



**Faculty of Arts**  
**School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures**

**JPNS 451**  
**Japanese Through Texts**  
**Winter 2022**

**In class**  
**MWF 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.**  
**Location: EDC 276**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**INSTRUCTOR'S NAME: Akiko Sharp**

**OFFICE HOURS:** 2:00-2:50pm on Monday and 11:00-11:50am on Wednesday on Zoom or in CHC 208. Please email the instructor for an appointment.

**E-MAIL:** [asharp@ucalgary.ca](mailto:asharp@ucalgary.ca) (I will respond to e-mails within 48 hours during weekdays.)

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** 403-220-5308

**COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES**

This course is designed for students who completed JPNS331 and wish to understand Japanese language and culture through original, authentic and semi-authentic materials (simplified versions of the original Japanese written materials), including newsletters, websites, blogs, readers' columns and historical texts. This course will help students gain a holistic understanding of Japanese culture, society and history, and provide the necessary foundation for the advanced study of Japan and its language. Students are encouraged to read texts without translation to acquire the skill to enjoy reading Japanese. A minimum of 60 - 90 minutes study per day is required to complete this course successfully.

Constant reading materials and stimulation with tests and quizzes will maximize learning. Students will develop general Japanese language competence, enrich their vocabulary as well as improving not only reading but also speaking, listening and writing skills. Although this class is focusing on improving Japanese reading skills, classes will be conducted in an interactive manner. Therefore, students are encouraged to interact with the instructor and peers in class through the course. Active participation in class is required. Students are also required to work in pairs or in a group in class or outside of class depending on activities, assignment, and projects. Therefore, all students are asked to be aware of show full respect to each other whenever working with others.

Please note that only Japanese language will be used to deliver this class, therefore, as a prerequisite you are required to have high competencies of listening, reading, and writing skills to understand provided materials, class instructions and D2L information. The required textbook (Hiyaku eBook) is available at the university library. Students' Japanese language competency must be high enough to read and understand the textbook to participate in this class.

**Prerequisites**

JPNS 331, or consent of the School.



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[Note] All university level prerequisites for Japanese language courses must be met with a grade of "C-" or better.

**OUTCOMES**

By the end of the course students will:

- Gain broad knowledge of Japanese culture, society and history
- Develop reading comprehension skills of original Japanese texts
- Be able to understand social issues through Japanese written texts

**REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS**

**Hiyaku: An Intermediate Japanese Course**

Nittono, Miharū; Eguchi, Shigeru; Nazukian, Fumiko; Okamoto, Keiko; Park, Jisuk  
ISBN 9781315881140 Published June 18, 2015 by Routledge

The eBook (full text) is available at the university library.

**Notes:** All Course materials except the textbook and the workbook will be posted in D2L. It is students' responsibility to access to all course related materials.

**Technology and other requirements to take this course:**

- Computer to obtain class materials.
- Camera to take photos of your work and record your performance for communication and evaluation purposes.
- Microphone to record your voice for projects.
- Internet connection for class works, homework, assignments and projects
- Papers and pens to write by hand
- Google Drive to share files – Please inform Instructor if you are not able to access to Google in advance.

**Technology Requirements**

<https://elearn.ucalgary.ca/technology-requirements-for-students/>

To successfully engage in their learning experiences in and outside of class, students who are taking this course are required to have reliable access to the following technology\*:

- A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates;
- A current and updated web browser;
- Webcam/Camera (built-in or external);
- Microphone and speaker (built-in or external), or headset with microphone;
- Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled
- Stable Internet connection

**RECOMMENDED COURSE MATERIALS**

- A Dictionary of Basic Japanese Grammar by Seiich Makino and Michio Tsutsui, The Japan Times.
- The Kodansha Kanji Learner's Dictionary: Revised and Expanded, Kodansha USA.
- Publisher's website : [https://routledgegettextbooks.com/textbooks/\\_author/eguchi/students.php](https://routledgegettextbooks.com/textbooks/_author/eguchi/students.php)



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## **COURSE NOTES**

### **Important Dates:**

- The first class: Monday, January 10 on campus. (Last date to drop a class: Thursday, January 20, 2022).
- This course is delivered in person on Mon. Wed and Fri. from the beginning of the winter 2022 semester.
- Term break: Sunday, February 20 to Saturday, February 26.
- End of class (also withdraw date): Thursday, April 12.

### **University Academic Calendar:**

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-schedule.html>

### **General Course Information:**

- **Students are expected to attend and participate in all sessions.**
- Students are strongly encouraged to bring a Laptop computer or a tablet to fully participate in activities in class.
- A microphone and a camera is required to complete assignments.
- Be prepared to use Hiyaku textbook in class. Taking notes by hand will help you to memorize words and particularly Kanji.
- All course materials are on D2L or on Padlet. Students have responsibility to follow the course as indicated in News in D2L.

