

WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Modern Foreign Languages
JPN 452 Advanced Conversation
Spring 2018
Tentative Syllabus

Welcome to Japanese 452. In this class, we will continuously review the grammatical structure of Japanese at the Intermediate mid to high level. Emphasis is on individual speaking practice with an instructor for 30 minutes once a week. As well as the speaking practice, students are required to work on follow-up assignments such as composition and vocabulary and kanji expansion. Students are required to take unofficial OPI standardized by ACTFL in the end of April. **Prerequisite: JPN 301, 302 or equivalent with instructor's approval.** For detailed information about OPI, please check here, <https://www.actfl.org/publications/guidelines-and-manuals/actfl-proficiency-guidelines-2012>

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ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Western Carolina University is committed to providing equal educational opportunities for students with documented disabilities and/or medical conditions. Students who require reasonable accommodations must identify themselves as having a disability and/or medical condition and provide current diagnostic documentation to the Office of Disability Services. All information is confidential. Please contact the Office of Disability Services at (828) 227-3886 or come by Suite 135 Killian Annex for an appointment.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES:

Student Support Services provides support to students who are either first-generation, low-income or those who have disclosed a disability with: academic advising, mentoring, one-on-one tutorial support, and workshops focused on career, financial aid and graduate school preparation. You may contact SSS at (828) 227-7127 or email sssprogram@wcu.edu for more information. SSS is located in the Killian Annex, room 138.

RELIGIOUS-HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE POLICY:

WCU allows two days of absence each academic year for religious observances required by faith. To obtain permission to be absent for religious reasons, a student must complete the Absent due to Required Religious Observance form, obtain all necessary signatures, submit it to each instructor for review and approval, and submit it to the Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for final approval at least two weeks prior to the proposed absence. Students are encouraged to discuss these absences with the faculty member prior to the end of the drop/add in case the absence will unavoidably keep the student from completing the requirements of the course. However, if the student completes the form and submits it to the instructor prior to the two week time frame, he/she shall be given the opportunity to make up any tests or other work missed due to an excused absence for a required religious observance. Absences taken in accordance with this policy are in addition to any absences normally allowed for the course.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY AND REPORTING PROCESS:

<http://catalog.wcu.edu/content.php?catoid=36&navoid=1194#honestypolicy>

Course Objectives: By the end of the spring semester, students will be able to

- 1) Read and write more complicated sentences in context including kanji.
- 2) Understand more complicated expression and dialogues.
- 3) Carry on conversations using phrases and expressions with native Japanese people.
- 4) Understand socio and cultural aspects of Japan.
- 5) Take **Unofficial OPI standardized by ACTFL by your instructor, which means me, Yumiko Ono at Western Carolina University. Your ideal level is Intermediate Mid o High in the end of the semester.**

Text, Workbook, and Other Teaching Materials: The textbooks you have used before this course. Instructor would provide some additional materials.

Materials needed: Textbook, notebooks, handouts, A BINDER, PENCILS, and AN ERASER.

References and Resources: <http://people.uncw.edu/kanoy/References.htm>

Denshi Jisho : <http://jisho.org>

Jim Bream site: <http://www.edrdg.org/cgi-bin/wwwjdic/wwwjdic>

Reading Tutor: <http://language.tiu.ac.jp/tools.html>

Genki Website: http://genki.japantimes.co.jp/index_en

Genki Self-study Room: http://genki.japantimes.co.jp/self_en

Kanji Practice Website: <http://kanjialive.lib.uchicago.edu/>

Grading: Grades will be based on attendance, participation, assignments, unit tests, final exam, and skit presentation.

Attendance	20%	98-100%	A+	74-76%	C
Participation	20%	93-97%	A	70-73%	C-
Assignments & Quiz	20%	90-92%	A-	67-69%	D+
Midterm (1 st OPI)	20%	87-89%	B+	64-66%	D
Final (2 nd OPI)	20%	84-86%	B	60-63%	D-
		80-83%	B-	0-59%	F
		77-79%	C+		

Class policy: In class, we abide by classroom customs in Japan; such as eating, chewing gum or using cellular devices are NOT permitted in the classroom.

Attendance and Tardy policy: Schedule your appointment with the instructor once a week (preferably Mondays or Tuesdays). Your session will be 30-45 minute in my office or through Skype. The student is tardy if not in class by the time it starts. One tardy will also affect your grade as well.

Homework policy: Don't miss your homework. Late homework will be accepted up to one week after the due date. You would receive a half point.

Letter of Recommendation policy: You should ask the instructor for a letter of recommendation three to four weeks before the deadline, if possible. Two weeks before the deadline should be considered the minimum advance notice.

Weather related-schedule change: WCU cancels school only if it is a state of emergency (blizzard, flood, locust, frogs, gnats, etc.). Please check YOUR CATAMOUNT EMAIL whether the class will be cancelled or not. PLEASE DO NOT CALL EITHER YOUR INSTRUCTOR OR MFL DEPARTMENT OFFICE PERTAINING TO THE CLASS CANCELLATION.

I hope you will have fun in this class.