21G. 505 Japanese V Syllabus  Fall 2017

I. Instructor

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Office Hours: MF 12:30-1:30 or by appointment

II. Meeting hours and Classrooms

Section 1: MW 11:05-12:20, F 11:05-11:55  Rm. 14N-313
Section 2: MW  2:05-3:20, F 2:05-2:55  Rm.16-654

III. Textbook (available at Kendall Coop)


IV. Course Objectives

This course aims to further develop your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in Japanese - while also expanding your socio-cultural knowledge. All classes are conducted in Japanese. The course covers Lessons 1 through 5 of Tobira. The focus of classes is on analytical reading, discussions and practical conversations in a variety of circumstances e.g. making requests, expressing opinions, consulting, giving explanations, expressing gratitude and apologies. 143 new kanji will be covered. Another goal of this course is to foster learner autonomy both inside and outside the classroom. Through various activities, you are given opportunities to make your own decisions and manage your learning of Japanese.

V. Evaluation

Daily Grade  20% *
Lesson Quizzes (5)  25% **
Interview Tests (2)  15%
Homework  10%
Vocabulary and Kanji Quizzes  10%***
Projects  20%

*The two lowest daily grades will be dropped.
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A. Daily Grade

You will be given a daily grade according to the following scale:

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B. Exams and Quizzes

There are five lesson quizzes and two interview tests. A number of vocabulary quizzes and kanji quizzes will be given throughout the semester. **No make-up quizzes or exams** will be given in this course.

C. Assignments

The assignments for this course include homework based on new grammatical patterns and projects such as essay writings and oral presentations. To receive full credit, each assignment must be submitted by the deadline. Late submission will result in a 5% deduction in grade each day. **All assignments must be completed and submitted in order to receive the course grade.**

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 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.

VI. Course information

Detailed information about this course is available on Canvas ([https://mit.instructure.com/courses/84](https://mit.instructure.com/courses/84)). Please check the website frequently for updated schedule and announcements.

VII. Miscellaneous

- If you are interested in a HASS Japanese Minor, please consult Professor Paul (the Japanese Minor Advisor, Paul Roquet proquet@mit.edu).
- Japanese Concentration Advisor: Ikeda (mikeda@mit.edu).
- Study Abroad and Distinguished Fellowships Office: studyabroad@mit.edu. Aikawa (taikawa@mit.edu) is available for consultation.