Your mere physical presence does not mean that you will be given full credit for attendance and participation. For example, if you are considered to be poorly prepared or less engaged (doing unrelated activities such as doing homework for either Japanese or other subjects, or sleeping, etc.) points will be deducted by half.

#### **Homework (15%)**

The instructor posts a file called “今日の宿題 (Today's homework)” on Canvas. Each student must turn that in at the beginning of each class. When your homework is returned, please file it so that you can study before quizzes and chapter tests. The students are encouraged to go to the Tutoring Room for help if needed. Please note that some homework would require to work with tutors in the tutoring room (Geology 415).

#### **Chapter Tests (20%)**

Students are required to take two 50 minute tests in class during the regularly scheduled class time. Because the dates depend on pace of the classes, exact date of the test will be announced later.

#### **Writing Assignment (15%)**

There will be two writing assignments (one on each chapter). Details of the specific requirements will be announced later.

**Kanji Quiz (15%)**

There will be four Kanji/Vocab quizzes given throughout the semester.

**Oral Interview (10%)**

Toward the end of the semester, students will take a comprehensive oral interview covering all the materials covered in the course.

**Project (5%)**

During the last week of the class, group projects will be presented. Details to be announced later. The topic of presentations should be chosen upon instructor's approval. The research proposal must be submitted by **Saturday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>**.

**Hands-on Learning Activities**

In addition to the above there will be a special cooking activity on **Friday, Nov 3** in which all students are required to participate. The menu to be announced later.

**Lab fee**

The \$24:00 course fee is used to staff and maintain the Japanese Language Tutoring Room and ingredients for the special Cooking Activity for the semester.