

USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
EALC 320: Advanced Japanese I じょうきゅう 上級の日本語一 **Fall 2022 4 Units**
Syllabus

Classroom & Hours: THH 121 10:00 – 10:50 am MTWTh (Sec. # 25682)

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Course Description and Objectives:

EALC320 (Advanced Japanese I) is a continuation of EALC222 (Japanese IV). This course functions as a bridge between intermediate-level and advanced-level Japanese. Regular attendance and active class participation are essential to a successful performance in this course. Instructions will be given solely in Japanese.

The specific objectives of this course are:

- 1) to strengthen the basic and intermediate Japanese language proficiency acquired through EALC 120, 122, 220 and 222;
- 2) to develop oral/aural communication skills as well as reading and writing skills at the pre-advanced level;
- 3) to help students acquire pre-advanced-level expressions and vocabulary, including *kanji*;
- 4) to promote an understanding of present-day Japanese culture;
- 5) to nurture self-learning skills through homework and projects.

Prerequisite: Japanese IV at USC (EALC 222) or equivalent

Course Materials:

- 『上級へのとびら』 *Tobira Gateway to Advanced Japanese* (Kuroshio Publishers)
 Chapters 1 – 4
- 『きたえよう漢字力』 *Power up Your Kanji* (Kuroshio Publishers) Chapters 1 – 4
- 上級へのとびら ウェブサイト (<http://tobiraweb.9640.jp>)
 Website designed to supplement the learning of the textbook contents
- Blackboard
 Assignment sheets, assignment answers, lecture slides, and other important course materials are posted in Blackboard. You are required to check our course Blackboard at <https://blackboard.usc.edu> on a regular basis.

Registration Options:

Letter or Pass/No Pass (=Audit is not acceptable for this course)

Course semester schedule:

The semester schedule shows when each chapter is covered as well as dates of tests and exams. The semester schedule is available on Blackboard, under *Syllabus and Schedule*.

Daily schedule:

The daily schedule shows what the daily assignments are and their deadlines, as well as the dates of quizzes, tests, and exams. Daily schedules get posted bi- (or –tri) weekly on Blackboard, under *Syllabus and Schedule*.

Course notes and class recordings:

Copies of Power Point slides will be posted on the Blackboard every day after class. Class will be recorded on Zoom, and the recordings will be available on Blackboard, under *USC Zoom Pro Meeting*.

IT Help:

- USC Information Technology Services (ITS): <http://itservices.usc.edu/>
Phone: (213) 740-5555, E- mail: consult@usc.edu

Grading Policy:

Attendance & class performance (出席)	10%
Homework assignments (宿題)	10%
Kanji/vocabulary quizzes (漢字・単語小テスト)	5%
Grammar quizzes (文法小テスト)	6%
Blog (ブログ)	3%
Individual Study (個人学習)	2%
Essays & Mini Presentations (作文とミニ発表)	7%
Conversation Clinic (個人面談)	2%
Chapter tests (第X課のテスト)	10%
Oral exams (口頭試験)	10%
Midterm exam (中間試験)	15%
Final exam (期末試験)	20%

Grading Criteria:

94 ~ 100	A	74 ~ 76.9	C
90 ~ 93.9	A-	70 ~ 73.9	C-
87 ~ 89.9	B+	67 ~ 69.9	D+
84 ~ 86.9	B	64 ~ 66.9	D
80 ~ 83.9	B-	60 ~ 63.9	D
77 ~ 79.9	C+	0 ~ 59.9	F

- ❖ If you miss 40 percent or more of total class time during the semester, which prevents your instructor from assessing your performance during those missed class time, you will automatically receive an F, regardless of your performance in the other categories in the class.
- ❖ Those who do not score 60% or more on the final exam will not pass the course.
- ❖ Those who take the course for Pass/ No Pass should receive a course grade of 70% (C-) or more to receive the credit.

Assessment and course policies:

1. 出席 Attendance and class performance (10%)

You are expected to attend all classes and to be punctual. Your class performance is evaluated for each session on a 5-point scale. **You are expected to speak only in Japanese once you enter the classroom.** Even when you ask questions, make sure to obtain permission to speak in English by saying 「英語で質問してもいいでしょうか。」 All other communication must be held in Japanese. Failure to observe this rule (e.g., speaking in English in class too often, chatting with your classmates in English) negatively affects your grade. Tardiness and leaving early also negatively affect your grade. You will lose 1 point every time your cell phone makes a noise. Please **turn off** the cell phone before entering the classroom. If you use your cell phone/tablet/computer during the class for something that is not relevant to class (e.g., reading emails, texting, viewing the internet, etc.), you will lose all the performance points of the day (5 points).

If you have to miss a class because of a **religious observance**, you must let the instructor know about it **within the first two weeks** of the semester.

