

## JPN 113 MODERN JAPANESE

JPN 113 is the third in the sequence of third-year Japanese courses at UCD. In JPN 113, students continue to learn to present information and opinions in logically connected, coherent, and culturally appropriate ways. Students do extensive reading about Japanese traditional craftsmanship, Japanese views on nature, environmental problems, and current news in Japan, and learn to think and talk critically about this information. By the end of this quarter, students are expected to be able to describe the procedures and processes for making or doing things, ask further questions to gather or clarify information, and express opinions for or against a given topic.

### 1. Prerequisites

To enroll in JPN 113, you must have successfully completed JPN 112 (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 12-15
- Oka et al., *Power Up Your Kanji* (2010) Chapters 12-15
- Supplementary learning materials: <http://tobira.9640.jp/tobiralogin>
- Halpern, *Kodansha Kanji Learner's Dictionary* (2001) (optional)

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

### 5. Evaluation of Student Progress

Class performance	10 %	Projects & Presentations	20%
Homework assignments	15 %	Midterm	20%
Quizzes	15 %	Final Exam	20%

#### (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 and kanji 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) Projects and Oral presentations (20%)**

There will be two projects and oral presentations. You can choose to do a project in a pair or alone. If you choose to do a project in a pair, projects are evaluated as a pair but oral presentations are evaluated individually.

**(5) Exams (40%)**

There will be a midterm and a final exam. Those exams include grammar, reading, writing, kanji and listening. Study guides will be given for each exam.

**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.