

JPNS3010 Course Syllabus

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Course Description:

This course will cover the first five lessons of the textbook. You will be reading several long dialogues and other reading materials, while learning to recognize and use more advanced vocabulary, kanji and expressions. You will also learn aspects of Japanese culture.

There will be less focus on memorizing the grammar in this course than in the lower level courses. Instead, you will be assigned to read more Japanese texts and write more of your own passages. There will also be frequent class activities away from the textbook such as group discussions in which you will be expected to express your own opinions in Japanese.

You should be able to read, write and speak in Japanese with more fluency and with more confidence on the topics that have been covered in class by the end of the semester.

Required Texts:

An Integrated Approach to Intermediate Japanese (中級の日本語), Japan Times.

Grading Scale:

Participation	10%
Vocabulary Quizzes	10%
Essays	20%
Lesson Tests	20%
Midterm Exam	20%
<u>Final Exam</u>	<u>20%</u>
	100%

Final Grades:

100% - 93%	A
92.99% - 90%	A-
89.99% - 87%	B+
86.99% - 83%	B
82.99% - 80%	B-
79.99% - 77%	C+
76.99% - 73%	C
72.99% - 70%	C-
69.99% - 60%	D
59.99% - 0%	F

Participation:

The participation grade will be given largely based on class attendance. Coming to class late or leaving before class is dismissed will negatively affect the participation grade.

Attendance will be taken at the beginning of the class. If you are late and not present at the time of the attendance check, it is your responsibility to come to the instructor after class to have your attendance record changed. Otherwise it will be recorded as an absence.

At the beginning of the semester, each student will have 10 participation points. The following policy will determine your overall participation grade at the end of the semester.

- ※ Late for class up to 4 times: no points taken off
- ※ Late for class 5 to 9 times: -2 points
- ※ Late for class 10 times or more: -5 points

- ※ More than 25 minutes late for class = absence
- ※ Leaving class before class is dismissed = absence

- ※ 1-4 absences: no points taken off
- ※ 5 absences: -5 points
- ※ 6 absences: -6 points
- ※ 7 absences: -7 points
- ※ 8 absences: -8 points
- ※ 9 absences: -9 points
- ※ 10 absences: a WF or an F for the course grade

The following should not take place when class is in session, and points may be taken off for any of them without warning: disruptive talking, studying for another class, checking your cell phone, etc. Use the restroom before or after class so as not to interrupt the session.

If you have been punctual, have not missed class, and have had no points taken off, you will receive the full 10 points for participation at the end of the semester, which means your participation grade is 10% out of 10. On the other hand, if you have missed class 5 times, left class early once (=1 absence), arrived late 7 times, twice of which you were half an hour late (=2 absences), you will receive minus 8 points for absences and minus 2 points for tardiness. Thus, your participation grade will be 0 out of 10.

Tests & Quizzes:

In each lesson, there will be two vocabulary/kanji quizzes and a test. No make-up quizzes or tests are given under any circumstances, even with a written excuse from a doctor or a school official. Instead, the lowest quiz and test score will be dropped and will not be counted towards the grade. A request for a make-up via e-mail will not be responded to.

Students should not leave the classroom during a quiz, a test or an exam. Once you leave the classroom, it is discouraged to continue with the paper when you return. If you insist on continuing with the paper which you interrupted, you may do so. However, your grade will be reduced by 60%.

Essays:

There will be five essays this semester. The first version of each essay must be hand-written on composition paper. The second version, which must be typed with a word processor (please use font size 12 and double space), is due within a week after your corrected essay is returned.

You will not get a grade for an essay unless you submit both a hand-written and a machine-typed version.

If some or all parts of your essay are suspected to have been written with help from a translation program or another individual, the essay will be returned without a grade. Your essay may contain some errors, but please do not have it proofread by a native speaker or a more advanced student, because it might give an impression that someone other than you must have written some or all of it.

On your essays, it is preferable to use the plain form endings rather than the polite form endings. Thus, write ‘私はそう思う’ rather than ‘私はそう思います’. Similarly, choose the plain predicate ‘おもしろかった’ over the polite equivalent ‘おもしろかったです’. You will find a little information on the speaking/writing styles on page 35 of the textbook.

Midterm & Final Exam:

The written midterm exam will take place on the session immediately before the midpoint of the semester, and the oral exam will follow over the next two sessions.

The written final exam will be held on the last day of class. The oral exam will be scheduled during the appointed hours of the final exam week.

Academic Honesty:

All academic work must meet the standards contained in “A Culture of Honesty”. Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work.

The link to more detailed information about academic honesty can be found at:
<http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/honesty/acadhon.htm>

The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.