Syllabus     EALC 322: Advanced Japanese II     Fall 2013

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Course Description and Objectives:
EALC322 (Advanced Japanese II) is a direct continuation of EALC320 (Advanced Japanese I). It is designed to further develop the student’s Japanese proficiency aiming to bring them to an advanced level. The students should improve and strengthen abilities to speak, listen, read and write coping with variety of topics and situations that are more involved than those in EALC320. Regular attendance and active class participation are essential to a successful performance in this course. Instructions will be given solely in Japanese.

Objectives:
1) to develop oral/aural communication skills as well as reading and writing skills at the pre-advanced to advanced level
2) to help students acquire pre-advanced to advanced-level expressions and vocabulary, including kanji
3) to promote an understanding of present-day Japanese culture

Prerequisite: Advanced Japanese I (EALC 320) or equivalent

Course Materials:
- 2 audio CDs accompanying the textbook
- Blackboard: The course website at <https://blackboard.usc.edu/>. You are required to check it on a regular basis.
**Dictionaries** (one from each category *recommended*):

**Japanese-English Dictionaries:**
- *Kodansha’s Furigana Japanese-English Dictionary* (Kodansha International)
- *Merriam Webster’s Japanese-English Learner’s Dictionary*

**English-Japanese Dictionaries:**
- *Kodansha’s Furigana English-Japanese Dictionary* (Kodansha Int'l)
- *Kenkyusha’s Furigana English-Japanese Dictionary* (Kenkyusha)
- *The Modern English-Nihongo Dictionary* (日本語学習英日辞典) (Kodansha Int'l)

**Kanji-English Dictionaries:**
- *The Kodansha Kanji Learner’s Dictionary* (漢英学習字典) (Kodansha Int'l)
- *Kodansha's Essential Kanji Dictionary* (Kodansha Int'l)
- *NTC's New Japanese-English Character Dictionary* (新漢英字典) (NTC)

**Grading Policy:**
- Attendance & class performance （出席）---------- 10%
- Homework assignments （宿題）-------------------- 10%
- Kanji quizzes （漢字クイズ）----------------------- 4%
- Dialogue check （暗唱チェック）------------------- 3%
- Essay （作文）------------------------------------- 3%
- Oral presentation （スピーチ）---------------------- 3%
- Conversation Clinic （個人面談）------------------- 2%
- Chapter tests （課のテスト）----------------------- 20%
- Oral exams （口頭試験）----------------------------- 5%
- Midterm exam （中間試験）-------------------------- 20%
- Final exam （期末試験）---------------------------- 20%
- (Extra credit (個人学習) -------------------------- 1%)

**Grading Criteria**

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- You must score 60% or more on the final exam to pass the course.
- If you are taking this course for Pass/No Pass, you must receive 70% (C-) or more as your total course score to pass.
1. **Attendance and class performance (10%)**
   You are expected to attend all classes and to be punctual. Your class performance is evaluated for each session on the 5-point scale. Coming to class late or leaving early will negatively affect your attendance grade. **You are expected to speak only in Japanese once you enter the classroom** except in the question-and-answer period (and office hours). Even when you ask questions, make sure to obtain permission to speak in English by saying 「英語で質問してもいいでしょうか。」 All the other communication must be held in Japanese. Failure to observe this rule (e.g., speaking in English in class too often, chatting with your classmates in English) negatively affects your grade. Tardiness and leaving early also negatively affect your grade. You will lose 1 point every time your cell phone makes a noise (including vibration) during class. Please turn off the cell phone before entering the classroom!
   
   If you have to miss a class because of a religious observance, you must let the instructor know about it within the first two weeks of the semester. In general, if you have to miss a class, contact the instructor either by e-mail or by phone as soon as possible so that you will not miss any information and that you can obtain permission to submit late homework. **If a student misses four consecutive sessions without notifying the instructor, it is considered to be a sign of withdrawal from the course, and no handouts or information will be saved for him/her thereafter and no make-ups can be requested later.**

2. **Homework (10%)**
   Homework is an important part of this course. Homework is assigned from the textbook and from the workbook. All homework should be submitted on the days specified in weekly schedules in order to receive full credit.
   
   Most of assignments have two due dates and 2 points to be earned. For the first submission, please do your best to answer the questions correctly. The instructor will check if it is done and give it 1 point. After it is returned to you, you should check the answers to the assignment on Blackboard (https://blackboard.usc.edu) and correct your homework with the pen of different color and submit it on the 2\textsuperscript{nd} submission day for another point. If your first answers were perfect, write “間違いはありません。” before submission.
   
   If you missed 1\textsuperscript{st} submission, wait until the 2\textsuperscript{nd} submission day. On the 2\textsuperscript{nd} submission day, please turn it in with your original answers and the corrections to earn 1 point. If your homework is not completed or not corrected fully or not marked with “間違いはありません。”, you will not earn the point.
   