In general, if you have to miss a class, **try to contact the instructor either by email or by phone as soon as possible** so that you will not miss any information and that you can obtain permission to submit homework late, to make up quizzes, etc. If you are absent from class for **four days consecutively without any information/contact provided to the instructor**, it is considered as a sign of withdrawal from the course, and no handouts or information will be saved for such students thereafter.

If you miss 40 percent or more of total class time during the semester, which prevents your instructor from assessing your performance during those missed class time, you will automatically receive an F, regardless of your performance in the other categories in the class.

Fall 2022 only: If you cannot attend in-person class due to an inevitable reason (e.g., you test positive for COVID-19 and need to isolate), please contact your instructor promptly to discuss how to make up the class performance points. **Attending class through Zoom without a prior approval from the instructor will not earn class performance points.**

2. 宿題 Homework (10%)

Homework is an important part of this course. All homework should be submitted on the days specified in the weekly schedules in order to receive full credit.

When the worksheets are assigned as homework, you should:

- (1) answer the questions with your best effort by consulting with textbook, PowerPoint slides of lessons, dictionaries, and other references but **without help from other people**,
- (2) correct your mistakes with a pen of a different color by checking the answers (given on Blackboard or the answer section of the kanji workbook),
- (3) submit them in class.

Both your original answers and the corrections should be visible to the instructor. After checking the answers, if you find your first answers were perfect, write “間違いはありません。” or “チェックしました。” with **the pen of different color**. If your homework is not completed or not corrected fully or not marked with “間違いはありません。” or “チェックしました.”, you will not earn the full points.

Make sure you read “How to Complete your Homework Assignment” (Blackboard→Content) very carefully and follow the instructions. Whenever you have problems turning in an assignment on time or have any questions about your own answers, please talk to the instructor.

3. 漢字・単語小テスト Kanji/vocabulary Quizzes (5%)

A mini quiz on kanji and vocabulary will be given two to three times for each chapter. They are usually given at the beginning of the class. You are required to memorize kanji and vocabulary in each chapter's 漢字リスト and 単語表, as specified in the daily schedule. Note that there are kanji you should be able to both read and write (RW: 読み方・書き方を覚える漢字) and kanji you should be able to read (R: 読み方を覚える漢字). **You are required to memorize the meanings of both RW and R kanjis as well.** As for vocabulary, you need to memorize the words shown in **bold face** (太字). Two lowest quiz scores will be dropped from your total score.

4. 文法小テスト Grammar Quizzes (6%)

A mini quiz on new grammar points and the use of the particles will be given once per chapter. The quiz will take about 20 minutes of class time. The format will be discussed in class.

5. ブログ Blogging (3%)

You are required to open your own blog website and post at least one blog in Japanese every week. The topic of blog will be specified in the weekly schedule or discussed in class. You will also be instructed to read your classmates' blog and leave comments.

Your posting blog on time earns five points each. Leaving a comment on your classmate's blog earns one point for the first comment of the assignment, then from the second additional comment, 0.1 point each time. So if you write comments two or more, you will earn extra credits (up to 1 point maximum).

6. 個人学習 Individual Study (2%)

You will decide the track you would like to work on throughout the semester: speaking track and reading track. Students on the speaking track will find a conversation partner to practice conversation in Japanese at least 30 minutes every week. Depending on the partner's demand, you will help the partner's conversation practice in English or your native language. Students on the reading track will read books/newspaper articles in Japanese at least 30 minutes every week. Eight weekly reports (個人学習ログ) in total should be submitted in the set format.

7. 作文とミニ発表 Essays and Mini Presentations (7%)

At the end of each chapter, students will be assigned to write an essay on the topics related to the contents of the chapter. Each student will present it as a mini presentation in class. The topic and format will vary chapter by chapter and the details will be provided in the Daily Schedule.

8. 個人面談 Conversation Clinic (2%)

You are **required to attend Conversation Clinic sessions twice in the semester.** The clinic session is an individual meeting with the instructor to check and discuss the problems in their pronunciation, conversation strategies, or any other aspects of Japanese. The instructor will notify you of the schedule of each session.

9. 第X課のテスト Chapter Tests (10%)

This category includes Kanji Review Test (漢字の復習テスト) on the second week of the semester and two tests given at the end of Chapters 1 and 3. No make-up tests will be offered unless the student has a legitimate reason and gets the instructor's approval in a timely manner.

10. 口頭試験 Oral Exams (10%)

Two Oral examinations will be given during the semester at the end of chapters 2 and 4. The content of each

exam is cumulative and the study guide will be provided before each exam. **No make-up exams** will be offered unless the student has a legitimate reason and obtains the instructor's approval in a timely manner.