### **Guidelines for submitting assignments, Homework and expectations for writing quality:**

- All homework, assignments and projects have individual deadlines.
- Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing skills will be assessed in various ways.
- All course work – assignments, projects and homework must be done by yourself. The works will be assessed on technical accuracy (grammar, spelling, word choice) and content/creativity. Note that online translators or other composition aids are NOT permitted; their use constitutes a violation of academic honesty. Please read Academic misconduct below.
- Homework will be graded on a pass/fail basis. Due dates are indicated in D2L.

### **Examinations and Tests**

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g.html>

### **Integrity and Conduct**

- <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>

### **Policy in case of missed or late assignments**

- It is NOT possible to make up a missed Test and Quiz except in the case that you have a legitimate reason including a serious accident, illness, and so forth.
- **An email to instructor on or before the day of absence** is necessary to set up a time to take a make-up quiz or test.
- Each late assignment will be subject to a 5% deduction per day. No assignments will be accepted if more than 1 week late. Assignments late due to valid reasons (such as illness or family emergency) will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
- Late submission of Homework after individual deadlines is subject to 50% deduction.
- If you will submit after the due date, please email to your instructor to re-open the submission files since all files will be closed on the due date.

### **Class Etiquette and Course Expectations:**

- It is YOUR responsibility to keep up with what you have missed during the class (including homework and assignments) from your own absence.



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- Please check the class schedule frequently so as not to miss any upcoming quizzes, tests, and assignments.
- You are required to preview and learn the vocabulary and the grammar sections of the textbook in advance of each class. Recordings and study aid materials will be provided in D2L.
- Class time + at least additional 60-90 minutes daily study time is required to follow this course. Further time commitment may be required to complete projects for further Japanese language developments.
- You are required to practice Kanji on a daily basis.

**ASSESSMENT**

- Online Tests 30% - Test #1 (February 18), Test #2 (April 8)
- Quizzes 10%
- Projects 40% (Due dates: #1 February 7, #2 March 25)
- Homework 15%
- Participation 5% If students miss 1/3 of the classes, they will get no participation points.

**Final Examination:**

There will be no final examination scheduled by the Registrar.

**NOTES**

- Online Tests are closed textbook and 50 minutes in length. Students can access tests within a 24-hour time period. One attempt.
- Quizzes are closed textbook. (Online or in class. Schedule TBA)
- **Missed Tests and Quizzes cannot be rescheduled.**

**GRADING SCALE**

A+ 97- 100%	B+ 82 – 87.9	C+ 68 – 71.9	D+ 55 – 59.9
A 92 – 96.9	B 77 – 81.9	C 64 – 67.9	D 50 – 54.9
A- 88 – 91.9	B- 72 – 76.9	C- 60 – 63.9	F 0 – 49.9

**INTEGRITY AND CONDUCT**

All members of the University community have a responsibility to familiarize themselves with the Statement on Principles of Conduct, and to comply with the University of Calgary Code of Conduct and Non-Academic Misconduct policy and procedures (available at: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>).

**Academic misconduct**

Academic Misconduct refers to student behavior which compromises proper assessment of a student’s academic activities and includes: cheating; fabrication; falsification; plagiarism; unauthorized assistance; failure to comply with an instructor’s expectations regarding conduct required of students completing academic assessments in their courses; and failure to comply with exam regulations applied by the Registrar.

For information on the Student Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedure please visit: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/student-academic-misconduct-policy>

Additional information is available on the Academic Integrity Website at <https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity>

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION**

Course materials created by instructors (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the instructor. These materials may not e



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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT**

Graded assignments will be retained by the Department for three months and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Final examinations will be kept for one calendar year and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Said material is exclusively available to the student and to the department staff requiring to examine it. Please see <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/access-information-privacy> for complete information on the disclosure of personal records.

**ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The student accommodation policy can be found at: <https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations>.

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/student-accommodation-policy>)

Students needing an Accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfil requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their Instructor or the Department Head/Dean or to the designated contact person in their Faculty.

**FACULTY OF ARTS PROGRAM ADVISING AND STUDENT INFORMATION RESOURCES**

Have a question, but not sure where to start?

The Arts Students' Centre is the overall headquarters for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Arts. The key objective of this office is to connect students with whatever academic assistance they may require.

In addition to housing the Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs and Student Affairs) and the Associate Dean (Teaching, Learning & Student Engagement), the Arts Students' Centre is the specific home to:

- Program advising
- Co-op Education Program
- Arts and Science Honours Academy
- Student Help Desk

Location: Social Sciences Room 102

Phone: 403-220-3580

Email: [ascarts@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ascarts@ucalgary.ca)

Website: <https://arts.ucalgary.ca/current-students/undergraduate>

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Block.

Contacts for the Students' Union Representative for the Faculty of Arts: [arts1@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts2@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts2@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts3@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts3@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts4@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts4@su.ucalgary.ca).

**INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES**



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Devices such as laptops, palmtops and smartbooks are allowed provided that they are used exclusively for instructional purposes and do not cause disruption to the instructor and to fellow students. Cellular telephones, blackberries and other mobile communication tools are not permitted and must be switched off.

#### **SUPPORT AND RESOURCES**

Links to information that is not course-specific related to student wellness and safety resources can be found on the Office of the Registrar's website: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines> .