

**HUNTER COLLEGE, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
PROGRAM IN JAPANESE STUDIES**

Note: For a current syllabus, contact the instructor in the current semester. Syllabus is subject to change.

JPN 351 – ADVANCED JAPANESE CONVERSATION – 日本語会話

Prerequisite: JPN 202 or equivalent

Course Description:

This course is designed for students looking to become proficient in speaking Japanese in formal and informal situations. Speaking regularly in class is expected. Kanji radicals will also be covered.

This course will place particular emphasis on everyday Japanese speech patterns through regular speaking exercises. It will look at specific cultural factors to consider when speaking but mostly focus on helping students gain the ability to sound more natural in Japanese by placing them in scenarios that mimic the spontaneous nature of everyday conversations. Kanji radicals will gradually be introduced, a foundation that is hoped will aid in the further study of reading and writing Japanese.

Course Requirements:

- **Attendance** is strictly monitored. No more than 3 absences are permitted before being penalized.
- **Homework** is assigned regularly. Please refer to the class schedule for weekly assignments.
- **Vocabulary Quizzes** are quickly administered during the first five minutes of most classes.
- **Themed Improvisation** exercises pair students together to discuss a provided theme.
- **Commercials** are short, group skits where students will need to promote an assigned product.
- **Kanji Projects** will vary over the course of the semester but focus on highlighting the unique and fun aspects of Kanji.

Required Readings:

- White board & marker. Bring to every class. You will be checked during attendance.
- にほんご会話トレーニング by Yoko Tomisaka, published by ALC, 2010
- 暮らしの日本語指さし会話帳 published by Joho Center Publishing Co, Ltd., 2009

Method of Evaluation:

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| 1. Attendance and Participation ... 20% | 4. Themed Improv Performance ... 20% |
| 2. Homework ... 15% | 5. Commercials (4 in total) ... 15% |
| 3. Vocabulary Quizzes ... 20% | 6. Kanji Projects (4 in total) ... 10% |

Sample Course Schedule:

	Content	Homework Due Dates (workbook)
Week One	Syllabus, Peer Intro, あいづち, Improvisation 会話 style 1: 家族 擬態語(天気)	Vocab: 118-119
Week Two	会話 style 2: 友達 (男言葉 vs 女言葉) 会話 style 3: 同僚 CM 鑑賞, ペア決め	Vocab: 120-121 擬態語(天気 5)
Week Three	会話 style 4: 上司&部下 Themed Improvisation	Vocab: 24-25, CM Script Vocab: 66-67
Week Four	Commercial #1 , 擬態語(混雑) レストラン Unit.9	Kanji Project #1 Vocab: 52-53
Week Five	ドラマ鑑賞: バイト敬語, 擬態語(食べる) Themed Improvisation , CM ペア決め	擬態語(混雑 5) Vocab: 94-95
Week Six	買い物 Unit.7 ドラマ鑑賞: デパート, 擬態語(見る)	CM Script, 擬態語(食べる 5) Vocab: 42-43, 44-45
Week Seven	Commercial #2 , 自由会話 乗り物 Unit.1-3	Kanji Project #2 Vocab: 26-27
Week Eight	ドラマ鑑賞: 電車のマナー, 擬態語(話す) Themed Improvisation , CM ペア決め	擬態語(見る 5) Vocab: 28-29
Week Nine	旅行 Unit.4 ドラマ鑑賞: ホテル/旅館, 擬態語(寝る)	CM Script, 擬態語(話す 5) Vocab: 50-51, 48-49
Week Ten	Commercial #3 , 自由会話 贈り物 Unit.14	Kanji Project #3 Vocab: 62-63
Week Eleven	ドラマ鑑賞: 結婚式, 擬態語(落ちる) Themed Improvisation , CM ペア決め	擬態語(寝る 5) Vocab: 22-23
Week Twelve	許可 Unit.27 ドラマ鑑賞: 病院, 擬態語(痛み)	CM Script, 擬態語(落ちる 5) Vocab: 112-113, 114-115
Week Thirteen	Commercial #4 , 自由会話 仕事 Unit.11-12	Kanji Project #4 Vocab: 96-97
Week Fourteen	ドラマ鑑賞: オフィス, 擬態語(動き) Themed Improvisation	擬態語(痛み 5), 擬態語(動き 5) Vocab: 92-93
Finals Week	Final: Commercial Screening	