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11. 中間試験 Midterm Exam (15%)

Midterm examination consists of two 50 min. written exam sessions. The content of the exam is cumulative, i.e., it will cover everything you will have learned up to that point. **No make-up midterm exam will be given**, unless the student submits a **written request** for an alternate date **beforehand**, stating the **unavoidable circumstances** leading to an expected absence from the exam in question and secures **approval from both the instructor and the program director** for the make-up exam.

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12. 期末試験 Final Exam (20%)

The final written exam (two hours) will be given at the time specified in the schedule of courses. **You must take the final exam at the time scheduled for this course.** It is **your responsibility** to resolve potential final exam schedule conflict **before** you finalize your course registration for the semester (by the end of the 3rd week).

Stipulations governing the make-up of a missed final exam will follow the general university policy. Once again, **you must score 60% or more on the final exam in order to pass the course.**

Final Exam: 8:00 ~ 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 12th @THH 121

Your being officially enrolled for the course will be taken as confirmation that you have read and understood this syllabus, and agree to its requirements and other relevant conditions stated therein.

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Japanese program website: <https://dornsife.usc.edu/ealc/japanese-prog/>

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Statement on Academic Conduct and Support Systems

Academic Conduct:

Plagiarism – presenting someone else's ideas as your own, either verbatim or recast in your own words – is a serious academic offense with serious consequences. Please familiarize yourself with the discussion of plagiarism in SCampus in Part B, Section 11, "Behavior Violating University Standards" policy.usc.edu/scampus-part-b. Other forms of academic dishonesty are equally unacceptable. See additional information in SCampus and university policies on [Research and Scholarship Misconduct](#).

Students and Disability Accommodations:

USC welcomes students with disabilities into all of the University's educational programs. The Office of Student Accessibility Services (OSAS) is responsible for the determination of appropriate accommodations for students who encounter disability-related barriers. Once a student has completed the OSAS process (registration, initial appointment, and submitted documentation) and accommodations are determined to be reasonable and appropriate, a Letter of Accommodation (LOA) will be available to generate for each course. The LOA must be given to each course instructor by the student and followed up with a discussion. This should be done as early in the semester as possible as accommodations are not retroactive. More information can be found at osas.usc.edu. You may contact OSAS at (213) 740-0776 or via email at osasfrontdesk@usc.edu.

Support Systems:

Counseling and Mental Health - (213) 740-9355 – 24/7 on call

studenthealth.usc.edu/counseling

Free and confidential mental health treatment for students, including short-term psychotherapy, group counseling, stress fitness workshops, and crisis intervention.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - 1 (800) 273-8255 – 24/7 on call

suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Services (RSVP) - (213) 740-9355(WELL), press “0” after hours – 24/7 on call

studenthealth.usc.edu/sexual-assault

Free and confidential therapy services, workshops, and training for situations related to gender-based harm.

Office for Equity, Equal Opportunity, and Title IX (EEO-TIX) - (213) 740-5086

eetix.usc.edu

Information about how to get help or help someone affected by harassment or discrimination, rights of protected classes, reporting options, and additional resources for students, faculty, staff, visitors, and applicants.

Reporting Incidents of Bias or Harassment - (213) 740-5086 or (213) 821-8298

usc-advocate.symplicity.com/care_report

Avenue to report incidents of bias, hate crimes, and microaggressions to the Office for Equity, Equal Opportunity, and Title for appropriate investigation, supportive measures, and response.

The Office of Student Accessibility Services (OSAS) - (213) 740-0776

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OSAS ensures equal access for students with disabilities through providing academic accommodations and auxiliary aids in accordance with federal laws and university policy.

USC Campus Support and Intervention - (213) 821-4710

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Assists students and families in resolving complex personal, financial, and academic issues adversely affecting their success as a student.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - (213) 740-2101

diversity.usc.edu

Information on events, programs and training, the Provost's Diversity and Inclusion Council, Diversity Liaisons for each academic school, chronology, participation, and various resources for students.

USC Emergency - UPC: (213) 740-4321, HSC: (323) 442-1000 – 24/7 on call

dps.usc.edu, emergency.usc.edu

Emergency assistance and avenue to report a crime. Latest updates regarding safety, including ways in which instruction will be continued if an officially declared emergency makes travel to campus infeasible.

USC Department of Public Safety - UPC: (213) 740-6000, HSC: (323) 442-120 – 24/7 on call

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Non-emergency assistance or information.

Office of the Ombuds - (213) 821-9556 (UPC) / (323-442-0382 (HSC)

ombuds.usc.edu

A safe and confidential place to share your USC-related issues with a University Ombuds who will work with you to explore options or paths to manage your concern.

Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice - (323) 442-3340 or otfp@med.usc.edu

chan.usc.edu/otfp

Confidential Lifestyle Redesign services for USC students to support health promoting habits and routines that enhance quality of life and academic performance.