USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

EALC 320: Advanced Japanese I 上級の日本語— Spring 2019 4 Units

Syllabus

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.

Classroom & Hours: THH 121 1:00 – 1:50 MTWTh (Sec. #25359)

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Course Description and Objectives:
EALC320 (Advanced Japanese I) is a continuation of EALC222 (Japanese IV). This course functions as a bridge between intermediate-level and advanced-level Japanese. Regular attendance and active class participation are essential to a successful performance in this course. Instructions will be given solely in Japanese.

The specific objectives of this course are:
1) to strengthen the basic and intermediate Japanese language proficiency acquired through EALC 120, 122, 220 and 222;
2) to develop oral/aural communication skills as well as reading and writing skills at the pre-advanced level;
3) to help students acquire pre-advanced-level expressions and vocabulary, including kanji;
4) to promote an understanding of present-day Japanese culture;
5) to nurture self-learning skills through homework and projects.

Prerequisite: Japanese IV at USC (EALC 222) or equivalent

Course Materials:
- 『上級へのとびら』 Tobira Gateway to Advanced Japanese (Kuroshio Publishers) Chapters 1 – 4
- 『きたえよう漢字力』 Power up Your Kanji (Kuroshio Publishers) Chapters 1 – 4

- 上級へのとびら ウェブサイト
  Website designed to supplement the learning of the textbook contents
  http://tobiraweb.9640.jp
You are required to check our course Blackboard on a regular basis. Important course materials are posted on Blackboard as follows:

- Assignment sheets, assignment answers, and sound files
- Course Notes (copies of Powerpoint slides) will be posted every day after class.
- Under Syllabus and Schedule folder:
  - Semester schedule which shows when each chapter is covered as well as dates of tests and exams.
  - Daily schedules which show what the daily assignments are and their deadlines, as well as the dates of quizzes, tests, and presentations.

**IT Help:**
USC Information Technology Services (ITS)
http://itservices.usc.edu/
Phone: (213) 740-5555
E-mail: consult@usc.edu

**Grading Policy:**

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*If you miss 40 percent or more of total class time during the semester, you will automatically receive an F, regardless of your performance in the class.

**You must score 60% or more on the final exam to pass the course.

**Grading Criteria***:

| 94 ~ 100 | A        | 74 ~ 76.9 | C |
| 90 ~ 93.9 | A-       | 70 ~ 73.9 | C-|
| 87 ~ 89.9 | B+       | 67 ~ 69.9 | D+|
| 84 ~ 86.9 | B        | 64 ~ 66.9 | D |
| 80 ~ 83.9 | B-       | 60 ~ 63.9 | D-|
| 77 79.9  | C+       | 0 ~ 59.9 | F |

***If you are taking this course for Pass/No Pass, you must receive 70%(C-) or more as your total course score to pass.
Assessment and course policies:

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 a 5-point scale. **You are expected to speak only in Japanese once you enter the classroom.** 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 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. Please turn off the cell phone before entering the classroom! If you use your cell phone/tablet/computer during the class for something that is not relevant to class (e.g., reading emails, texting, viewing the internet, etc.), you will lose all the performance points of the day (5 points).

   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, try to contact the instructor either by email or by phone as soon as possible so that you will not miss any information and that you can obtain permission to submit homework late, to make up quizzes, etc. 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, quizzes, tests, or information will be saved for him/her thereafter.

2. **Homework (10%)**
   Homework is an important part of this course. All homework should be submitted on the days specified in the weekly schedules in order to receive full credit.

   When the worksheets are assigned as homework, you should:
   (1) answer the questions with your best effort by consulting with textbook, PowerPoint slides of lessons, dictionaries, and other references but **without help from other people,**
   (2) correct your mistakes with a pen of a different color by checking the answers (given on Blackboard or the answer section of the kanji workbook),
   (3) submit them in class.

   Both your original answers and the corrections should be visible to the instructor. After checking the answers, if you find your first answers were perfect, write "間違いはありません。「 or “チェックしました。" with the pen of different color. If your homework is not completed or not corrected fully or not marked with “間違いはありません。" or “チェックしました。", you will not earn the full points.

   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/vocabulary Quizzes (5%)**
   A mini quiz on kanji and vocabulary will be given two to three times for each chapter. They are usually given at the beginning of the class. You are required to memorize kanji and vocabulary in each chapter’s 漢字リスト and 単語表, as specified in the daily schedule. Note that there are kanji
you should be able to both read and write (RW: 読み方·書き方を覚える漢字) and kanji you should be able to read (R: 読み方を覚える漢字). You are required to memorize the meanings of both RW and R kanjis as well. As for vocabulary, you need to memorize the words shown in bold face (太字). Two lowest quiz scores will be automatically dropped from your total score.

4. 文法テスト Grammar Quizzes (6%)
A mini quiz on new grammar points and the use of the particles will be given once per chapter. The quiz will take about 20 minutes of class time. The format will be discussed in class.

5. ブロッグ Blogging (3%)
You are required to open your own blog website and post at least one blog in Japanese every week. The topic of blog will be specified in the weekly schedule or discussed in class. You will also be instructed to read your classmates’ blog and leave comments. Your posting blog on time earns five points each. Leaving a comment on your classmate’s blog earns one point for the first comment of the assignment, then from the second additional comment, 0.1 point each time. So if you write comments two or more, you will earn extra credits (up to 1 point maximum).

