

565:314 Advanced Japanese Conversation and Contemporary Issues

Course 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
ISBN 978-0824828899

Grading:

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

NOTE: A detailed syllabus is distributed to enrolled students.