USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

Syllabus  EALC 12: Japanese II (4 units)  Spring 2019

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Prerequisite:  
Japanese I at USC or its equivalent (Nakama I, 3rd edition Ch. 1 – Ch. 6.)  
Those who have taken Japanese at institutes other than USC should consult with the instructor to be placed into the appropriate level.  

Course Description and Objectives:  
EALC 122 (Japanese II) is the second course of USC’s 4-year Japanese program which consists of the basic courses: EALC 120 (Japanese I), 122 (Japanese II), 220 (Japanese III), 222 (Japanese IV), as well as more advanced courses.  

This course is centered around basic Japanese conversation practice, basic grammar, building proficiency in reading and writing Hiragana, Katakana, and Kanji (Chinese characters used in Japanese). Continuing from EALC 120 (Japanese I), EALC 122 (Japanese II) covers from Chapter 7 to Chapter 12 of Nakama I, 3rd edition.  
Students who wish to enroll in Japanese III should receive a grade of B or higher in Japanese II.  

After successfully completing the course, the student will be able to:  

- Converse in Japanese about familiar topics (such as family, shopping, weather, hobbies) using short, complete sentences.
• Handle simple, real-life situations (such as ordering food and shopping), and obtain information by asking a series of practiced questions in a culturally appropriate manner.
• Find information in short oral and written passages on a variety of familiar topics (including hobbies, shopping, invitations, family members, weather, and annual events).
• Recognize and write Hiragana, Katakana and 127 essential Kanji including those from the previous semester.
• Write simple texts of about one page on personal topics (such as hobbies, vacations, food), using short sentences.
• Create an independent project on a topic of personal interest and share it with the class in Japanese.

Course Materials:

- Nakama 1 (3rd edition, paperback)
- Nakama 1 Student Activities Manual (Workbook, 3rd edition)

Materials available online:

- Blackboard (http://blackboard.usc.edu)
  You are required to check it on a regular basis.
  The following audio files available in Blackboard → ”Audio & Video” Folder:
  ▪ Nakama 1 In-Text Audio CD
  ▪ Nakama 1 Student Activities Manual (SAM) Audio CD Program

- iLrn (Cengage Learning—Textbook publisher’s digital platform)
  This is available only to those who have purchased the access code (it also comes with a Cengage Unlimited subscription). This is NOT required for the course. Please see the instruction how to register for it in the “Content” folder in the course Blackboard.

Course Notes:

Copies of Power Point slides will be posted on the Blackboard every day after class.

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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Those who take the course for Pass/ No Pass should receive 70% or more to pass the course.

Those who do not score 60% or more on the final exam will fail the course.

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.

Course Policies

1. Attendance and class performance

   You are expected to attend all classes and to be punctual. If you have to be absent from a class for any reason, try to contact the instructor as soon as possible, so that you will not miss any information.

   If you have to be absent because of a legitimate reason such as illness, you should make a request of (1) extension of homework due and (2) make-up of mini quiz and/or Dialogue Check by providing timely notice and the reason of absence to the instructor.

   If you have to be absent from a class because of a religious observance, you must let the instructor know about it within the first two weeks of the semester.

   If you are absent from class for four days consecutively without any information / contact provided to the instructor, it is considered as a sign of withdrawal from the course, and no handouts or information will be saved for such students thereafter.

   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.

   Your class performance is evaluated every day -- 5 points per session. If you are absent for any reason other than timely noticed religious observance, you cannot earn these points. If you are not well-prepared for the session and/or do NOT try to speak in Japanese, it negatively affects your grade. Chit-chatting, too much English speaking, using cell-phone, doing homework assignments in class, late arrival and leaving early also negatively affect your grade.

   Viewing an electronic/digital copy of the textbook with a tablet or a laptop in class is allowed, but if you view something else including your cellphone, you would lose all the performance points of the day.

2. Homework (しゅくだい)

   Due date of each homework assignment is indicated on the daily schedule posted on Blackboard (http://blackboard.usc.edu).

