



CET Syllabus of Record

Program: CET Japan

Course Code/Title: (OS/ LANG 375) Advanced Japanese Projects

Total Hours: 90

Recommended Credits: 6

Primary Discipline: Japanese Language

Language of Instruction: Japanese

Prerequisites/Requirements: Successful completion of four or more semesters of college Japanese courses, minimally OS/LANG 221, OS/LANG 220, or OS/LANG 255. Final Placement at discretion of Academic Director.

Description

This course is designed to build on Japanese language fundamentals necessary to carry out research projects aligned with students' individual language level. Building on a wide range of vocabulary and complex grammatical structures, student will propose their own research topics on Japanese society and culture, collect raw data by interviewing professional/local people, write a report on the findings, and present them to public audiences via different media such as PPT slides, a poster, digital media, performance, etc. The focus is on formal, professional Japanese writing and speech style to carry out and produce individual research.

Objectives

By the end of this course, students are able to:

- Interview local people in Japanese with a professional speech style with socially acceptable etiquette.
- Write a formal report on the research findings using technical jargon and formal structures.
- Present the research findings to public audience in a formal speech style via appropriate media.
- Discuss the research topics with appropriate vocabulary and structures at ease.

Course Requirements

Graded assignments include:

- Participation: Active participation is required in this course. Students are expected to attend each class, field-based course component, and Japanese in Daily Life, as outlined in the CET Attendance Policy. Students are expected to attend every class punctually by having completed assigned work and are prepared to participate thoughtfully in class.
- Homework: Multiple homework assignments are provided for each project and additional independent preparation is expected. Students are expected to submit homework at the beginning of class.
- Project Presentation: Students present their research to a local audience for each of the two projects. At the semester midterm, students present using their choice of media. At the semester end, students present in a poster session format at the two-hour open house.

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- Project Reports: There will be one report for each of two projects: one at midterm, and one at the end of the semester. The reports need to minimally 7,200 characters (roughly 5 pages) each.

Grading

- Midterm presentation 20%
 - Process 8%
 - Product 12%
- Midterm report 20%
- Final presentation 25%
 - Process 10%
 - Product 15%
- Final report 20%
- Homework 10%
- Participation 5%

Readings

Necessary materials will be provided by an instructor

Outline of Course Content (subject to change due to individual pace)

Week 1: Japanese in Daily Life

Week 2: Deciding the first research topic

Week 3: Creating interview questions

Week 4: Collecting data (interview professionals/local people)

Week 5: Analyzing the data

Week 6: Creating a presentation medium

Week 7: Practicing the first presentation

Week 8: First presentation to a group of local Japanese

Week 9: Completing the first report

Week 10: Deciding the second research topic

Week 11: Creating interview questions

Week 12: Collecting data (interview professionals/local people)

Week 13: Analyzing the data

Week 14: Creating a poster

Week 15: Practicing the second presentation

Week 16: Second presentation in a poster format in the 2-hour open house.

Week 17: Completing the second report

Additional curated course content focuses specifically on essential Japanese skills for living and studying in Osaka and several field-study course components.