

## **JPN 4930 Advanced Conversation**

日本語 4 9 3 0 6:30-8:30 Wednesday

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102 Diffenbaugh

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**A. Prerequisite:** JPN 3230 or equivalent. May not be taken by native speakers.

**B. Course Description:** This course is designed to give students, who have acquired basic and intermediate skills of communication in Japanese, an opportunity not only to strengthen their knowledge of basic Japanese, but also gain better insight into the structure of modern Japanese. Through graded exercises, students are urged to equally enhance their four main skills—writing, reading, speaking and listening—of Japanese into the next level of sophistication.

### **C. Objectives:**

To continue to acquire the skills in the target language to be able to:

- (a) Understand conversations that involve predictable, familiar topics related to daily activities at natural speed.
- (b) Narrate current, past, and future activities with a noticeable degree of linguistic and pragmatic accuracy as well as with sufficient cultural competency.
- (c) Read edited short stories and essays.
- (d) Write commentaries and reports on intellectual writings.
- (e) Read and write approximately 290 kanji characters.

### **D. Required Textbook:**

Miura, Akira and Naomi Hanaoka McGloin. 1994. *An Integrated Approach to Intermediate Japanese*. Tokyo: The Japan Times.

\* There will be handouts for reading and translation.

### **E. Requirements:**

**1. Class attendance:** Coming to class regularly and on time is absolutely essential. Final grade will be reduced by 1% for each “unexcused” absence. In addition, two instances of tardiness will count as one absence. An excused absence must be corroborated by written proof such as a treating physician’s note (NOT an appointment slip). It is your responsibility to let your instructor know in advance when you need to miss class and cover any material missed during the absence.

**2. Full participation and attention:** This is a communication-/activity-oriented language course. As always, do not be intimidated and force yourself to communicate in Japanese as often as possible.

**3. Daily preparation and homework:** If you are serious about learning the language, to say nothing of doing well for the course, you need to spend at least two hours daily in reviewing and doing your homework. It is student's responsibility to check with the upcoming assignments and due dates. Other homework, assignments, and adjustments or changes may be announced in class.

**4.** You must listen to the tapes as you learn new words and the dialogues. They are available in Room 104, the Language Laboratory, in Diffenbaugh.

**NOTE 1: There will be no make-up tests. Nor will late assignments be accepted.**

**NOTE 2: All quizzes or exams are cumulative. For example, a quiz or test on Chapter 13 assumes retention and knowledge of what you have learned in all previous chapters as well as whatever may have been introduced in class.**

#### **F. Japanese Classroom Etiquette:**

No food or drink will be allowed. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

#### **G. Grading Policy:**

1. Attendance (13) and Participation (5)	18%
2. Homework	18%
3. Review Tests	32%
4. Oral Tests	20%
5. Culture Presentation	12%

#### **H. Grading Scale:**

100-93	A	92-90	A-	89-87	B+	86-83	B
82-80	B-	79-77	C+	76-73	C	72-70	C-
69-67	D+	66-63	D	62-60	D-	59-0	F

#### **I. Japanese Minor:**

Japanese minor is offered at Florida State. For further information and for study abroad program, contact Dr. Yoshihiro Yasuahra at [yyasuahar@fsu.edu](mailto:yasuahar@fsu.edu).

#### **J. Disability:**

Any student with a physical disability should inform the instructor of the disability which may cause problems with course requirements.

## K. Academic Responsibility:

Each student shall be responsible for abiding by the Academic Honor Code at all times (refer to *Student Handbook* for details).

### JPN4930 コース・スケジュール

- 9/3            **Lesson 7:** 会話 1 & 2 ; 文法ノート ; 運用練習
- 9/10           **Lesson 7:** 読み物 ; ロールプレイ発表 ; **Due Today:文法練習 (p.153-154) & 作文 (p.156)**
- 9/17           Review Test ; 聞き取り練習&速読
- 9/24           **Lesson 10:** 会話 1 & 2 ; 文法ノート ; 運用練習
- 10/1           **Lesson 10:** 読み物 ; **Due Today:文法練習 (p.216-217) & 作文 (p.219)**
- 10/8           Review Test ; 聞き取り練習&速読
- 10/15          Mid-Term Oral Test
- 10/22          **Lesson 13:** 会話 1 & 2 ; 文法ノート ; 運用練習
- 10/29          **Lesson 13:** 読み物 ; ペアワーク発表 ; **Due Today:文法練習 (p.279-281) & 作文 (p.283)**
- 11/5           Review Test ; 聞き取り練習&速読
- 11/12          **Lesson 15:** 会話 1 & 2 ; 文法ノート ; 運用練習
- 11/19          **Lesson 15:** 読み物 1 & 2 ; ペアワーク発表 ; **Due Today:文法練習 (325-326) & 作文 a) (p.325)**
- 11/26          Review Test ; 聞き取り練習&速読
- 12/3           Final Oral Test