

JPN370.2: Language in Japanese Society Spring 2021

TR 10:30-11:45 am (Hawai'i Standard Time) ONLINE Synchronous

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I am in Japan which is **19 hours ahead of Hawai'i**. I am available for Office Hours and questions through Zoom and email. If you are not able to meet with me during my office hour, **please make an appointment by sending an e-mail.**

Zoom Information:

<https://hawaii.zoom.us/j/95553580434>

Meeting ID: 955 5358 0434

Passcode: 564313

COVID-19 and Online Instruction:

With the uncertain and rapidly changing situation everyone's first priority should be their physical and mental health. We are all doing our best under difficult circumstances. Thank you in advance for being flexible, forgiving of yourself and others, and understanding. Online instruction brings unique challenges and I ask for your patience as we work together to create the best experience possible.

Expectations of Students:

Please come to class on time and ready to learn. If you do not attend class, you will not succeed in this course. Active participation is required. It is your responsibility to email me about any missed assignments and classwork. Only students with an excused absence may make-up any missed work, **including homework, projects, presentations, papers, and unit tests**. Students who know they will miss class for any reason must contact me BEFORE the absence. **If you are having trouble please contact me and visit during office hours.**

Absences with a doctor's note will be excused and you will have up to one week to hand in late homework and other assignments. Illnesses for which medical care was not sought, family emergencies, and other extenuating circumstances may be excused on a case-by-case basis. The sooner you contact me and inform me of the situation the more options there are for you to keep up with the class. In the case of an illness or other circumstance that causes you to miss class, please contact me by email **before the class start time** if possible, or as soon as possible so that I can be made aware of the situation. If you leave before the end of class, it will be **considered an unexcused absence of the entire class** unless I determine it to be excused. It is your responsibility to email me about any missed portions of class.

Prerequisite:

JPN 301 completed with a grade of C or higher, or instructor's permission.

Course Description:

This course examines the relationship between language and society with a particular focus on Japan. The course covers a wide range of topics that address language use and language variation in Japanese-speaking social settings. These topics include:

- individual variate and the construction of social identity among speakers of Japanese
- gender-based linguistic variation in Japanese
- language, power, and social hierarchy in Japan
- regional variations of Japanese

- age and language change in Japan
- attitudes and ideologies associated with Japanese language use
- language contact (especially between Japanese and English)
- social phenomena associated with the learning of Japanese (as a first and additional language)

These topics will be covered in a format that alternated between lectures and discussion (small group and full class), as well as pairwork/small group analytical activities and presentations.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the course:

- Students will be able to identify and exemplify language use in Japanese society as a diverse, complex, and multi-faceted set of social practices.
- Students will be able to demonstrate a basic understanding of Japanese sociolinguistic issues including: gender and age, regional dialects, politeness and honorifics, language educations, and multilingualism.
- Students will familiarize themselves with and deploy at a novice level the tools of sociolinguistic inquiry that are utilized in research on language in society.
- Students will be able to analyze sociolinguistic phenomena and present them in a manner accessible to the public/non-linguists.

Required Texts/Materials:

All the required texts and materials will be made available on Lulima. See the course schedule (separate document).

Course Requirements:

- Attendance:** Regular class attendance. Video is strongly encouraged. 😊
- Engagement with the Readings:** Students are expected to read the assigned texts before class and to post at least 3 comments/questions on Perusall.com before class. Have your readings and thoughts on them accessible to you in class either printed out and hand-written or in an easily accessible electronic format (i.e., you should be able to refer to the readings while also discussing with your classmates).
- Informed Participation:** Students are expected to actively participate in class discussion and group activities by asking questions, making comments, bringing additional information, and so on.
- Homework Assignments:** All assignments should be satisfactorily completed by the specified due dates and times.
- Unit Tests:** There will be tests on each unit which will be administered during class time over Lulima.
- Mini Research (Poster Presentations, Peer Feedback, and Paper):** Each student will be conducting a mini research study (e.g., survey, data analysis, literature review, etc.) on a topic of their interest. The research must be related to topics covered in this course. The findings will be shared in a poster format (in-class presentations), as well as in a report paper (submitted to the instructor in the final exam week). You will receive a detailed assignment sheet during the semester.

Grading: Final course grades will be based on:

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| Reading Responses and Informed Participation | 15% |
| Unit Tests..... | 40% |
| Homework..... | 20% |
| Poster Presentations, Peer Feedback, Paper | 25% |

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| A+ =97-100% | B+ =87-89% | C+ =77-79% | D = 60-69% | CR =73-100% |
| A =93-96% | B =83-86% | C =73-76% | F = 0-59% | NC = 0-72% |
| A- =90-92% | B- =80-82% | C- =70-72% | | |

Academic Honesty:

Any student found guilty of academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, etc.) will receive a 0 on the assignment which cannot be made-up. They may also fail the course depending on the severity of the infraction.

Technical Difficulties:

In case of the instructor having technical difficulties including internet connection issues, audio, and video problems, every effort will be made to reteach any missed content. If you have technical difficulties during class, please do your best to rejoin the session and consult your classmates or the instructor for portions that you missed. Students are responsible for obtaining information about any class content that they may have missed due to technical difficulties.

****The instructor reserves the right to make any changes to the syllabus over the course of the semester****

OTHER INFORMATION

- 1. KOKUA Program** <https://www.hawaii.edu/kokua/>
If you have a disability with related academic access needs, you are warmly encouraged to contact the KOKUA Program, Student Services Center, Room 013, (V/T) 956-7511. KOKUA is our campus program serving students with disabilities.
- 2. UHM Counseling Center (CDSC)** <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/counseling/>
Telephone: 956-7927
“Here at the Counseling and Student Development Center we offer support to UH Mānoa students to assist with personal, academic and career concerns. Our approach is encouraging, collaborative, goal focused and culturally sensitive. We are here to help you develop more personal awareness and learn the skills you need to be successful while you are here at the University of Hawai‘i and beyond.”
- 3. Office of Gender Equity (Title IX)** <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/genderequity/titleix/>
Telephone: 956-9499
The Office of Gender Equity is ready and able to provide UH Manoa Students, Staff and Faculty with an *absolutely confidential* assessment of your situation if you are experiencing:
 - Sexual Harassment/Stalking
 - Gender Discrimination
 - Sexual Discrimination
 - Sexual/Domestic Abuse or Violence
- 4. Student Code of Conduct**
Students will be held to the highest standards of conduct. For details, see http://studentaffairs.manoa.hawaii.edu/downloads/Conduct_Code/UHM_Student_Conduct_Code.pdf.
- 5. EALL website** <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/eall/>
Please visit the homepage of the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures (EALL) for more information on course offerings, the major and minor in Japanese, the certificate in Japanese and other departmental activities:
- 6. UH Mānoa COVID-19 Updates** <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/covid19/>
Updates on COVID-19 that concern UH Mānoa can be found at here including closures and current policies.
- 7. UH Mānoa Commission on Racism and Bias** <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/provost/racism-and-bias/>
In Spring 2020, the UH Mānoa Commission on Racism and Bias was established to examine racism and bias at UHM. To contact the commission, email equality@hawaii.edu.