

**San José State University**  
**Humanities and the Arts/World Languages & Literatures**  
**JPN110, Japanese Linguistics, Spring, 2018**

**Course and Contact Information**

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| <b>Classroom:</b>       | BBC203   |
| <b>Prerequisites:</b>   | Japanese 101A/B or Instructor's consent          |

**Course Description**

**This is a course of Introduction to Japanese Linguistics. It is intended not only for Japanese major students, who have no previous background in linguistics but also for linguistics and TESL major students, who are interested in the linguistic structure of the language. The class will be conducted in English and Japanese. Prior to the attendance at each class, relevant reading assignments should be made. To maximally benefit from classroom activities, it is essential that you complete all reading assignments on schedule.**

**Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)**

Upon completion of the course, students will

1. (1) understand structural characteristics of the contemporary Japanese, and
2. (2) be able to discuss major theoretical issues with bibliographical information.

**Required Textbook/Workbook**

**An Introduction to Japanese Linguistics for Advanced Learners of Japanese (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition).** Seiichiro K. Inaba (2013). Green Ling-5 Publisher. This book is available at [Amazon](#). (hereafter JL)

**Books Recommended:**

- **An Introduction to Japanese Linguistics by Natsuko Tsujimura. Blackwell Publishers Inc. 1996.**
- **An Introduction to Japanese Phonology by Timothy J. Vance, State University of New York Press. 1987.**

- Language Files by Department of Linguistics, Ohio State University.
- Contemporary Linguistics: An Introduction by William O'Grady, University of Hawaii.

### Course Requirements and Assignments

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week), including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on. More details about student workload can be found in [University Policy S12-3](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf>.

Because this is a 4-unit course, students can expect to spend a minimum 12 hours of study time per week preparing for and attending classes and completing course assignments. Careful time management will be required.

Therefore, there will be additional assignments for making up for equivalent workload expectations as a 4-unit course with 3 contact-hours per week.

#### Additional Assignments:

1. Read assigned sections of An Introduction to Japanese Linguistics (2013) and one of the recommended books.
2. Conduct research on a topic related to Japanese linguistics through library and internet sources to prepare for an oral presentation in addition to the reading assignments.
3. Visit the instructor's office at least 5 times to discuss linguistic issues of the reading assignments and progress on your research.

### Final Examination or Evaluation

There shall be an appropriate final examination or evaluation at the scheduled time in every course, unless specifically exempted by the college dean who has curricular responsibility for the course. More details can be found in [University Policy S06-4](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S06-4.pdf) (<http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S06-4.pdf>).

### Grading Information

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|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| SQ and VQ:                      | 4 x 20 = | 80         |
| Midterm Exam:                   |          | 200        |
| Final Exam:                     |          | 300        |
| Presentation                    |          | 200        |
| Written Presentation Materials: |          | 100        |
| Participation:                  |          | <u>120</u> |
|                                 | Total    | 1000       |

### GRADING SCALE:

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|----------|----|---------|---|---------|----|
| 100 - 97 | A+ | 96 - 93 | A | 92 - 90 | A- |
| 89 - 88  | B+ | 87 - 83 | B | 82 - 80 | B- |
| 79 - 77  | C+ | 76 - 73 | C | 72 - 70 | C- |
| 69 - 67  | D+ | 66 - 63 | D | 62 - 60 | D- |
| 59 - 0   | F  |         |   |         |    |

### **Classroom Protocol**

Beverages (i.e. water) are fine, but no eating please.

Please keep your phones silent and refrain from checking calls and messages.

Please respect your classmates' efforts.

Please attend class regularly and punctually.

### **University Policies**

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>

# JPN110 / Japanese Linguistics, Spring 2018, Course Schedule

## Course Schedule

| Week | Date | Topics, Readings and Assignments   |
|------|------|--|
| 1    | 1/25 | <b>Introduction</b><br><b>Differences between English and Japanese</b>   |
| 2    | 1/30 | <b>Reading Assignment (RA): pp. 3-8</b>  |
| 2    | 2/1  | <b>Target Language &amp; History of Japanese</b><br><b>RA: pp. 8-13</b>  |
| 3    | 2/6  | <b>Japanese Syllabary &amp; Reading</b><br><b>RA: pp. 13-21, pp.140-142</b>                                    |
| 3    | 2/8  | <b>Consonants Lecture</b>  |
| 4    | 2/13 | <b>Q1, Consonants Exercise</b><br><b>RA: pp. 39-45</b>   |
| 4    | 2/15 | <b>Consonants Exercise</b><br><b>Vowels RA: pp. 46-55</b>  |
| 5    | 2/20 | <b>Q2, Vowels</b><br><b>Moras &amp; Syllables RA: pp. 56-79</b>  |
| 5    | 2/22 | <b>Moras and Syllables</b><br><b>JPN Phonology RA: pp. 80-88, pp.</b>  |
| 6    | 2/27 | <b>JPN Phonology RA: pp. 80-88</b><br><b>Introduction, Sindi Problems, Nasal Assimilation</b>                  |
| 6    | 3/1  | <b>JPN Phonology RA: 88-102</b><br><b>High Vowel Devoicing &amp; Accent Shift</b>                              |
| 7    | 3/6  | <b>JPN Phonology RA: pp. 103-124</b><br><b>Consonant Alternations</b>  |
| 7    | 3/8  | <b>Q3, Phonology Sequential Voicing</b><br><b>RA: pp. 125-132</b>  |
| 8    | 3/13 | <b>JPN Phonology</b><br><b>Review Sequential Voicing RA: pp.132-139</b>  |
| 8    | 3/15 | <b>JPN Phonology RA: pp. 151-154, pp.174-184</b><br><b>JPN Loanwords, Accent Shift &amp; Nominal Compounds</b> |
| 9    | 3/20 | <b>Review</b>  |
| 9    | 3/22 | <b>Mid-term Exam</b>   |
| 10   | 3/27 | <b>Spring Break</b>  |
| 10   | 3/29 | <b>Spring Break</b>  |

| <b>Week</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Topics, Readings and Assignments</b>  |
|-------------|-------------|--|
| 11          | 4/3         | <b>Review</b>  |
| 11          | 4/5         | <b>JPN Morphology RA: pp. 187-201</b><br><b>Parts of Speech &amp; Word Formation</b> |
| 12          | 4/10        | <b>Q4, JPN Morphology RA: pp. 201-215</b><br><b>Verbal Conjugation</b>               |
| 12          | 4/12        | <b>JPN Syntax RA: pp. 241-252</b><br><b>PS-rules</b>                                 |
| 13          | 4/17        | <b>JPN Syntax RA: pp. 252-262</b><br><b>X-bar Theory</b>                             |
| 13          | 4/19        | <b>JPN Syntax</b><br><b>Review</b>   |
| 14          | 4/24        | <b>JPN Syntax RA: pp. 283-293</b><br><b>Passive Voice &amp; Tense and Aspects</b>    |
| 14          | 4/26        | Presentation   |
| 15          | 5/1         | Presentation   |
| 15          | 5/3         | Presentation   |
| 16          | 5/8         | Presentation   |
| 16          | 5/10        | Review for Final Exam  |
| Final Exam  | 5/16 (Wed)  | 7:15-9:30  |