

# East Asian Studies EAST440D (2020-2021)

## THIRD LEVEL JAPANESE

### Instructor

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### Office Hours

Fall and winter: Monday 1:45-3:00  
or by appointment (on Zoom)

**Class time and room.** **Fall: Mon. Wed. Fri. 9:35-10:25** Zoom (Zoom invitation will be sent later)  
**Winter: Mon. Wed. Fri. 9:35-10:25** Zoom (See MyCourses)

**Pre-requisite:** One of EAST340D, 341 or 342 Or instructor's permission

**Required Book:** - Course Pack "EAST440D" for Kanji and Listening Comprehension  
-e-version will be available through the McGill bookstore  
- Other reading materials will be available on MyCourses.

### Course Description:

This course is for students who have acquired a solid foundation in Japanese grammar and want to improve their Japanese further. Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

- read short and simple magazine/newspaper articles (slightly modified) using a dictionary, and explain your opinions regarding the topic of the article in Japanese.
- read short and simple stories without using a dictionary, and understand the content such as the events and the psychology of the characters.
- write a short, but well-structured essay on social topics, such as environmental issues.
- give a presentation on the topic of a social issue that is familiar to you.
- understand speeches on various topics when they are spoken slowly and pronounced clearly.
- use different speech registers appropriate for the listeners and the occasion.

**It is essential that students study on their own prior to each class: You will need to read the assigned text, look up new words or vocabulary, and answer the comprehension questions at the end of each reading material. You can check whether or not you understand the text well by taking "YUSYU Quiz", which will be available on MyCourses>Quizzes. If you make many mistakes, it means that you have to study the text again. In total, "preparation for the class" may take 1 to 2 hours. If you are not prepared to embark on this challenge, this course may not be suitable for you.**

### Assessments: (the test schedule is subject to change)

Quizzes	25%
Detail will be provided	
Writing test (2x6% )	12%
(Fall-MyCourses: Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup> , Winter-Take-home April 12th)	
Oral test ( 2x6%)	12%
Detail will be provided	
(Fall: Oct. 26, 28, 30 Winter: March 29 <sup>th</sup> , 31st)	
Skit (Keigo)	8%
(script 3% performance 5%)	
(Nov. 23, 25)	
Presentation (Winter Feb. 5~ every Friday)	11%
(Presentation 8% MyCourses Discussion entry 3%)	
Interview project (Winter)	10%
Detail will be provided	
Attendance	5%
Class performance	6%
Homework	11%
(Daily homework, compositions)	

## Attendance and Conduct

Please be punctual. Quizzes and tests are always given at the beginning of class. If you are late more than 5 minutes, or leave 5 minutes prior to the ending time, it will be considered as absent. When you miss classes, you have to contact the instructor within the day. The necessary information to catch up will be provided. Attendance mark will be calculated as follows:

Total number of the missed class	Attendance point
up to 4 classes	5%
4 to 8 classes	3%
more than 8 classes	0%

Please note that absences in excess of 20% of class meetings in each term may result in failure in the course.

**No special make-up quizzes, tests will be given.**

**Exceptions to the rules above can be made under special circumstances (such as illness, family affliction and internet connection interrupted. Official written document may be required.)**

## Class Preparation:

**You are required to study the texts before each class.** It is extremely important to prepare for each class in advance in order to understand the class lecture and actively participate in class discussions and activities. If it becomes clear that you come to class without preparations, your attendance points will be reduced. See 予習のしかた posted on My Courses.

## Homework:

**You have to submit homework by 9:30 A.M. (submission at the end or during class is considered late).**

**Homework is graded as follows:**

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Completed thoroughly. Only minor mistakes	2 points
Completed thoroughly. Mistakes stand out	1
Not completed, No submission or late submission	0

**Compositions: 10 or 5 points depending on the topic given.**

**Detail will be provided.**

## Study schedule subject to change (for the detailed schedule, See MyCourses)

- Fall
  1. エコマークって何? (Sept. 9—18)
  2. 丸裸の山 (Sept. 21—Oct. 2)
  3. いい損ない (Oct. 10-Oct. 16)
  4. うん、いますと言ってしまった私, 敬語- (Oct. 19-Nov. 13)  
ちゃんと話すための敬語の本(Nov. 16- Dec. 2)
- Winter
  5. 私も「移動する子供」だった (Jan. 8-22)  
--> Group project (インタビュー、原稿書き起こし)->presentation (April 16)
  6. 田中さんの奥さん(Jan, 25-Feb. 24)
  7. 遺伝子検査(Mar. 8-15)
  8. 若者のファッション(Mar. 17-24)

**Important Notes:**

- **Students with a mark of D,F, or J do not have the option of doing extra work to make up or improve their marks.**
- **K mark will be given only in cases of extreme emergency.**
- **Unexplained absence from any quiz or exam counts for zero.**

1) **“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)

2) “In accord with McGill University’s Charter of Students’ Rights, students in this course have the right to submit in English or in French any written work that is to be graded.” (approved by Senate on 21 January 2009 - see also the section in this document on Assignments and evaluation.) However, if it is instructed to write in Japanese, you have to follow it.

3) According to Senate regulations, instructors are not permitted to make special arrangements for final exams. Please consult the Calendar, section 4.7.2.1, General University Information and Regulations at [www.mcgill.ca](http://www.mcgill.ca)

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