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Syllabus  EALC 422: Advanced Japanese III (4 Unites)  Spring 2019

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Course Description and Objectives:
EALC422 (Advanced Japanese III) is designed for students who have completed an intermediate level of Japanese (EALC322/Advanced Japanese II or its equivalent) to develop an advanced level of Japanese proficiency. In this course, students discuss various topics in Japanese, thereby gaining the extended vocabulary and cultural knowledge specific to these topics. Through the speaking, listening, reading and writing activities employed in various communicative purposes, students develop an advanced level of linguistic knowledge and communication skills in Japanese. Regular attendance and active class participation as well as diligent preparation for the class are essential to successful performance in this course. Instruction will be given solely in Japanese.

The specific objectives of this course are:
1) to acquire the appropriate vocabulary, kanji, expressions, etc. necessary for the advanced level language use
2) to acquire the cultural knowledge in a variety of topics and situations
3) to develop reading skills for different communicative purposes
4) to develop advanced level aural/oral communication skills
5) to develop writing skills in different styles depending on purpose
6) to develop self-study skills to become independent learners of Japanese
Prerequisite:
Advanced Japanese II (EALC 322) or equivalent

Course Materials:
- 『上級へのとびら』 Tobira Gateway to Advanced Japanese (Kuroshio Publishers)
  Chapters 9 – 12
- 『きたえよう漢字力』 Power up Your Kanji (Kuroshio Publishers)
  Chapters 9 – 12
- 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/
- Blackboard
  You are required to check our course Blackboard at <https://blackboard.usc.edu> on a
  regular basis.

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

Course Policies

1. 出席 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. **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 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 her/him thereafter.** Also, 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.

2. 宿題 Homework (8%)
   Homework is an important part of this course. All homework should be submitted on the days specified in the daily 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.  

• **No credit will be given for homework completed during class time.**  

3. **漢字・単語小テスト Kanji/Vocabulary Quizzes (5%)**  
A mini quiz on kanji and vocabulary will be given two or 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 weekly 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・助詞小テスト Grammar Quizzes (5%)**  
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. **ブログ Blogging (5%)**  
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. The students’ blog websites’ URL will be listed on Blackboard.  

6. **ミニ発表 Mini Presentations (8%)**  
At the end of each chapter, each student will perform a mini presentation on the topics related to the contents of the chapter. The topic and format will vary chapter by chapter and the details will be discussed in class.  

7. **会話パートナー Conversation Partner (3%)**
Each student will be matched with a Japanese native speaker 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. Ten weekly reports (会話ログ) in total should be submitted in the set format.

8. 個人面談 Conversation Clinic (2%)
You 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.

9. 第X課の試験 Chapter Tests (10%)
Two chapter tests will be given at the end of Chapters 9 and 11. 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 10 and 12. The content of each exam is cumulative and will be discussed in class 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 (17%)
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 (17%)
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 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). Check your final exam schedules on the Final Examinations Schedule: https://classes.usc.edu/term-20191/finals/

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: Friday, May 3rd  11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
*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.*

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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.

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Avenue to report incidents of bias, hate crimes, and microaggressions for appropriate investigation and response.

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