

# 52015 JAPANESE WRITING I-S

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is intended for IJ300 students who either (a) have little experience and have difficulty in learning Japanese *kanji*, or are interested in *kanji* and would like to learn it systematically, or (b) wish to recognize/write Japanese letters, phrases, and sentences quickly and accurately, or (c) wish to learn to write in Japanese. IJ400 students may also take this course. Note that all students who wish to take this course are required to take the “*Kanji & Essay Test*” on the first day. Depending on their test results, they may be advised to take Japanese Writing II. In class, students learn the Japanese writing system from the basics and practice writing short essays on basic topics using models and patterns learnt. Based on feedback provided by the instructor, students revise their essays for submission in the following class. This course is taught mainly in Japanese. Please note that auditing is not permitted for this course.

## **COURSE SCHEDULE**

1. “*Kanji & Essay Test*”, *Hiragana & Katakana* (review)
2. *Hiragana & Katakana* (review 2) *Kanji* 1, *Essay* 1
3. *Hiragana & Katakana* Test, *Kanji* 2
4. *Kanji* 3, *Essay* 2
5. *Kanji* 4
6. *Kanji* 5, *Kanji* Test 1
7. *Kanji* 6
8. *Kanji* 7, *Essay* 3
9. *Kanji* 8, *Kanji* Test 2
10. *Kanji* 9
11. *Kanji* 10, *Essay* 4
12. *Kanji* 11, *Kanji* Test 3
13. *Kanji* 12
14. Final Exam (*Essay & Kanji*)

## **TEXTS**

*Textbook:* None

Materials are provided.

## **ASSESSMENT**

Attendance and class participation 20%; Assignments 35%; Tests 15%; Final exams (kanji and essay) 30%