6. 会話パートナー Conversation Partner (2%)
Each student is matched with a Japanese native speaker of your choice or by the Japanese Program. You are going to practice conversation in Japanese at least 30 minutes every week. Depending on the partner’s demand, you will help the partner’s conversation practice in English or your native language. Eight weekly reports (会話ログ) in total should be submitted in the set format.

7. 作文とミニ発表 Essays and Mini Presentations (7%)
At the end of each chapter, students will be assigned to write an essay on the topics related to the contents of the chapter. Each student will present two of them as a mini presentation in class. The topic and format will vary chapter by chapter and the details will be discussed in class.

8. 個人面談 Conversation Clinic (2%)
You are required to attend Conversation Clinic sessions 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. The instructor will notify you of the schedule of each session.

9. 第X課のテスト Chapter Tests (10%)
This category includes Kanji Review Test (漢字の復習テスト) on the second week of the semester and two tests given at the end of Chapters 1 and 3. No make-up tests will be offered unless the student has a legitimate reason and gets the instructor’s approval in a timely manner.

10. 口頭試験 Oral Exams (10%)
Two Oral examinations will be given during the semester at the end of chapters 2 and 4. The content of each exam is cumulative and the study guide will be provided before each exam. No make-up exams will be offered unless the student has a legitimate reason and obtains the instructor’s approval in a timely manner.
11. 中間試験 Midterm Exam (15%)  
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.

12. 期末試験 Final Exam (20%)  
The final written exam (two hours) will be given at the time specified in the schedule of courses. **You must take the final exam at the time scheduled for this course.** It is **your responsibility** to resolve potential final exam schedule conflict **before** you finalize your course registration for the semester (by the end of the 3rd week).

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.**

**Final Exam: 2:00 ~ 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1 @THH 121**

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[https://dornsife.usc.edu/ealc/japanese-prog/](https://dornsife.usc.edu/ealc/japanese-prog/)

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**Statement on Academic Conduct and Support Systems**

**Academic Conduct:**

Plagiarism – presenting someone else’s ideas as your own, either verbatim or recast in your own words – is a serious academic offense with serious consequences. Please familiarize yourself with the discussion of plagiarism in SCampus in Part B, Section 11, “Behavior Violating University Standards” policy.usc.edu/scampus-part-b. Other forms of academic dishonesty are equally unacceptable. See additional information in SCampus and university policies on scientific misconduct, policy.usc.edu/scientific-misconduct.

**Support Systems:**

**Student Health Counseling Services** - (213) 740-7711 – 24/7 on call  
engemannshc.usc.edu/counseling
Free and confidential mental health treatment for students, including short-term psychotherapy, group counseling, stress fitness workshops, and crisis intervention.
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - 1 (800) 273-8255 – 24/7 on call
suicidepreventionlifeline.org
Free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Services (RSVP) - (213) 740-4900 – 24/7 on call
engemannshc.usc.edu/rsvp
Free and confidential therapy services, workshops, and training for situations related to gender-based harm.

Office of Equity and Diversity (OED) | Title IX - (213) 740-5086
equity.usc.edu, titleix.usc.edu
Information about how to get help or help a survivor of harassment or discrimination, rights of protected classes, reporting options, and additional resources for students, faculty, staff, visitors, and applicants. The university prohibits discrimination or harassment based on the following protected characteristics: race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, physical disability, medical condition, mental disability, marital status, pregnancy, veteran status, genetic information, and any other characteristic which may be specified in applicable laws and governmental regulations.

Bias Assessment Response and Support - (213) 740-2421
studentaffairs.usc.edu/bias-assessment-response-support
Avenue to report incidents of bias, hate crimes, and microaggressions for appropriate investigation and response.

The Office of Disability Services and Programs - (213) 740-0776
dsp.usc.edu
Support and accommodations for students with disabilities. Services include assistance in providing readers/notetakers/interpreters, special accommodations for test taking needs, assistance with architectural barriers, assistive technology, and support for individual needs.

USC Support and Advocacy - (213) 821-4710
studentaffairs.usc.edu/ssa
Assists students and families in resolving complex personal, financial, and academic issues adversely affecting their success as a student.

Diversity at USC - (213) 740-2101
diversity.usc.edu
Information on events, programs and training, the Provost’s Diversity and Inclusion Council, Diversity Liaisons for each academic school, chronology, participation, and various resources for students.

USC Emergency - UPC: (213) 740-4321, HSC: (323) 442-1000 – 24/7 on call
dps.usc.edu, emergency.usc.edu
Emergency assistance and avenue to report a crime. Latest updates regarding safety, including ways in which instruction will be continued if an officially declared emergency makes travel to campus infeasible.

USC Department of Public Safety - UPC: (213) 740-6000, HSC: (323) 442-120 – 24/7 on call
dps.usc.edu
Non-emergency assistance or information.
Dictionaries, applications, add-on tools (recommended):

**Online Dictionaries:**
- [http://jisho.org/](http://jisho.org/)

**Flashcard/vocabulary list maker:**
- [http://quizlet.com/](http://quizlet.com/)
- [http://ankisrs.net/](http://ankisrs.net/)

**Add-on tools:**
- [https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/jipdnfibhldikgcjhfnomkfpcebammhp](https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/jipdnfibhldikgcjhfnomkfpcebammhp)

**Smart Phone/Tablet dictionaries:**
- [imiwa?](http://imiwa.jp/)
- [Japanese](http://imiwa.jp/jp/)

**Paper Dictionaries (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* (漢英學習字典) (Kodansha Int'l)
- *Kodansha's Essential Kanji Dictionary* (Kodansha Int'l)
- *NTC's New Japanese-English Character Dictionary* (新漢英字典) (NTC)