

JAPN4501: Japanese Linguistics
Spring 2019
Course Syllabus

I. Course Overview: This course will introduce some basic foundations of Japanese linguistics, such as phonetics, phonology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, and sociolinguistics. In addition to discussing various topics in Japanese linguistics, this course will also cover Japanese grammar for students of Japanese in order to fine-tune their usage of grammar in speaking and writing. Even though the majority of this course will be conducted in English, students are expected to know intermediate-level Japanese (JAPN 3301 or above) prior to taking this course.

II. Prerequisite: JAPN 3301

III. Instructor: Hironori Nishi Assistant Professor of Japanese
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Office Hours: MW: 1:00-2:30pm

VI. Meeting Time and Classroom: TR 9:40-11:05am, 239 Jones Hall

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Our webpage is: <http://www.memphis.edu/fl/japanese/>

V. Course Materials

Required:

- McGloin, N. (1989). A Students' Guide to Japanese Grammar. ISBN: 978-4469220650.
- Tsujimura, N. (2013). An Introduction to Japanese Linguistics 3rd Edition. ISBN: 978-1444337730.

VI. Components of Course Grade

(1) Class Participation	20%
(2) Quizzes/homework	10%
(3) Midterm exam	10%
(3) Midterm paper	10%
(4) Project	15%
(5) Final Paper	15%
(6) Final Exam	20%

A+ (96%~) A (93%~) A- (90%~) B+ (86%~) B(83%~) B- (80%~)
C+ (76%~) C (73%~) C- (70%~) D+ (66%~) D (60%~) F (less than 60%)

Participation: Students are required to attend every class session and the instructor will take attendance at the beginning of every class. Participation points will be deducted if you are late for class. If you need to miss a class, contact the instructor prior to the beginning of the class you will miss.

Reading materials: In addition to the required textbook, pdf files of reading materials will be uploaded on eCouseware. Students are expected to read the assigned materials prior to coming to class.

Quizzes/homework: Quizzes and homework will be given during the semester and they will be evaluated. A study guide will be provided shortly before each quiz/homework.

Midterm paper: Students are required to submit a short paper in the middle of the semester.

Midterm exam/final exam: There will be two exams for this course. Details will be provided later.

Final project/Final paper: Students will be required to give an in-class presentation on select topic in Japanese linguistics at the end of the semester. The topic for the final presentation must be the same as the topic for the final paper.

Spring 2019 Course Schedule (Tentative!)

(More detailed lesson schedules will be provided later.)

週	火	木
1	1/15 コースの紹介 <small>しょうかい</small>	1/17 日本語の歴史
2	1/22 文法解説(McGloin)	1/24 文法解説(McGloin)
3	1/29 文法解説(McGloin)	1/31 文法解説(McGloin)
4	2/5 文法解説(McGloin)	2/7 phonetics/phonology
5	2/12 phonetics/phonology	2/14 morphology
6	2/19 morphology	2/21 katakana loanwords
7	2/26 Midterm Exam	2/28 syntax
8	3/5 No Class (Spring Break)	3/7 No Class (Spring Break)
9	3/12 syntax	3/14 syntax
10	3/19 semantics	3/21 pragmatics
11	3/26 pragmatics	3/28 sociolinguistics
12	4/2 language variation	4/4 language variation
13	4/9 Japanese as a foreign language	4/11 Japanese as a foreign language
14	4/16 TBA	4/18 Final Project
15	4/23 Final Project	
Final Exam: TBA		