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

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

Instructor:  
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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:

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