   Whenever you have problems turning in an assignment on time or have any questions about your own answers, please talk to the instructor.

3. **Kanji Quizzes (4%)**
   A mini quiz on kanji will be given two to three times for each chapter. You are required to memorize kanji in each chapter’s 漢字リスト, as specified in the weekly schedule. Note that there are kanji you should be able to both read and write (W: 書くのを覚える漢字) and kanji you should be able to read (R: 読めればいい漢字). You are required to memorize their meanings as well.
4. 暗唱チェック Dialogue Check (3%)
You will be asked to memorize part of each conversation and demonstrate it in class. There are 13 dialogue checks in the semester and you are required to perform 11 out of 13.

5. 作文 Essay (3%)
You are required to write an essay in Chapters 7, 8, and 11. Topics and length of the essay are specified in the textbook. You should use Japanese word processor. Please don’t forget to leave a significant space between the lines so that the instructor can write the comments and corrections. The first draft is graded as an ordinary homework (2-point scale). The second draft is evaluated on the 5-point scale. Your essay is graded for its organization, contents, accuracy, and use of new vocabulary.

6. スピーチ Oral Presentation (3%)
You will be asked to give one 3-minute speech in Japanese in Week 13. The details will be announced in class later.

7. 個人面談 Participation in Conversation Clinic (2%)
Students are required to attend Conversation Clinic twice in the semester. The clinic session is an individual meeting with the instructor to check and discuss the problems in their pronunciation, conversation strategies, or any other aspects of Japanese. Schedule one conversation clinic session in each of the following periods:
   #1  9/3 ～ 9/6
   #2  11/13～11/15 (スピーチの準備)

8. 課のテスト Chapter Tests (20%)
A chapter test will be given at the end of Chapters 7, 8, and 10. No make-up tests will be offered unless the student has a legitimate reason and obtains the instructor’s approval in a timely manner.

9. 口頭試験 Oral Exams (5%)
Two oral exams will be given during the semester at the end of chapters 9 and 12. Two students form a pair and perform the tasks together in a 10-minute session per exam. Each student will be graded separately. The content of each exam is cumulative and a study guide will be provided before each exam so that the students can practice for the exam with their partners. No make-up oral exams will be offered unless the student has a legitimate reason and obtains instructor’s approval in a timely manner.

10. 中間試験 Midterm Exam (20%)
Midterm examination consists of two 50 min. written exam sessions. The content of the exam is cumulative, i.e., it will cover everything you will have learned up to that point. No make-up midterm exam will be given, unless the student submits a written request for an alternate date beforehand, stating the unavoidable circumstances leading to an expected absence from the exam in question and secures approval from both the instructor and the program director for the make-up exam.
11. 期末試験  Final Exam (20%)
The final written exam (2 hours) will be given at the time specified in the schedule of courses. You must take the final exam at the time scheduled for your section. **It is your responsibility to resolve potential final exam schedule conflict before you finalize your course registration for the semester.** Stipulations governing the make-up of a missed final exam will follow the general university policy. Once again, **you must score 60% or more on the final exam in order to pass the course.** The final written exam is on **Wednesday, December 18th 11:00am-1:00 p. m. at VKC208.**

12. 個人学習  Individual Study (extra credit) (up to 1%)
Students are encouraged to conduct an individual study (on any topic to improve your Japanese language skills). Details will be announced in class.

Accommodation for Students with Disabilities:
Students who need to request accommodations based on a disability are required to register each semester with the Disability Services and Programs (DSP) office (Student Union, Room 301). In addition, a letter of verification to the course instructor from the Disability Services and Programs office is needed for the semester in which you are enrolled for this course. If you have questions concerning this procedure, please contact both the instructor of the course and the Disability Services and Programs office at (213) 740-0776.

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism:
Academic dishonesty (plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration, falsification of documents, cheating, etc.) will not be tolerated. A student who has violated the academic integrity will be subject to an appropriate sanction for the violation. Students are responsible for being aware of what kinds of conducts are considered to be academic integrity violations. Please read **11.00 Behavior Violating University Standards and Appropriate Sanctions**\(^1\) in SCampus for the detailed explanation on academic integrity violations and sanctions. It is also advisable for you to read **The Trojan Integrity Guide**\(^2\) and **An Undergraduate Guide for Avoiding Plagiarism**\(^3\) provided by Student Judicial Affairs and Community Standards (http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/SJACS/index.html).

\(^2\) [http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/SJACS/forms/tio.pdf](http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/SJACS/forms/tio.pdf)
\(^3\) [http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/SJACS/forms/tig.pdf](http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/SJACS/forms/tig.pdf)

Your being officially enrolled for the course will be taken as confirmation that you have read and understood this syllabus, and agree to its requirements and other relevant conditions stated therein.