

62010 CLASSICAL JAPANESE I

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is an introductory, but demanding, course in literary Japanese for students of IJ500 and IJ600 who might, in the future, be dealing with pre-war materials. This course focuses on classical grammar, with the aim of nurturing the reading skills required to handle texts in the original. This course is a prerequisite for Classical Japanese II, and all course work is conducted in Japanese. Please note that auditing is permitted for this course.

COURSE SCHEDULE

1. Introduction
 - Parts of speech
 - The Japanese syllabary
 - Historical *kana* spelling
2. Verbs
 - *Na-* column irregular verbs
 - Four-row verbs
 - *Ra-* column irregular verbs
 - Upper one-row verbs and upper two-row verbs
 - Lower one-row verbs and lower two-row verbs
 - *Sa-* column irregular and *ka-* column irregular verbs
3. Adjectives
4. Pseudo-adjectives
5. Inflecting suffixes

TEXTS

Textbook

Akira Komai and Thomas H. Rohlich, *An Introduction to Classical Japanese*. Tokyo: Bonjinsha, 1991.
Printed materials are provided.

ASSESSMENT

Attendance 20%; Assignments 20%; Quizzes 20%; Mid-term examination 20%; Final examination 20%