21G.503 Japanese III Syllabus  Fall 2018

I. Instructor
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Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 2:00-3:30 or by appointment

II. Meeting hours and classrooms
Section 1 MTRF 10:05-10:55  Rm. 14N-225
Section 2 MTRF 12:05-12:55  Rm. 14N-225
Section 3 MTRF 1:05-1:55  Rm. 14N-225

III. Texts
2. Genki Workbook II (2nd edition), The Japan Times

They are both available at Kendall Coop.

IV. Course Objectives and Procedures
This course covers Lessons 13 through 18 of Genki II: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese. The main objective of this course is to build up four basic skills in Japanese: listening, speaking, reading and writing. At the completion of this course, you will be able to 1) demonstrate correct usage of basic and intermediate grammar, including potential and volitional forms of verbs, noun modifications, conditionals and some conjectures; 2) comprehend conversations on familiar topics spoken in a natural speed; 3) read and write 95 new kanji; and 4) write coherent paragraphs.

There are two types of class: Grammar Session and Drill Session. Prior to the grammar introduction for each lesson, you should read the grammar explanation of the textbook and practice new vocabulary. Prior to drill sessions, it is particularly important to review the patterns being learned, practice new vocabulary orally and memorize them so that you can fully benefit from the oral practice conducted in class.

V. Course Information
Detailed information about this course is available on Canvas. Please check the website frequently for updated schedule and announcements. The schedule is subject to change.

VI. Evaluation
A. Evaluation Criteria

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<td>Lesson Quiz (x5)</td>
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<td>Interview Test (x2)</td>
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<td>Grammar, Vocabulary &amp;Kanji Quiz</td>
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* Three lowest daily scores will be dropped during the term.
** One lowest LQ score will be dropped at the end of the term.
*** Two lowest scores will be dropped at the end of the term.
There will be NO MAKE-UP for missed performances and quizzes.
**B. Daily Grade**

In Drill sessions, you will be given a daily grade according to the following scale:

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<td>10  excellent/near perfect</td>
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<td>very active/excellent</td>
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<td>9   strong/ minor errors</td>
<td>good</td>
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<td>8   fair but needs improvement</td>
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<td>7   weak /mistakes in major areas</td>
<td>some</td>
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<td>6   unsatisfactory</td>
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<td>5   present but very poor</td>
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<td>0   absent</td>
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**C. Exams and Quizzes**

There are two Interview tests, five Lesson Quizzes (25 minutes long) and a one-hour Exam. Grammar, Vocabulary and Kanji Quizzes are given throughout the semester.

**D. Attendance Policy**

*Attend all sessions.* Because of the cumulative nature of language learning, it is essential that you attend all sessions and keep up with the course work on a daily basis. Please follow the online daily schedule and come to class well-prepared. **Your absence will be excused only with legitimate (academic/job-related) reasons.** You must notify your instructor and arrange a make-up in advance. **Missing more than five classes without valid excuses may result in failing the course.**

*Be punctual.* Coming in late not only results in missed performances and quizzes that may not be made up for, but also distracts other students. Showing up late will affect your daily grade negatively.

*Attend the section you are registered in.* Switching a section requires a legitimate reason and your instructor’s permission **at least one day in advance.** Otherwise, you will not receive any credit for the day.

*NO TEXTING!* Use of cell phones and smart phones is strictly prohibited during class.

**E. Homework Policy**

You are required to submit all assignments at the beginning of the class. Late submission will result in a 5% deduction in grade each day. **All writing assignments must be completed and submitted to receive course grade.**

**VII. Miscellaneous**

1. The Humanities Concentration for Japanese is Japanese I-IV or three consecutive classes above Japanese II. Contact Takako Aikawa (taikawa@mit.edu) for questions regarding HASS concentration in Japanese.
2. If you are interested in HASS Japanese Minor, please consult Professor Ian Condry (Japanese Minor Advisor, condry@mit.edu).
3. Study Abroad Program in Japan: contact Takako Aikawa (taikawa@mit.edu).
7. The class size policy: this class is limited to 16 for pedagogical purposes. We follow the priority and policy provided by Global Studies and Languages (GSL).