

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Introduction to Japanese Linguistics

Course Number and Section

JAPANESE

2750A 550

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Course Description:

A survey of Japanese linguistics with an emphasis on practical applications. Taught in English.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

- To acquire a basic knowledge of Japanese grammar
- To acquire a basic knowledge of modern linguistics
- To develop a critical (and comparative) view toward grammar (= knowledge of language).
- To exercise modern research linguistic methods
- To practice formulating questions and discovering the answers

Textbooks and Course Materials:

All the required reading materials are posted in OWL.
Any supplementary reading on linguistics may be helpful.

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Mid Term Assignment	10/09/2026	20%
Final Assignment	12/06/2029	30%
Homework assignments	Fall Term	20%
Class Participation	Fall Term	30%

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

In-course Costs

\$000.00

For Textbooks and Course Materials (below), you are required to include the cost of each textbook or other learning material.

Note whether there are any restrictions that would prevent a student from using a second-hand copy. Here is some suggested text:

- Required textbook: [author, title, edition, publisher, date]. Cost: [insert amount].
 - Or include the weblink of the textbook's publisher site that includes the cost information.
- Students need to purchase this edition. Second-hand or older editions will not be sufficient.
- OR Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.
- This course has an optional field trip that costs [insert amount].
- This course has a required field component that costs [insert amount].

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.