

Brief Syllabus

565:314 Advanced Japanese Conversation and Contemporary Issues

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Description:

Advanced Japanese Conversation and Contemporary Issues offers training in advanced level conversational Japanese with emphasis on learning about the language, society, and culture of contemporary Japan. Students taking this course are expected to have advanced language skills (prerequisite: 565:202).

Objectives:

At the end of the course, you will be able:

- to be conversant with practical conversational expressions and strategies
- to carry on conversation in polite and casual styles
- to express your feelings and understand others' emotions
- to offer meaningful comments on certain conversation topics
- to participate in debates on various issues

Textbook:

Expressive Japanese: A Reference Guide to Sharing Emotion and Empathy, by Senko K. Maynard. University of Hawai'i Press, 2005.

References: (Available at Alexander Library's undergraduate reserve desk)

Learning Japanese for Real: A Guide to Grammar, Use, and Genres of the Nihongo World.
By Senko K. Maynard, University of Hawaii Press, 2011. ISBN:978-0824835408

An Introduction to Japanese Grammar and Communication Strategies. By Senko K. Maynard,
The Japan Times, 2009. ISBN:978-4789013383

Grading:

Achievement levels are assessed based on attendance, participation, report of *Expressive Japanese* entries, evaluation of short speech, long speech, oral interview, and written exams.

NOTE: A detailed syllabus is distributed to enrolled students.