

**Japanese 4042: Advanced Topic Course**  
**Japanese Ghost Stories**  
**University of North Texas --- Fall 2023**

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**Welcome to JAPN 4042**

**Class Hour: 11-12:20 on Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
**Classroom: Lang 205**  
**Office Hour: 8-9 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays or by appointment**

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This is an asynchronous remote class.

The Prerequisite is: Completion of five 3000-level courses with a grade of C or better.

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If you send personal concerns or questions, please write to me via Canvas email.

**Course Description & Objectives:**

In this course, we will read and analyze Japanese ghost stories through the ages. The purpose of this course is to learn about Japanese religious thoughts and values as well as cultural aspects that come from those religious values. We will also examine how words, phrases and sentences are used in given contexts in order to become more aware of and sensitive to the use of the target language. We will use reading materials, video clips and movies in this class. You are expected to create ghost stories in Japanese in the semester.

**Class materials:**

Reading materials, video clips and movies on Canvas

**Learning Outcomes:**

- Gain a better understanding Japanese religious thoughts and values
- Strengthen analytical skills
- Become more sensitive to wording in the target language
- Improve writing and listening skills

**Grading Scales:**

Attendance and Participation	15%
Homework assignments	25%
Quizzes (10 times)	10%
Presentations (3 times 5x2+10)	20%
Creating ghost stories (3 times=10x3)	30%

November 10 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% =	80 – 89% =	70 – 79% =	60 – 69% =	59% or below =
A	B	C	D	F

**Attendance and Attendance (15%):** 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. Please present documents before your absence. You will be allowed two unexcused absences during the course. After more than two unexcused absences

**Homework assignments (25%):** After reading materials or watching video clips/moves, you are expected to complete the comprehension sheets. You must turn in the homework on Canvas according to due dates to receive full credit.

**Vocabulary Quizzes (10%--10 times):** Vocabulary quizzes will be given on line at the end of each module. A test includes comprehension questions and short writings in Japanese. The detailed information on quizzes and tests will be given in class.

**Presentations (20%--3 times):** You are expected to create ghost stories in Japanese and present them with PPs in the classroom. Detailed instructions and guidelines will be given in class and Canvas.

**Creating ghost stories (30%--3 times):** You are expected to create ghost stories in Japanese and submit them online during the semester. Detailed instructions and guidelines will be given in class and Canvas.

**UNT Health alerts**

Coronavirus-related updates (including vaccination and testing information) can be found at <https://healthalerts.unt.edu/>

*UNT encourages everyone to wear a face covering when indoors, regardless of vaccination status, to protect yourself and others from COVID infection, as recommended by current CDC guidelines. Face covering guidelines could change based on community health conditions.*

**Course Evaluation:**

The Student Evaluation, SPOT, will be available at the end of the semester, providing you a chance to comment on this class. The SPOT 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!

**DISABILITY ACCOMODATIONS:**

*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 Access (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, refer to the Office of Disability Access website at <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/office-disability-access>. You may also contact ODA by phone at (940) 565-4323.*

**ACCEPTABLE STUDENT BEHAVIOR:**

*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 Dean of Students 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.deanofstudents.unt.edu](http://www.deanofstudents.unt.edu)*

**SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, & ASSAULT**

*UNT is committed to providing an environment free of all forms of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. If you (or someone you know) has experienced or experiences any of these acts of aggression, please know that you are not alone. The federal Title IX law makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses. UNT has staff members trained to support you in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, helping with legal protective orders, and more.*

*UNT's Dean of Students' website offers a range of on-campus and off-campus resources to help support survivors, depending on their unique needs: <http://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources>. Renee LeClaire McNamara is UNT's Student Advocate and she can be reached through e-mail at [SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu](mailto:SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu) or by calling the Dean of Students' office at 940-565-2648. You are not alone. We are here to help.*

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**Vision:** We strive to establish a reputation both nationally and internationally in research, teaching and professional service. Seeking harmony in diversity, we foster global literacy, responsible citizenship and interdisciplinarity.

**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 <sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
- 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>.