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# JAPANESE SEMINAR COURSES

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*A high degree of proficiency in the Japanese language is required for participation in the seminars, which are conducted principally in Japanese. For this reason, most courses stipulate the level of Japanese required to enroll in the course. Please note that auditing is only permitted on a limited number of the Japanese seminar courses, as indicated.*

## **42050 INTRODUCTION TO TEACHING JAPANESE AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is aimed at students interested in how Japanese is taught at the elementary level. It is particularly appropriate for those who want to teach Japanese as a teaching assistant or a full-time non-native teacher in the future. Teaching practice routines are carried out from the beginning of the course using an elementary Japanese textbook. During the course, methods and practical skills of language teaching are introduced. The course is carried out in Japanese and is open to students enrolled in IJ600 and IJ700. Please note that auditing is not permitted on this course.

### **COURSE SCHEDULE**

1. Methods of teaching a foreign language (1)  
The grammar translation method, the direct method
2. Methods of teaching a foreign language (2)  
The audio-lingual method and pattern practices
3. Methods of teaching a foreign language (3)  
The communicative approach and tasks
4. The nature of learning and differences in learners
5. Pronunciation practice
6. Hiragana and katakana in the Japanese syllabary
7. Kanji for basic Japanese
8. Basic Japanese grammar
9. Teaching materials
10. Drills and tasks
11. Syllabus for elementary Japanese
12. Teaching practice in a group
13. Individual teaching practice

### **TEXTS**

*Textbook:* None

Materials are provided.

### **ASSESSMENT**

Attendance and class participation 30%; Assignments 20%; Presentation 20%; Final paper 30%