East Asian Studies EAST 341  
JAPANESE WRITING INTERMEDIATE 1  
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Virtual Office Hours:  
Monday & Friday 10:30-11:30am  
or by appointment

Time: Tuesday and Thursday, 8:35am~9:55am

Location: Taught remotely on Zoom

Pre-requisite: Satisfactory completion of EAST340 or equivalent.

Required Textbook and Materials:
- No textbook is required. Some lecture notes and homework sheets will be posted on MyCourses.
- Webcam, microphone, computer with stable Internet access (you must have a computer that allows you to have multiple programs or pages open at the same time – e.g. Zoom, MyCourses, and OneDrive) Please show your face during attendance-taking and to confirm your identity for quizzes.

Course Description:
This course is designed for students who have basic Japanese knowledge, and who are familiar with basic Kanji introduced in the first level Japanese courses. Also this course is for students who can speak Japanese fluently, but need to improve their writing skills to continue studying Japanese at a higher level. It is a ‘bridge-course’ between second level (EAST 340) and third or fourth level (EAST 440 or 540) Japanese. The goal of this course is to help students reach an intermediate proficiency level in Japanese through writing practice, and to provide a smooth transition to the next level of Japanese. At the end of this course, students should be able to:
- summarize, describe, or explain familiar topics and support their views with some details using the second-level grammar and Kanji reviewed in the class
- read and write about 200 Kanji

Grading:
Final Take-home Exam (two essays) 30%  
Homework 25%  
Midterm (Take-Home Essay) 15% *See the schedule.  
Self-Study Project (Weekly Reports, Presentation) 15%  
Kanji Quiz 5%  
Vocabulary Quiz 5%  
In-class Participation & Performance 5%

Attendance and Quizzes:
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 on Zoom more than 10 minutes late without permission. Ideally, you will arrive a few minutes early and thus be prepared to start the lesson at the scheduled time. If you are not able to attend Zoom meetings, please send email to the instructor. She will inform you of the necessary information to catch up the class. 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 time zone issues, illness or family emergency. In these cases, you have to contact the instructor **within the day** when the quiz is scheduled.

**Writing Assignments:**
Since this course focuses on enhancing writing skills, you will have writing assignments (essay and comments) 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. 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 presentation are evaluated. (Presentation will be presented in class time on Zoom)

**Tentative schedule (reading & writing topics):**

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<td>「私っておとなしいの？」、セルフスタディーの計画</td>
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<td>「お客様は神様？」</td>
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<td>Week 8-10</td>
<td>「時間がもったいない」（*Midterm essay）</td>
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<td>Week 11-12</td>
<td>「どこで就職する？」</td>
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<td>Week 13</td>
<td>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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