

Fall 2007
Japanese 130A:
(Reading & Composition in Practical Japanese)

Class meetings:

M&W: 12:30-1:45 GIRV#1116

Instructor:

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Office Hours: Office Hours: M & W 2:00 -2:50 or by appointment.

Course Objectives:

The main focus of this course is to achieve a higher level of proficiency in the following language skills. Instruction is provided in Japanese as much as possible. Students are expected to study the course materials on a daily basis in order to be able to actively participate in classroom activities. The goals of each skill are as follows.

- 1) Speaking: being able to talk about details about common topics using various vocabulary and expressions.
- 2) Listening: being able to comprehend monologues and dialogues in natural speed.
- 3) Reading: being able to comprehend passages written for native speakers of Japanese.
- 4) Writing: being able to compose multi paragraphs with appropriate use of vocabulary and grammar.

Prerequisites:

Successfully completion of Japanese 120C (grade of C or better) or equivalent. If you have not taken Japanese 120C at UCSB, please consult the instructor.

Textbook:

A course packet is available at the UCSB Bookstore. (Required)

Students also need dictionaries (J-E and E-J dictionaries) for reading and writing.

Listening materials are available at:

<http://www.eastasian.ucsb.edu/projects/ejapanese/>

Course Requirements and Policies:

1) Attendance

- a) Your first absence will not be counted against your grade regardless of reason.
- b) Absence from 4 or more classes will automatically reduce the highest possible final grade to C-.
- c) Absence from 7 or more classes will result in a grade of F.
- d) Two late arrivals to class or leaving class early count as one absence.

2) Homework:

Late hand-in of homework **will not be accepted** for credit.

3) Quizzes:

Two kanji quizzes will be given as scheduled. There will be **no make-up quizzes**.

4) Blog Project

You will create your blog in Japanese and complete the following tasks.

- a) write at least 5 entries by the end of November.
- b) write at least 5 comments on your classmates' entries.
- c) respond to readers' comments.

5) Small projects

You will do two searching-on-web activities in class.

6) Exams:

- a) Two written exams will be given as scheduled. There will be **no make-up exams**.
- b) One video submission will be required to evaluate your oral skills. You will go to the Studio A in Kerr Hall to be videotaped your performance on one of the following dates.

Monday, Oct. 29th, 2:00 - 4:00

Tuesday, Oct. 30th, 2:00 - 4:00

Friday, Nov. 2nd, 1:00 - 3:00

7) Grade option:

This course can be taken for a **letter grade only**. No pass/fail or incomplete grade is given.

Evaluation:

Final grades will be formed as follows:

Attendance:	10%
Homework:	20%
Quizzes (7% × 2):	14%
Blog project	15%
Small projects (5% × 2):	10%
Oral Exam (video):	11%
Exams (10% × 2):	20%
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 100%

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