East Asian Studies EAST 241
JAPANESE WRITING BEGINNERS 1
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Time: Tuesday and Thursday, 1:05 p.m. ~ 2:25 p.m.

Location: SH688-465 Classes will NOT be recorded.

Pre-requisite: EAST 240 or equivalent

Required Textbook and Materials:
No textbook is required. Some lecture notes and homework sheets will be posted on MyCourses.

Course Description:
This course is designed for students who have learned basic Japanese grammar and have acquired a strong command of Hiragana and Katakana. Also this is for students who can speak/understand Japanese but have never studied Japanese language officially. It is a ‘bridge-course’ between first level (EAST 240) and second level (EAST 340) Japanese. The goal of this course is to help students develop a solid base of knowledge for Japanese through writing practice, and to provide a smooth transition to the second level Japanese course. At the end of this course, students should be able to:
- write about familiar topics and experiences in a series of sentences using the first-level grammar and Kanji reviewed in the class
- read and write about 100 Kanji

Grading:
Final Exam (Essay, Grammar, Kanji) 30%
Homework 20%
Midterm (Take-Home Essay) 20% *See the schedule.
Self-Study Project (Weekly Reports, Presentation) 15%
Kanji Quiz 10%
In-class Participation & Performance 5%

Attendance:
Please note that absences in excess of 20% of class meetings may result in failure in the course.
No attendance points will be given if you arrive more than 15 minutes late or leave more than 15 minutes early without permission.

Quizzes:
Quizzes are always given at the beginning of class. No special make-up quizzes will be given unless you have a legitimate reason, such as illness or family emergency. In these cases, you must contact the instructor within the day that the quiz is scheduled.
Homework:
Since this course focuses on enhancing writing skills, you will have essay assignments every week and also have Kanji and grammar assignments. There are four (4) points given for each essay submission and two (2) points for all other assignments. You must submit the homework before class starts. If it is submitted after class or during class, it is considered late. Half of the marks will be deducted for each late submission. If the assignment is more than one week late without permission, no points or evaluations will be given.

Self-Study Project
Students set own goals and make plans for self-study. Weekly progress reports and the final report are evaluated.

Tentative schedule (writing topics):

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<td>Week 1-2</td>
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<td>作文1 「私の一日」</td>
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<td>Week 9-11</td>
<td>作文 3 「私のしゅみ」（*Midterm essay）</td>
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<td>Week 12-13</td>
<td>作文 4 「友だちへのメッセージ」、発表「私の勉強法」</td>
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This course includes 3 individual sessions of 30 minutes each instead of 3 class meetings. The schedule will be available in the monthly schedule on MyCourses.

Important Notes:
• Students do not have the option of doing extra work to make up or improve their marks.
• An unexplained absence from any quiz counts for zero, unless you have a legitimate reason such as illness. (Normally doctor's note is required.)

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- McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore, all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures (see http://www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/honest/ for more information). (Approved by Senate on 29 January 2003)

- In the event of extraordinary circumstances beyond the University’s control, the content and/or evaluation scheme in this course is subject to change.