   Homework is graded as “done” (marked with “ok”) or zero. When you get your homework back, take a look at the upper right corner of the sheet to see if there are any comments there:

   “Too late” (or おそい) graded as zero
   “Do this again by ” (or もう一度) graded as zero unless you turn it in again by a stated day

   If there are no comments, your homework is graded as “done” and you earn 2 points for each assignment. Any other comments found in any other place on your homework have nothing to do with your grade. No late/early assignments are accepted without prior permission. No credit will be given for homework completed during class time.
For most of the assignments, you will have to check and correct your answers by looking at the answer keys on Blackboard. Please refer to the separate handout (“How to Complete Your Homework Assignments”) for the submission and the grading system of homework assignments. The handout is available in the “Content” folder in Blackboard.

If a single assignment (listed under a single-bullet in the “HW to hand in” column) has multiple pages, please put the pages in order and staple them together. Failure to do so will result in 50% credit. Do not staple different assignments together or use paper clips.

3. **Lab assignments** (ラボのしゅくだい)

   Lab assignments include Writing assignments, Dialogue Checks, and Lab Activities on *Student Activities Manual* (SAM). You are expected to do Lab assignments on your own on the weekends. Each lab assignment is graded for the quality of submitted work.

   When an essay is assigned as a Lab assignment, the first draft is graded as regular homework (done or zero). The final draft that reflects the correction on the first draft is graded for the quality.

4. **Participation in Conversation Clinic** (カンパセーション・クリニック)

   Students are required to attend Conversation Clinic twice in the semester. The clinic session is an individual meeting with an 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** Week 3-5: 1/22 (月曜日) 〜 2/7 （木曜日）
   - **#2** Week 12-14: 4/1 （月曜日） 〜 4/18 （木曜日）

5. **Blog Project** (ブログプロジェクト)

   Students are required to post a photo essay, a video clip, or a sound file to the class blog web site as either an individual project or as a group project to demonstrate their understanding of the Japanese language and cultures. The posting due of your project is 4:00 p.m., Friday, 4/5. Students are also required to check the classmates’ postings, give comments and fill in the evaluation sheet. The details will be discussed in class.

6. **Mini Quizzes** (小テスト)

   About two dozen mini quizzes (5 min. each) will be given throughout the semester (dates are shown on the weekly schedule). They will be based on new vocabulary, basic grammatical points, and kanji. **No make-up quizzes will be offered unless the student has a legitimate reason and obtains instructor’s approval in a timely manner.** Two lowest quiz scores will be automatically dropped from your total score.

7. **Chapter Tests** (テスト)

   One Japanese I Review test and three chapter tests will be given during the semester, on the second week and at the end of chapters 7, 9, and 11. **No make-up tests will be offered unless the student has a legitimate reason and obtains instructor’s approval in a timely manner.**

8. **Oral Exams** (はなすしけん)

   Three oral exams will be given during the semester at the end of chapters 8, 10 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 the 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.**

9. **Midterm Exams** (ちゅうかんしけん)

Two midterm exams will be given during the semester at the end of chapters 8 and 10. The content of each exam is mainly based on current chapters; however, each test/exam is accumulative and will include everything you have learned.

No make-up midterm exams will be given unless the student submits a petition request form with supporting documents for an alternate date, stating the unavoidable circumstances leading to an expected absence from the exam in question, and secures approval from both the section instructor and the program director for the make-up exam.

10. **Final Exam** (きまつしけん)

The final exam (two hours) will be given at the time specified in the USC schedule of classes, and you have to take it at that time. Stipulations governing the make-up of a missed final exam will follow the general university policy. It is your responsibility to resolve potential final exam schedule conflict before you finalize your course registration for the semester. Check your final exam schedules at: [http://classes.usc.edu/term-20191/finals/](http://classes.usc.edu/term-20191/finals/)

Once again, those who do not score 60% or more on the final exam will not pass the course. 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.

**The final exam schedule:**

**May 4th (Sat), 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Room: TBA**

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.

Good luck, and がんばりましょう!!

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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
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*

Non-emergency assistance or information.