

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Japanese IV-A

Course Number and Section:

JAPANESE

4451A 550

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Course Description:

This course builds on the skills developed in Japanese 3350 (or equivalence). Students will read such primary materials as newspaper and journal articles, develop skills in conversation, discussion, and public-presentation on topics related to the readings, and develop practical writing skills. This course is NOT designed for native speakers of Japanese who are already fluent in written Japanese. We consider those who finished high school in Japan as over-qualified for the course.

Learning Outcomes:

- Advanced communicative skills (speech and listening (at least at the Intermediate-High level, or higher, of the OPI scale, or level B1~2 of the Common European Frame of Reference (CEFR))) of modern Japanese.
- Advanced reading/writing skills.
- Knowledge about Japanese culture through reading materials.
- Computer skills necessary for advanced Japanese study.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Kamada, O, et. al. 2012. 「新・生きた素材で学ぶ 中級から上級への日本語」 Authentic Japanese: Progressing from intermediate to Advanced. [New Edition] Tokyo: The Japan Times.

[New Edition] is required. Older editions will not be sufficient. (Electronic version of this edition may be available.)

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\$66.35

No additional cost will be needed.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
quizzes	daily	5
section test 1	10/07/2025	5
section test 2	11/18/2025	5
homework	weekly	25
in-class speech	12/04 or 06/2025	20
Class performance	daily	15
Final Interview	12/06/2025	25

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

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