

# 41030 JAPANESE LINGUISTICS III

## COMPARATIVE STUDIES IN JAPANESE AND KOREAN

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Although, as is widely known, Japanese and Korean are similar in many respects, they are still different in very intriguing ways. This course provides an introduction to comparative linguistics by focusing on some intricate differences in phonetics, phonology, and morphology between the two languages. In the first two thirds of the course, we will compare the sound systems of Japanese and Korean. After introducing the sound inventory of each language, we will examine distinctive phonetic features, syllable structures, and phonological rules in the two languages. Later in the course, we will discuss how complex predicates, including progressives, resultatives, passives, causatives, verbs of giving and receiving, and so forth, are formed in Japanese and Korean.

This course is a lecture-based class jointly offered by the Department of Anthropology and Philosophy, where interaction between the students and the instructor is mostly in Japanese. Hence, it is most recommended to Korean-speaking students who have a good command of Japanese and Japanese-speaking students, irrespective of their nationalities, who are learning Korean.

### COURSE SCHEDULE

Week 1 Introduction

Week 2~4 Phonetics

Inventories of vowels and consonants in Japanese and Korean, simplified diphthongs in Tokyo and Nagoya dialects of Japanese and complex vowels in Korean, distinctive phonetic features like [±long], [±voiced], [±aspirated], etc.

Week 5~8 Phonology

Syllable structures in Japanese and Korean, coda constraints (「ん」「っ」and “patchim”), assimilation, syllable and mora, etc.

Week 9~12 Morphology

Word formation in Japanese and Korean, progressives and resultatives (「ている」 and “-ko iss-ta”), passives and causatives (「られ、させ」and “i, hi, li, ki”), verbs of giving and receiving (「やり、もらい」and “cwu-ta, pat-ta”), etc.

### TEXTS

*Textbook:* None (Photocopies of the relevant parts of the required readings below will be distributed).

#### *Required Reading*

1. Tujimura, Natsuko (2007) *An Introduction to Japanese Linguistics* (2nd edition), Blackwell: Cambridge, MA.
2. Lee, Ik-sop, and Robert Ramsey (2000) *The Korean Language*, SUNY Press: Albany, NY.

#### *Supplementary Reading*

1. Sohn, Ho-min (1994) *Korean*, Routledge: London and New York.
2. 白峰子 (2004) 『韓国語文法事典』三修社.
3. 서정수 (1996) "국어문법" 한양대학교출판부.

### ASSESSMENT

Class participation 20%, (group and individual) Assignments 40%, Final take-home examination 40%

**\*The Korean version of this syllabus is also available at the CJS Office.**