

EAJ405: Advanced Japanese Language Proficiency
T Th 10:15-11:35 Science Library G20
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Course Description:

This course will provide a standard approach to advanced language materials with a particular focus on current usage and dynamic vocabulary. Students will work specifically on the reading and listening comprehension skills required in a Japanese university setting. Class conducted in Japanese and English. This course is designed for students who have completed EAJ302, or who are currently in EAJ301 and interested in additional, very challenging language work. Unlike most language classes, this course will not cover a small set of vocabulary and grammar, but rather expose you to large sets in a sort of “shotgun” approach. The pedagogical theory behind this approach is that repeated exposure to *real* texts written for *native speakers* will result in stronger language skills.

Required Texts:

- 実力アップ日本語能力試験 2 級漢字単語ドリル UNICOM 2 kyū Vocabulary Definitions and Sample Sentences
- *Good* dictionaries—both a *kanji* dictionary and a Japanese-English dictionary. Your course materials will not be entirely glossed—you will need to use your dictionary *every day*. Really. I’m not kidding. Get used to it.
- There are assorted materials on the Blackboard Learning System (BLS). You are responsible for reviewing those materials as appropriate (see below) before each class. If you’re not familiar with BLS, take some time at the beginning of the semester to get used to it. There is a log-in link to BLS off of MyUAlbany.

Testing and Grading:

Students will be required to take four unit tests in the course of the semester (approximately one each month). These tests will be incrementally graded, i.e., the first will be worth 10%, the second and third worth 15%, and the final exam worth 20%. In addition, there will be homework which focuses on specific areas (listening comprehension & reading/writing). Finally, attendance will be taken daily; students are expected to attend class unless extenuating circumstances prevent it.

Course grades will be based on the following criteria:

Unit Exams	60%
Homework	30%
Attendance	10%

This course is S/U graded. A final score of 50% or more for all the work described above will equal an S. A final score of 49% or less will equal a U.

This syllabus is a contract. The instructor agrees to teach the topics listed below, and to grade you on the criteria listed above. The instructor considers a grade of "Incomplete" to be for emergencies (death in the family, extreme illness, etc.), not for students who fail to plan ahead. The instructor does not curve grades or give extra credit assignments.

If you want to check on your performance at any point in the semester, you can check your status on BLS. If that spreadsheet seems confusing, feel free to come to the instructor’s office and we’ll run through the numbers. If there are extenuating circumstances that you anticipate will unduly affect your grade, it is your responsibility to speak with the instructor IN ADVANCE.

On “Reading” (読解) days, YOU MUST have a copy of the readings for that day—you can either print one out, or bring your laptop and have it electronically (or use the PCs in the classroom, if applicable). The readings should be done BEFORE class, to give you time to look up vocabulary, etc.

Homework should be completed after the class that covers that topic, and *turned in by the next class*. Homework assignments are on Blackboard, under “Assessments” and also under “Learning Modules.” They are available any time between the first day of class and the day they are due. After that your access to them will be closed, so be sure to do the assignments on time! The homework assignments are all designed to be turned in electronically through BLS, so there should be no need for printing. Results of homework assignments are, in almost all cases, available as soon as the assignment is submitted and graded.

月	日付	曜日	トピック	内容	宿題
8月	30	火	授業入門	無し	無し
9月	01	木	語彙	漢字: pp. 15-39	Vocabulary Homework #1 on BLS
	06	火	文法	文法: Steps A & B	Grammar Homework #1 on BLS
	08	木	読解	読解編: Warming Up	Reading Homework #1 on BLS
	13	火	聴解	Warming Up Topic 1: 形 Review vocabulary before class!	無し
	15	木	語彙	漢字: pp. 42-76	Vocabulary Homework #2 on BLS
	20	火	文法	文法: Steps C & D	Grammar Homework #2 on BLS
	22	木	読解		Reading Homework #2 on BLS
	27	火	聴解	Topic 2: どこ Topic 3: いつ Topic 4: グラフ Review vocabulary before class!	無し
	29	木	休講		
10月	04	火	Unit Test #1		無し
	06	木	Unit Test #1 続		無し
	11	火	語彙	漢字: pp. 81-110	Vocabulary Homework #3 on BLS
	13	木	文法	文法: Steps E & F	Grammar Homework #3 on BLS
	18	火	読解	読解編: Essays 6-10	Reading Homework #3 on BLS
	20	木	聴解	Topic 5: 数字順番 Topic 6: キャンパス Topic 7: どの絵・その他 Review vocabulary before class!	無し
	25	火	Unit Test #2		無し
	27	木	Unit Test #2 続		無し
11月	01	火	語彙	漢字: pp. 114-145	Vocabulary Homework #4 on BLS
	03	木	文法	文法: Steps G & H	Grammar Homework #4 on BLS
	08	火	読解	読解編: Essays 11-15	Reading Homework #4 on BLS
	10	木	聴解	絵のない問題 Topic 1: これからどうする Topic 2: 説明 Topic 3: 理由 Review vocabulary before class!	無し
	15	火	Unit Test #3		無し
	17	木	Unit Test #3 続		無し
	22	火	Vocabulary 語彙	漢字 pp. 149-182	Vocabulary Homework #5 on BLS
	24	木	休講・感謝祭		
	29	火	文法	文法: I & J	Grammar Homework #5 on BLS

12月	01	木	読解	読解編: Essays 16-20	Reading Homework #5 on BLS
	06	火	聴解	絵のない問題 Topic 4: 状況の把握 Topic 5: 間違いやすい聞き取り Topic 6: 先を予測する Topic 7: 言っていないもの Topic 8: その他 Review vocabulary before class!	無し

Final Exam Scheduled for Friday, December 16th at 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

日本語能力試験は十二月四日㊤に行われます。