

JPN 112 MODERN JAPANESE

JPN 112 is the second in the sequence of third-year Japanese courses at UCD.

Learning Objectives

In JPN112, students learn to present information and opinions in logically connected, coherent ways. They also learn how to retell a series of connected events and to explain how individual events are related. Students learn to deal appropriately with misunderstandings, awkward moments and unpredictable complications. Students do extensive reading about Japanese customs and social arrangements, and learn to think and talk critically about this information. Topics of the readings and discussions in JPN 112 include religion in Japan, Japanese pop culture, Japanese traditional performing arts, education and convenient shopping in Japan.

1. Prerequisites

To enroll in JPN 112, you must have successfully completed JPN 111 (i.e., with a grade of C- or better) at UCD or been assigned to this course as the result of the placement test. If you do not meet these conditions, see the instructor before continuing with the course.

2. Instructor:

3. Course Materials

- Oka et al., *Tobira: Gateway to Advanced Japanese* (2009) Chapters 7-10
- Oka et al., *Power Up Your Kanji* (2010) Chapters 7-10
- Supplementary learning materials: <http://tobira.9640.jp/tobiralogin>
- Halpern, *Kodansha Kanji Learner's Dictionary* (2001)

4. Class Meetings (Lectures and Discussions will be combined.)

5. Evaluation of Student Progress

Class performance	10 %	Test 1 (Ch7-8)	15%
Homework assignments	15 %	Test 2 (Ch9)	10%
Quizzes	15 %	Two Oral tests	10%
		Final Exam (Ch10 + Review)	25%

(1) Class attendance and performance (10%)

Daily participation and Tardiness

You will earn points for your daily participation. Your points will be negatively affected if you miss part of the class, so come to class on time. Missing part of a class may result in missing a quiz or being counted absent.

Absences

- If you miss more than three classes during the quarter (including "discussion" classes), 1% will be deducted from your course grade for each additional absence starting with your fourth absence.
- Tests and quizzes missed because of tardiness or unexcused absence cannot be made up.

• For absences caused by unavoidable circumstances (such as serious illness, family emergencies, job interviews, etc.), email the instructor as soon as possible. Make-up tests and quizzes may be allowed in these situations when sufficient documentation is provided to the instructor.

(2) Homework assignments (15%)

Most homework assignments are in the HW Folder for each chapter on the SmartSite (under RESOURCES). Turn in all the assignments at the beginning of class on the due date. No late homework is accepted.

(3) Quizzes (15%)

For each lesson, there will be vocabulary, kanji, and grammar quizzes. Quizzes will be given at the beginning of the class. If you are late to class, you won't be given extra time to complete the quizzes.

(4) Exams (60%)

There will be two written tests (Ch6&7, Ch8&9), two oral tests, and the final exam (Ch10 & review). The two written tests and the final exam include grammar, reading, writing, kanji and listening. The two oral tests will be conducted outside the class by appointment. Study guides will be given for each test.

6. Course Policies

(1) Classroom etiquette

Please try always to be considerate and respectful of your classmates and their efforts to learn Japanese. Food is not allowed and your cell phone should be turned off during class.

(2) Classroom language

Japanese is the only language you should be using in the classroom (both to your classmates and instructor). It is strongly recommended you speak Japanese as much as possible outside the classroom too, for faster acquisition of the language. Use of other languages in the classroom will affect your weekly class participation grade.

*Please make the most of my office hours and tutoring sessions. If you have questions, you can also email me anytime. If my office hours are not convenient, you can make appointments for another time. I will be happy to help you improve your Japanese as much as I can. がんばりましょう！☺