

日本語 4040
JAPN Advanced Topics in Japanese Culture:
Japanese Ghost Stories
University of North Texas --- Spring 2018

Instructor and Office Hour:

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Class Hour (Location) : Tu & Th 2:00pm – 3:20pm (Lang 107)

Office Hour: Office Hour: Th noon-1pm or by appointment

Course description:

In this course, we will read and analyze Japanese ghost stories through the ages. The course will focus on myths, folktales, religious tracts, paintings, movies, comics, and other materials. The goal of this course is not only to investigate Japan's fascination with supernatural creatures but also to interpret the folk motifs in Japanese society. 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. 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 belief systems of Japanese society.
- Compare Japanese cultural values with those of the United States and/or other countries.
- Enhance reading and writing skills and develop a broader range of vocabulary.

Materials:

- Reading materials on Blackboard
- DVDs in Lang Lab

Grading Scales:

- Participation and presentations (6) 25%
 + short writings (6)
- Quizzes on reading materials 25%
- Writings (short 4 essays) 30%
- Final project 20%

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

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.

Presentations:

You are expected to make six presentations on topics in Japanese in class and one long presentation on your project. As part of your presentations, you are asked to submit your short writing on them. Detailed information will be given in class.

Homework:

Homework consists of (a) reading, (b) writing, and (c) watch three DVDs. 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:

Quizzes on reading materials are given at the beginning 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.

Writings:

You are expected to write six short essays based on/associated with your presentations in Japanese, four movie reviews and one long writing on your project.

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_0. 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, <i>Gegege No Kitaro Tofu Kozo</i>
Week II	<i>Gegege No Kitaro Tofu Kozo</i>
Week III	<i>Gegege No Kitaro Tofu Kozo</i>
Week IV	<i>Gegege No Kitaro Tofu Kozo + Movie 1</i>
Week V	<i>Gegege No Kitaro Yokai Ozumo</i>
Week VI	<i>Gegege No Kitaro Yokai Ozumo</i>
Week VII	<i>Gegege No Kitaro Yokai Ozumo</i>
Week VIII	<i>Gegege No Kitaro Yokai Ozumo + Movie 2</i>
Week IX	<i>Okiku + Movie 3</i>
Week X	<i>Oiwa, Nihon No Kaidan Banashi</i>
Week XI	<i>Nihon No Kaidan Banashi</i>
Week XII	<i>Nihon No Kaidan Banashi</i>
Week XIII	<i>Nihon No Obake Banashi</i>
Week XIV	<i>Nihon No Obake Banashi</i>
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
January 15, 2018	MLK Day (no classes; university closed)
January 16, 2018	First Class Day
March 12-16, 2018	Spring Break (no classes)
May 2-3, 2018	Pre-finals Days
May 3, 2018	Last Class Day
May 4, 2018	Reading Day (no classes)
May 5-11, 2018	Finals

<https://www.unt.edu/catalogs/2017-18/calendar>

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 a higher course (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 4030-Advanced IV
Topic courses (Choose 5; may be repeated and one of them should be 4040)	JAPN 3040, 3060, 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/>