East Asian Studies EAST440D (2021-2022)  
THIRD LEVEL JAPANESE

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Office Hours: Mon. & Wed. 13:00-14:00 (by appointment)

Fall: Kensaku Ogata  
Winter: Miwako Uesaka

Class time and classroom.  
Fall: Mon. Wed. 2:35-3:55 (Location: SH688 294)  
Winter: Mon. Wed. 2:35-3:55 (Location: TBA)

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

Required Book:  
- Course Pack “EAST440D” for Kanji and Listening Comprehension  
  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 “YOSYU Quiz”, which will be available on  
MyCourses>Quizzes. If you make many mistakes, it means that you have to study/review 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 (2x7%)  
  (Fall-MyCourses: Nov. 29th, Winter-TBA)  
  14%
Oral test (2x6%)  
  12%
  Detail will be provided
  (Fall: Oct. 25, 27  Winter: TBA)
Interview (Keigo)  
  (Nov. 22, 24)  
  5%
Presentation (Winter)  
  12%
  (Presentation 8%  MyCourses Discussion entry 4%)
Interview project (Winter)  
  10%
  Detail will be provided
Attendance  
  5%
Class performance  
  6%
Homework (Daily homework, compositions)  
  11%
*Final homework mark will be calculated as follows; the total score of everyday assignments + composition  
  marks / number of assignments  × 2 + Composition points.
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:

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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 and family affliction. 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 preparation, your attendance points will be reduced. See 予習のしかた posted on My Courses.

Homework:
You have to submit homework by 2:35 P.M. (submission at the end or during class is considered late).
Homework is graded as follows:

毎日の宿題
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. Details will be provided.

Study schedule (titles of articles) *subject to change (for the detailed schedule, See MyCourses)

- Fall
  1. エコマークって何？
  2. 丸裸の山
  3. いい損ない
  4. うん、いますと言ってしまった私, 敬語-
     ちゃんと話すための敬語の本

- Winter
  5. 私も「移動する子供」だった--> Group project (インタビュー、原稿書き起こし)
  6. 遺伝子検査
  7. 田中さんの奥さん
  8. 若者のファッション
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

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