

Introduction to Japanese Linguistics *Syllabus*

Meeting Time and Location:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30-10:20
Kuykendall 408

Instructor:

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Required Texts:

An Introduction to Language, **10th edition** (Fromkin, Rodman & Hyams)
Other reading materials will be provided by the instructor

Prerequisites:

JPN 301 or 307; or consent.

Course Description:

This is an introductory course on Japanese linguistics. The main purposes of the course are (i) introduce students to basic concepts in Linguistics, the scientific study of human languages, and (ii) broaden students' understanding of Japanese through linguistic analysis and comparisons with English.

Student Learning Outcomes: At the end of this course students should be able to discuss:

- (a) the phonetic/phonological properties of sounds in Japanese
- (b) the word formation processes in Japanese.
- (c) the syntactic properties of Japanese sentences
- (d) how we interpret sentences and how words are related
- (e) how Japanese children and adult learners of Japanese acquire the language
- (f) the history of writing and the characteristics of Japanese writing system

Course Requirements:

1.	Attendance/Participation	10%
2.	Assignments	5% (averaged)
3.	Quizzes	15% (5% x 3)*
4.	Tests	45% (15% x 3)
5.	Final Exam	25%

NO make-up quiz/exam will be allowed without a valid, documented excuse.

*There will be *four* quizzes, but the one with the lowest grade will be automatically dropped.

Grading Scale:

100 -97	A+	96-93	A	92-90	A-
89 - 87	B+	86-83	B	82-80	B-
79 - 77	C+	76-73	C	72-70	C-
70 - 67	D+	66-63	D	62-60	D-

Even if you don't understand everything, jump in and ask questions - everyone will benefit!

Course Schedule (tentative)

	DATES	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
01	1/13-1/17	Orientation Ch.1 What is language?	Ch.1: What is language?	Ch.1: What is language? Ch.5: Phonetics
02	1/20-1/24	Holiday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Ch.5: Phonetics	Ch.5: Phonetics
03	1/27-1/31	Ch.5: Phonetics Ch.6: Phonology	Ch.6: Phonology	Ch.6: Phonology Quiz #1
04	2/3-2/7	Ch.6: Phonology	Ch.6: Phonology	Ch.6: Phonology
05	2/10-2/14	Ch.6: Phonology	Ch.6: Phonology	Test 1
06	2/17-2/21	Holiday: President's Day	Ch.2: Morphology	Ch.2: Morphology
07	2/24-2/28	Ch.2: Morphology	Ch.2: Morphology	Ch.2: Morphology Quiz #2
08	3/2-3/6	Ch.2: Morphology Ch.3: Syntax	Ch.3: Syntax	Ch.3: Syntax
09	3/9-3/13	Ch.3: Syntax	Ch.3: Syntax	Ch.3: Syntax
10	3/16-3/20	SPRING RECESS!	SPRING RECESS!	SPRING RECESS!
11	3/23-3/27	Ch.3: Syntax	Ch.3: Syntax	Ch.3: Syntax
12	3/30-4/3	Test 2	Ch.4: The meaning of language	Ch.4: The meaning of language
13	4/6-4/10	Ch.4: The meaning of language	Ch.4: The meaning of language Quiz #3	Holiday: Good Friday
14	4/13-4/17	Ch.9: Language Acquisition	Ch.9: Language Acquisition	Ch.9: Language Acquisition
15	4/20-4/24	Ch.9: Language Acquisition	Test 3	Ch.12: Writing
16	4/27-5/1	Ch.12: Writing	Ch.12: Writing	Ch.12: Writing Quiz #4
17	5/4-5/8	Ch.12: Writing Review	Review	<i>Study Period</i>
18	5/11-5/15	Final Exam: May 11, 9:45-11:45		

⇒ Tuesday, January 21, last day to register, add classes, or change grading option. Last day for 100 % tuition refund.

* Wednesday, February 5, last day to drop courses without a "W".

* Friday, March 27, last day for in-person restricted withdrawals.