

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

JPN 425: Readings on Japanese Culture and Society II (3 credits)

Fall 2009

PREREQUISITES: JPN 302
CLASS HOURS: MW 11:30-12:45
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TEXTBOOKS: Kitajima, C. (2006). *Chukyu Dokkai Mondai 55*. Tokyo: Bonjinsha.

This course fulfills the UNLV International Core Requirement.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Japanese 425 is designed for those who wish to broaden their knowledge of Japanese culture and society as well as to further improve their overall language skills. The course may be repeated with a different topic for up to six credits.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The immediate goals are as follows:

- (1) to further improve reading comprehension skills
- (2) to develop further fluency and accuracy for effective communication in the Japanese language
- (3) to broaden the knowledge of Japanese culture and society.

COURSE POLICIES

Regular attendance and active class participation are expected of all students. Students are also expected to be present for the entire duration of the class meeting as well as to refrain from eating, chewing gum, using cell phones, and working on homework assignments in class. Preparation is graded on the scale of 0 (absence) to 5 (fully prepared and present for the entire duration of the class meeting). Tardiness and early departure without justifiable reasons are subject to grading down.

Presentations and project must be completed entirely by each student without any external assistance. Otherwise, no credit is given. No make-ups of presentations, tests, and final exam are given without the submission of official documentation to prove the justifiable nature of any absence.

Students missing a class because of observance of a religious holiday shall have the opportunity to make up missed work. They must notify the instructor of anticipated absences by the last day of late registration to be assured of this opportunity. Also, students who represent UNLV at any official extracurricular activity shall have the opportunity to make up assignments; however, the student must provide official written notification to the instructor no less than one week prior to the missed class(es).

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Academic misconduct including cheating and plagiarism is unacceptable. Students should refer to the Undergraduate Catalogue pp. 61-64 for further details.

GRADING

Preparation	20%	A: 90-100
Presentations	20%	B: 80-89
Project	20%	C: 70-79
Tests	20%	D: 60-69
Final Exam	20%	F: 0-59
		(+ or – will be given.)

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

If you have a documented disability that requires assistance, you will need to go to the Disability Resource Center (DRC) for coordination in your academic accommodations. The DRC is located in the Student Services Complex (SSC), Room 137. The DRC contact numbers are: VOICE 895-0866, TTY 895-0652, FAX 895-0651.

Students are encouraged to visit the Language Resource Center located in FDH 237 (Phone: 895-1930) where Japanese software and access to the Internet are available. The hours are Monday through Thursday 9-8 and Friday 9-1.

