

GEOG 350 Topics in Geography: Japan— Syllabus: Fall 2011

Objectives

Intensive study of the Japanese language with a focus on mastery of material needed to pass the Japanese Language Proficiency Test Level 1 in preparation for work experiential education in Japan.

Textbooks

Heisig, James W. (2007) [*Remembering the Kanji, Vol 1: A Complete Course on How Not to Forget the Meaning and Writing of Japanese Characters, 5th ed.*](#) University of Hawaii Press. 0824831659

Heisig, James W. (2008) [*Remembering the Kanji, Vol 2: A Systematic Guide to Reading Japanese Characters.*](#) University of Hawaii Press. 0824831667

In addition to the textbooks above, students who plan to continue study of Japanese past the introductory level are strongly encouraged to purchase an [electronic Japanese-English dictionary](#). There is a wide variety of models that can range in price from around \$200 to over \$500. Online examples are [here](#) and [here](#). Some people believe prices are cheaper in Japan. Consider buying in Japan.

Course Outline

This course is independent study. Assignments and assessments will occur weekly and be assigned with respect to the progress of the student at the weekly meeting.

Course Evaluation

Students will be graded based on progress toward the objectives listed above based on the outcome of tests.

Policies

Other course policies will follow the standard JMU policies listed at:
<http://www.jmu.edu/curriculum/syllabus.shtml>

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