I. Staff
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II. Course content
You will learn WHAT to say WHEN and WHY in Japanese; i.e. Japanese pragmatics. We will discuss appropriate uses according to the context (e.g. formality of the setting, speakers’ familiarity with each other, gender, relative status, etc. and in-group/out-group memberships), Keigo, personal pronouns, as well as how to interact with Japanese people. You will also ANALYZE important grammar so that you can apply the knowledge to new situations, and learn useful phrases and communication strategies.

The objectives of the course are to gain a deeper understanding of the Japanese language, and to learn to communicate in spoken and written Japanese accurately and appropriately; i.e. as an educated adult.

III. General format of each class
(1) 3:00-4:00 Discussions on homework answers and related issues
(2) 4:00-4:05 Short quiz (usually multiple-choice type) to check your basic understanding of the assigned pages and the foregoing discussion in class
(3) 4:05-4:15 Discussions and practice on the “Phrase of the Day,” or 今日の言葉
(4) 4:15-4:20 Discussions on how to interact with Japanese people from Kataoka (1991) and others

Please consult the schedule before each class so you will know what to do to prepare for it.

IV. Materials
REQUIRED
(1) Maynard, An Intro. to Japanese Grammar and Communication Strategies (1990) The book is on 2-hour reserve (no overnight) in the Main Library, 2nd floor West Wing. Three copies (in 5 installments) are also available in the Dept. office (A-614 WH; 7:30 am-5 pm) for 2-hour check out (no overnight).
(2) Course pack

OPTIONAL/RECOMMENDED
(1) Kataoka (with Kusumoto), Japanese Cultural Encounters (1991)
(2) Simon, Supplementary Grammar Notes to IMJ, Parts 1 & 2
(3) Hudson, English Grammar for Students of Japanese
(4) Makino & Tsutsui, A dictionary of Basic Japanese Grammar
(5) Makino & Tsutsui, A dictionary of Intermediate Japanese Grammar
(6) Dictionaries in JPN 202/302/402 Shelves (also on-line: www.msu.edu/~endo "Links")
V. Grades

Note that you will receive 0 point if you copy any portion of other’s homework, quizzes, tests, finals, etc. Regarding ACADEMIC HONESTY, see http://www.msu.edu/unit/ombud/dishonestystud.html

(1) Attendance, classroom performance, and homework: 20%

a. You are expected to attend EVERY class unless you are ill. You will receive your average score if your absence is due to illness. Your score will be negatively affected if you come to class late or leave early.

b. During each class period, you will be evaluated on whether you have completed the HOMEWORK, and how actively you PARTICIPATE in the discussions: 5=excellent (1 pt. bonus!); 4=good; 3=OK; 2=poor; 0=absent.

c. We will go over all the homework IN CLASS. Correct errors yourself. Remember that you won’t be able to benefit fully from the class discussions if you haven’t done the homework.

d. Although the instructor will check in class to see if each of you has done the homework, you will be asked to submit just parts of it and only occasionally. The parts of the homework to be turned in, if any, will be announced in the previous class and also at <http://www.msu.edu/course/jpn/350>. Please write the answers to those on a SEPARATE piece of paper than the rest. Late homework will NOT be accepted unless the delay is due to illness, in which case, contact Kimura Sensei ASAP.

e. (Partial) homework answers will be posted at <http://www.msu.edu/course/jpn/350> AFTER each class.

f. If you have difficulty doing any of the homework, be sure to consult Kimura Sensei ASAP.

(2) Quizzes: 5%
The full score on each quiz is 5 points, but 4.5 points (i.e. 90%), will be considered as full score for your final grade. No make-up quizzes will be allowed. You will receive your average score if your absence is due to illness.

(3) Tests: 60% (15% X 4 tests)
You must take all the tests at scheduled times. If you have to miss a test due to illness, contact the instructor ASAP to make necessary arrangements (doctor’s note is required).

(4) Final Examination: 15 %: Wednesday, May 2, 3:00-5:00 p.m. (いつも教室で)

http://www.printout.jp/clipart/ (年賀イラスト)
子（ね）、丑（うし）、寅（とら）、卯（う）、辰（たつ）、巳（み）、午（うま）、未（ひつじ）、申（さる）、酉（とり）、戌（いぬ）、亥（い）