

日本の地理と料理
Japanese 3040: Advanced Topics in Japanese Culture
Japanese Geography and Cuisine
University of North Texas --- Fall 2015

Course Description:

This “Advanced Topics in Japanese Culture” course will focus on the topic of Japanese Geography and Cuisine. We will cover various aspects of geography and culture, including major geographic features and the sense of Japanese regional identity. We will also learn about Japanese cuisine, including staple foods, popular foods and regional foods. Throughout the course, we will be using spoken and written Japanese to explore these topics, so it will be an opportunity to review and improve your skills overall, especially in speaking and listening.

The objectives of this course are to:

- Gain new knowledge about Japanese geography and cuisine, including how to cook Japanese dishes
- Increase vocabulary, with new terms related to food and geography
- Improve your speaking, listening and reading skills
- Review and solidify basic kanji through mnemonics



Speaking:

We will have group discussions and presentations inside the classroom and also interactions with native speakers outside the classroom (surveying people about food and/or their hometowns). We will also invite guest speakers from different regions of Japan and do activities such as cooking together.

Reading and Listening:

We will use articles online, and watch mp4 videos about different regions and food. By using those materials, we will learn: (a) how to get main ideas, and (b) how to simplify and explain key concepts of the materials.

Kanji:

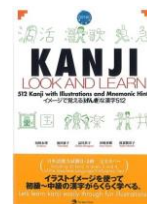
We will review the kanji you learned in your previous Japanese classes. The kanji book has illustrations and mnemonic hints that will help you refresh your memory.

Materials:

- Articles
- Videos

(Materials are all on Blackboard)

- *KANJI LOOK AND LEARN 2009 -512 Kanji with Illustrations and Mnemonic Hints.* The Japan Times. ISBN: 978-4-7890-1349-9
- *Kanji: Look and Learn-Workbook*, 2009, by The Japan Times. ISBN-13: 978-4-7890-1350-5



Grading Scales:

Attendance & Participation (+ Three presentations)	20%
Homework	20%
Quizzes (11times)	25%
Tests (2 times)	10%
Conversation leader (4 times)	5%
Create a trip book (2 times)	20%

November 2nd is the last day to drop the course. If you submit your drop paperwork by this date, you will receive a W or WF on your transcript, which will not be calculated into your GPA.

90 – 100% = A 80 – 89% = B 70 – 79% = C 60 – 69% = D 59% or below = F

Attendance & Participation: Foreign language learning is a cumulative process, and it is very important that you come to class. Attendance and active participation in class are mandatory and absolutely essential to your success in learning Japanese. As part of participation, you will be asked to make three presentations in class. Detail information will be given in class. Full attendance & participation credit (20 %) will be given to those who are present for the entire class period, prepared for class including the presentations, and fully participating in all activities. Partial attendance, frequent tardiness, or lack of participation will result in deduction of points. Absences will **only** be excused in the case of university-sponsored activities, religious holidays, military service, or extended illness with documentation. See the UNT attendance policy for details at <http://policy.unt.edu/policy/15-2-5>. If you are absent **five times or more regardless of reasons with/without appropriate documents**, you will be dropped from the class for non-attendance.

Daily Homework: Practicing Japanese every day and studying for the class are also very important for successful Japanese learning. Daily homework consists of (a) assignments for review from the workbook, (b) listening practice (audio file is on Blackboard) speaking practice, (c) reading on Blackboard. Assignments are listed in the schedule and are due in class and (d) create the vocabulary list. You must turn in the homework in class to receive full credit.

Quizzes: eight quizzes are given in class. Each quiz includes questions about the kanji, the grammar, the reading one material loud, the new vocabulary at the end of each chapter. The detailed information on quizzes will be given in class.

Tests: two tests are administered in class twice during this course. It will cover the kanji section, the listening section, the oral section, and the reading & writing section. I will offer review materials and guidelines for the tests in class.

Conversation leader: You are expected to lead conversational groups in class and outside the classroom. Detailed information and the schedule for practice outside the classroom will be given in class.

Create a book about Japan: The exam will be cumulative and be comprehensive. I will provide detailed information in class.

Extra credits: Extra credit will be given in this course. More detailed information will be provided in class.

Academic Honesty:

Homework assignments and tests should be true representations of your effort and learning. Plagiarism (i.e., copying another person's work and presenting it as your own work) or cheating (i.e., providing answers for someone else or getting answers from someone else) are prohibited. In addition, we ask that no online translation tools are used when completing writing assignments. Consequences of any breach of academic integrity may include lowering of grade and/or failure of the assignment and/or the course.

Resources, Extra Help & Disability Accommodation:

UNT endeavors to offer you a high-quality education and to provide a supportive environment to help you learn and grow. And, as a faculty member, I am committed to helping you be successful as a student. To learn more about campus resources and information on how you can achieve success, go to succeed.unt.edu. Here's how to succeed at UNT and specifically in this class:

- *Show up* ⇒ Come to class every day!
- *Find support* ⇒ Consult your instructor, visit the tutor, seek out other help as needed
- *Take control* ⇒ Keep your materials organized and keep up with the schedule
- *Be prepared* ⇒ Complete your homework and be ready for every quiz & exam
- *Get involved* ⇒ Check out the campus organizations related to Japan and Japanese
- *Be persistent* ⇒ Remember that language learning takes sustained effort; がんばって !

