** Prerequisite is JPN 320L with a grade of at least C or the equivalent.

** The course is repeatable for credit (can be used as an upper division Japanese elective).

Class: #32335  MWF: 1:00-2:00  @ RLM 5.126

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Course Materials:
- Textbook: 日本語を学ぶ人たちのための「日本語を楽しく読む本・中上級」 (Enjoyable Task Reading in Japanese: Pre-advanced)
- Course packet: Will be posted at Blackboard
- Handouts: other authentic materials such as short stories, essays and articles.  
  (Some of the handouts will be posted on Blackboard under Course Documents.  
  http://courses.utexas.edu)

Course Objectives:
This course will help students develop a wide variety of reading skills such as scanning, 
skimming, prediction, reading for details, and reading for the central ideas. The course also 
helps students expand both linguistic and sociolinguistic knowledge, as well as their 
vocabulary and kanji knowledge. Students will read various materials: essays, comic strips, 
short stories, information on websites, magazine and newspaper articles, etc. Class will be 
conducted entirely in Japanese in order to promote the maximum use of the target language.

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Letter grades will be determined according to the above scale. There will be no grading on a curve.

Course Requirements:

1. Attendance
   - Because of the cumulative nature of language learning, it is essential that students keep up 
     with course work on a daily basis and attend all classes. It is extremely important to 
     attend and be prepared for all class sessions according to the daily schedule to be 
     provided.
   - Come to class on time.
• If you do not have any absences for any reasons, you will receive 1% bonus toward your total course grade. With 1 or 2 absences, you will receive 0.5% bonus. One day of tardiness (coming late or leaving early) counts as 1/2 absence.
• It is the policy of UT that the student must notify the instructor at least 14 days prior to the classes scheduled of dates s/he will be absent to observe religious holy days. You will be given an opportunity to complete missed work due to the absence.

2. Participation
Active class participation is strongly encouraged. Student participation will be graded on a daily basis as stated below. Expected frequency of voluntary for excellent participation varies depending on the activities in each class. The frequency means the number of your answers, comments, etc. It does not mean how many times you raised your hand or answered/read chorally. You need to raise your hand and be called on in order to receive credit for excellent participation. Please DON'T monopolize class time. You do not need to volunteer too often for excellent participation.

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3. Preparation
Please come PREPARED and be ready to answer questions about the article and take part in lively discussions. Students will be expected to establish their self-learning styles that are required to advance their understanding of Japanese.

4. Homework assignments
• You will be given written homework assignments on a regular basis. They will be corrected but not graded.
• Assignments listed in the "homework" column of your schedule should be completed prior to the corresponding class period.
• Some assignments will be posted at Blackboard in a timely manner.
• NO LATE homework will be counted for credit.
• All homework is due at the beginning of the class.
• Late, incomplete, or sloppily done homework may be accepted but will not be counted for credit.

5. Tests & Exam
A. Lesson tests: you will have 4 lesson tests to evaluate your understanding of the grammar, kanji, expressions, and content introduced in the textbook.
B. Final exam: you will have a written exam on the day officially scheduled during the final exam week. See the schedule for the content of the exam.

6. Kanji/Vocabulary Quizzes: no make-up (No excuses)
• You will have a kanji and vocabulary quiz on a regular basis.
• Study the lists of kanji and vocabulary words for each quiz posted on Blackboard.
• Your lowest three grades including zero scores due to absences or tardiness will be dropped.
• All quizzes will be given at the beginning of the class, so come to the class ON TIME.
7. Reading Reports

- You will read 2 web pages and 1 email message and write reports on them.
- One of the webpages must be a blog.
- The other is the webpage of your choice that has no translations in other languages.
- Avoid headline news because they are written in various languages.
- Each webpage must contain 1000-2000 characters.
- Details about the email message reading will be provided in class.
- You CANNOT choose what you have read before, for example, for another course.
- Make good use of on-line dictionaries, such as Rikai.com and Popjisho.com.
- DO NOT get help from others such as native speakers of Japanese or friends.
- Your report must include a rough translation of the webpage/email (300-400 words) and your comment on it (one paragraph).
- Your reports must be typed.
- Make sure you include the URL of the web page you read and the dictionaries you used.
- Attach a print out of the webpage to your report.
- The reports will NOT be graded. If you submit your reports by the deadlines, you will receive a total of 6 % for the three reports.
- A late submission will result in a half-grade reduction.
- You must choose a webpage written for adult native speakers of Japanese.
- You must choose a webpage that contains written Japanese: Interviews are inappropriate.

8. Useful Links

Japanese language learning tools on Web:
http://www.sabotenweb.com/bookmarks/language.html
Japanese newspapers and media: http://www.sabotenweb.com/bookmarks/newspapers.html
Other Links: http://www.sabotenweb.com/bookmarks/links.html

Scholastic Dishonesty

- The University of Texas guideline on scholastic dishonesty applies to ALL work done in this class, including but not limited to: homework, projects, quizzes, and written and oral tests.
- Students who violate University rules on scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, failure in the course and dismissal from the university. Policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced.
http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/scholdis.php

For Students with Disabilities

Any student with a documented disability (physical or cognitive) who requires academic accommodations should contact the Services for Students with Disabilities area of the Office of the Dean of Students at 471-6259 as soon as possible to request an official letter outlining authorized accommodations.
http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/ssd/