

日本語 4040

JAPN Advanced Topics in Japanese Culture:
(Un) Changing Values in Japanese Society
University of North Texas --- Fall 2017

Instructor and Office Hour:

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Course description:

In order to gain a deeper understanding of Japanese society, we will examine cultural values such as belief systems, values systems, attitudes, and morals that shape the lives of Japanese people in Japanese society. Our focus will be placed on how these cultural values have/have not been transformed in contemporary Japan. We will also explore ramifications for not only Japanese themselves, but also others in the international community. The content is as follows: views/beliefs on food, marriages and family, work, community, and life and death. This course will combine group discussion, and presentation through the collaborative effort of all students.

The objectives of this course are to:

- Identify and summarize the characteristics that define the changing and unchanging values of Japanese society.
- Display critical understanding of the conditions of the (un)changing cultural values in contemporary society.
- Compare Japanese cultural values with those of the United States and/or other countries.
- Develop a broader range of vocabulary and control appropriateness in writing and speech.

Materials:

- Articles
- Videos

(Materials are all on Blackboard)

Grading Scales:

Attendance & Participation (+ two presentations)	20%
Homework	25%
Quizzes (7times)	25%
Two writings (2 times)	30%

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

November 6th 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.

Attendance & Participation:

You will be asked to express your opinions/views, and engage in critical thinking in discussion and during presentations in ways that contribute to learning. 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 <https://policy.unt.edu/policydesc/attendance-policy-15-2-5>. You will be allowed **two** unexcused absences during the course. If you are absent **four times (total of two weeks) without appropriate documents**, you will be dropped from the class for non-attendance.

Homework:

Weekly homework consists of (a) reading, (b) listening (audio files are on Blackboard), and (c) writing. Detailed information on homework assignments is listed on blackboard. You must turn in the homework on the due date in class to receive full credit.

Quizzes:

Seven quizzes are given at the end of each reading in class. Each quiz includes questions about the new vocabulary and comprehension questions. Detailed information on quizzes will be given in class.

Presentations:

You are expected to make two presentations on topics in Japanese in class. Detailed information will be given in class.

Writings:

You are expected to write two essays based on/associated with your presentations in Japanese. Detailed information will be given in class.

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.

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.

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 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. <https://disability.unt.edu/>

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

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 or by calling the Dean of Students' office at 940-565-2648. You are not alone. We are here to help.

Weekly Schedule:

Week I	Introduction, one-plate meal :Evolution of setting 一汁一菜 食卓 進化論
Week II	one-plate meal :Evolution of setting 一汁一菜 食卓 進化論
Week III	Name and family 名字と名前
Week IV	Name and family 名字と名前
Week V	Entrance ceremony and new employees 入社式と新社会人
Week VI	Entrance ceremony and new employees 入社式と新社会人
Week VII	Japanese work culture 仕事文化
Week VIII	Japanese work culture 仕事文化
Week IX	Neighborhood Associations and connections with neighbors 町内会とつながり
Week X	Neighborhood Associations and connections with neighbors 町内会とつながり
Week XI	A big decision in a small village 小さな村の大きな決断
Week XII	A big decision in a small village 小さな村の大きな決断
Week XIII	Where do your ashes go? あなたの遺骨はどこへ
Week XIV	Where do your ashes go? あなたの遺骨はどこへ
Week XV	Review
Final Exam: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Thursday, December 14	

Please note that a more detailed weekly schedule, which includes all your home assignments and in-class activities is displayed on Blackboard.

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Date	Event
August 28, 2017	First Class Day (Monday)
September 4, 2017	Labor Day (no classes; university closed)
November 23-26, 2017	Thanksgiving Break (no classes; university closed)
December 6-7, 2017	Pre-finals Days
December 7, 2017	Last Class Day
December 8, 2017	Reading Day (no classes)
December 9-15, 2017	Finals
December 23, 2017 - January 1, 2017	Winter Break (no classes; university closed)

<http://registrar.unt.edu/>

Three Degrees in the Japanese program (Minor, Major and Language Certificate 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 major consists of the six foundational courses plus seven mandatory courses from the following and requires a grade of C or higher in all courses.

Foundational Courses (all 6 are required)	JAPN 1010- JAPN 3030
Foundational Courses (all 2 are required)	JAPN 4020-Advanced III
	JAPN 4020-Advanced IV
Topic courses (Choose 5; may be repeated and one of them should be 4040)	JAPN 3040
	JAPN 3060
	JAPN 4040

The certificate consists of these four courses and requires a grade of C or higher in all courses.

Foundational Courses (all 4 are required)	JAPN 3020 – Advanced I
	JAPN 3030 – Advanced II
	JAPN 4020- Advanced III
	JAPN 4030 – Advanced IV

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.unt.edu/>