Office Hours

Visit your instructor during office hours for individual help or study suggestions. If the scheduled times don't work for you, call or email for an appointment.

Blackboard Learn Site

You can download the PowerPoint from each lesson from our class site on Blackboard Learn. You will also find helpful links, activities, etc. Log in at: <https://learn.unt.edu/>.

Disability Accommodation

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking reasonable accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with a reasonable accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request reasonable accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of reasonable accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of reasonable accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of reasonable accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at <http://www.unt.edu/oda>. You may also contact them by phone at [940.565.4323](tel:940.565.4323).

Willis Library

The Willis Library has quite a few resources for additional study. I particularly recommend the Japanese Graded Readers. Browse through the area on the third floor around PL539!

Student Behavior in the Classroom:

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at www.unt.edu/csrr.

Course Evaluation:

The Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness (SETE) will be available at the end of the semester, providing you a chance to comment on this class. The SETE is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT, and responses are used by the department in evaluating the faculty. We work to continually improve our courses, so we appreciate your feedback!

Honor Society:

UNT has a chapter of the Japanese National Honor Society (JNHS). The mission of the society is to recognize our outstanding students and encourage their scholastic achievement and excellence in the study of Japanese language. In addition, we aim to promote ways for students to use Japanese on campus and in the community. Certificates of Excellence and red-and-white cords to wear at graduation will be given to students who are granted membership in the society.

Criteria for JNHS membership:

- Completion of 5 semester courses of Japanese language study at the college level
- GPA of 3.5 in Japanese language courses
- Overall GPA of 3.0

Study Abroad:

The Study Abroad Office helps students find placements in Japan for one semester or an academic year. For more information, please visit their office in Sage Hall 236 or check out their website: <https://studyabroad.admin.unt.edu>.

There are also several opportunities for summer study in Japan at various levels. The following website maintains a good list: <http://www.aatj.org/atj/studyabroad/ABRD-sum.html>.

Minor in Japanese:

The minor consists of these seven courses and requires a grade of C or higher in all courses.

Foundational Courses (all 6 are required)	JAPN 1010 – Elementary I
	JAPN 1020 – Elementary II
	JAPN 2040 – Intermediate I
	JAPN 2050 – Intermediate II
	JAPN 3020 – Advanced I
	JAPN 3030 – Advanced II
Topics Courses (choose 1)	JAPN 3040 or JAPN 3060 Topics vary by semester

The Mission of the World language, Literatures, & Culture:

We prepare globally engaged citizens who can think critically and communicate effectively in various linguistic and cultural contexts.

Fall 2015 Important Deadlines

Date	Deadline
August 24	Classes Begin.
September 5	Census.
September 7	Labor Day (no classes; university closed).
September 8	Beginning this date a student who wishes to drop a course must first receive written consent of the instructor.
	Last day for student to receive automatic grade of W for nonattendance.
October 2	Last day for change in pass/no pass status.
	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the semester with a grade of W for courses that the student is not passing. After this date, a grade of WF may be recorded.
October 3	Beginning this date instructors may drop students with a grade of WF for nonattendance.
November 2	Last day to drop with either W or WF.
	Last day for a student to drop a course with consent of the instructor.
November 9	Beginning this date, a student who qualifies may request an Incomplete, with a grade of I.
November 20	Last day to withdraw (drop all classes). Last day for an instructor to drop a student with a grade of WF for nonattendance.
November 26 - 29	Thanksgiving Break (no classes; university closed).
December 3	Last Class Day.
December 4	Reading Day (no classes).
December 5 - 11	Final Exams.
December 11	End of Term.

<http://registrar.unt.edu/registration/fall-registration-guide>

Daily Schedule

(Subject to change)

	火曜日	木曜日
1	イントロ ちけい 日本の地形 1 Audio file 0	いなか せいかつ 日本の地形 田舎の生活 2 はし 箸を使ってみよう
2	クイズ 21 課から しゆくはく Audio file 1 どこに宿泊する	かんとう かんさい 関東 v s 関西 (読み物) (お米、醤油) おむすび
3	クイズ 22 課から りよかん Audio file 2 日本旅館	すいはんき こめ 炊飯器、お米 何か作ろう (おむすび)
4	クイズ 23 課から Audio file 3 日本グルメ 1	しょくじ 日本の食事 (読み物)
5	クイズ 24 課から Audio file 4 日本グルメ 2	カレーライスと日本人 (読み物)
6	クイズ 25 課から たぐ Audio file 5 立ち食い	ラーメン屋さん (読み物)
7	テスト	ちかてつ ちか 日本の地下鉄とデパ地下
8	クイズ 26 課から Audio file 6 食べ放題	りょうり はっぴょう 作った料理の発表：グループ 1
9	クイズ 27 課から Audio file 7 もてなしのサービス	作った料理の発表：グループ 2
10	クイズ 28 課から しょくひん Audio file 8 食品サンプル	作った料理の発表：グループ 3
11	クイズ 29 課から しゆぎょう Audio file 9 ラーメン修行	作った料理の発表：グループ 4
12	クイズ 30 課から きゅう Audio file 10 B 級グルメ	うどんやそば (読み物)
13	クイズ 31 課から あじ Audio file 11 おふくろの味	しゆるい つく かた すしの種類と作り方 (読み物)
14	クイズ 32 課から Audio file 12 すしランキング	休み
15	Review 何か作ろう (にぎらないすし、その他)	テスト