

University of California, Davis
Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures
Kyoto Quarter Abroad

Spring 2022 JPN 113 Modern Japanese
(GE: AH, OL, WC)

JPN 113 is the third in the sequence of third-year Japanese courses at UCD. In JPN 113, students learn to present information and opinions in logically connected, coherent, and culturally appropriate ways. Students do extensive reading about Japanese people and society. They also learn to think and speak, and to write critically about this information.

The topics of readings include Japanese convenient stores, history, traditional craftsmanship, Japanese people and nature, political systems, and the future of Japan and the world. By the end of this quarter, students are expected to be able to talk about those topics, ask further questions to gather or clarify information and express opinions for or against a given topic.

GE Attributes

(a) *Oral Literacy*: In this course, you will learn and develop your oral skills daily in class and demonstrate the mastery of your oral/aural skills at stages via an individual speech presentation, a group skit presentation, and an one-to-one oral interview with your instructor. Your daily performance is reflected in Class Participation, and others in Oral Skills. Your oral performance will be graded according to the following criteria: (1) Speech content/creativity, (2) Accuracy of grammar use, (3) Intonation & Pronunciation, (4) Fluency (Speed), and (5) Delivery (Memorization, loudness of voice, eye-contact, and posture). For a skit presentation, your contribution to group work will be also added to the grading criteria.

(b) *World Cultures*: From your day 1 in the classroom, you start learning about the Japanese language and culture. You are expected to learn the Japanese customs/manners/(formal/informal) communication decorum/socio-cultural aspects of the Japanese society. In addition to regular daily lectures, you will learn unique aspects of the Japanese culture in Culture Note and Useful Expressions in the textbook. You are expected to demonstrate the mastery of your understanding the Japanese culture (in contrast with your own language and culture) in your daily interaction with your instructor and tutor, your in-class performance (speaking/writing/listening/reading), daily quizzes, homework assignment and other major assessments.

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 your case differs, see the instructor before continuing with the course.

2. Course Materials

- Oka et al., *Tobira: Gateway to Advanced Japanese* (2009) L11-13
- Oka et al., *Power Up Your Kanji* (2010)
- Supplementary learning materials: <http://tobiraweb.9640.jp/>

3. Evaluation of Student Progress

Class performance/attendance	10%
Homework	10%
Quizzes	15%
Mid-term exam	20%
Oral Interviews/Projects	15%
Listening test	5%
Final exam	25%

NOTE on Class attendance and performance (10%)

Daily participation and Tardiness

Your performance will be evaluated during each class period as follows:

- 0 = you were absent or arrived late (20 minutes or more)
- 1 = you were present but unprepared for class, arrived late (5 minutes or more), or had excused absences
- 2 = you were marginally prepared for class and your participation was acceptable or arrived late (less than 5 minutes)
- 3 = you were well-prepared for class and your participation was excellent

Missing part of a class may result in missing a quiz or being counted absent (missing 20 or more minutes of class counts as an absence).

Attendance

Students are expected to attend class every day and are responsible for any announcements made or information presented in class. Class attendance always impacts your overall course performance. If you are late for class three times, that will be counted as one absence.

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.
- If you are absent for 8 or more class meetings, you will automatically receive the grade of F in the course.
- Tests and quizzes missed because of tardiness or unexcused absences cannot be made up.
- For absences caused by unavoidable circumstances (such as serious illness, family emergencies, job interviews, etc.), consult with the instructor as soon as possible. Make-up tests and quizzes may be granted in such cases with appropriate written confirmation (e.g., a doctor’s note, etc.) within a set time limit.
- For excused absences, one point will be given as a daily participation grade.

NOTE on Homework assignments

Turn in all the assignments at the beginning of class on the due date. No late homework is accepted.

4. 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 (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 class participation grade.

(3) Academic Honesty/Plagiarism

All quizzes, tests, and homework assignments must consist only of your own work. Cheating in any form—which includes giving quiz, test, or homework answers to someone else—will result in an automatic zero (*letter grade F*). Students are not allowed to re-use their past assignments from other Japanese courses. Such re-use is considered a form of plagiarism and subject to disciplinary actions. The instructor reserves the right to refer any cases of suspected cheating to the university.

(4) Recording/Videotaping/Sharing Course Materials

Students may not share any course materials (a course syllabus, schedule, handouts, readings, course slides, homework, and quizzes/tests) with any individual, any institute or any entity outside this course. See the following university policies (<http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/2710530/PACAOS-100>). Students may be subject to disciplinary actions should they violate the university policies.