

**Text and Context I: Japanese**

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ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500244 East Asian Studies	OT	4	0

The proposed teaching and assessment methodology that appear in the guide may be subject to changes as a result of the restrictions to face-to-face class attendance imposed by the health authorities.

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**Use of Languages**

Principal working language: (jpn)  
Some groups entirely in English: No  
Some groups entirely in Catalan: No  
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

**Other comments on languages**

Prof. Altimir will teach her lectures in Catalan.

**Teachers**

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**Prerequisites**

At the beginning of the course, the student will have to be able to:

- Understand moderately difficult, written texts about personal issues and general issues regarding known fields.
- Produce written texts about personal and general issues about everyday issues.
- Understand easy and clear oral texts about everyday issues.
- Produce simple oral texts about everyday issues.

**Objectives and Contextualisation**

This course aims to continue developing the student's communicative competences in Japanese Language, as well as to strengthen his ability to translate simple, non-specialized texts written in standard language and of different types.

At the end of the course, the student will be able to:

- Understand easy written texts of different types about general issues regarding known fields.
- Produce moderately difficult, oral texts about everyday issues and general issues regarding known fields.

- Solve basic problems of translating simple, non-specialized texts written in standard language of different kind (expositive, argumentative and instructive).

## Competences

- Apply knowledge of East Asian culture in order to be able to communicate.
- Developing self-learning strategies.
- Ensuring the quality of one's own work.
- Produce oral texts in one of the languages of East Asia.
- Respecting the diversity and plurality of ideas, people and situations.
- Solving problems of intercultural communication.
- Understand oral texts in one of the languages of East Asia.
- Understand texts written in one of the languages of East Asia.
- Working in teams in an international, multilingual and multicultural context.
- Write texts in one of the languages of East Asia.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Apply knowledge of lexis, morphosyntax, texts, rhetoric and linguistic variation.
2. Apply strategies to produce oral texts for different contexts and for specific communicative purposes.
3. Apply strategies to produce written texts for different contexts and for specific communicative purposes.
4. Apply strategies to understand oral texts from various different contexts.
5. Apply strategies to understand written texts from various different contexts.
6. Apply strategies towards acquiring knowledge of East Asian culture in order to be able to communicate.
7. Deal with interferences between the working languages.
8. Developing self-learning strategies.
9. Ensuring the quality of one's own work.
10. Identify the need to activate knowledge of East Asian culture in order to be able to communicate.
11. Integrate cultural knowledge to solve problems in communication.
12. Possess knowledge of East Asian culture in order to be able to communicate.
13. Produce oral texts for different contexts and for specific communicative purposes.
14. Produce oral texts that are appropriate to the context and linguistically correct.
15. Produce written texts for different contexts and for specific communicative purposes.
16. Produce written texts that are appropriate to the context and linguistically correct.
17. Respecting the diversity and plurality of ideas, people and situations.
18. Solving problems of intercultural communication.
19. Understand the communicative intent and the meaning of oral texts from various different contexts.
20. Understand the communicative intent and the meaning of written texts from various different contexts.
21. Working in teams in an international, multilingual and multicultural context.

## Content

### Language

Understanding simple written texts in Japanese in order to be able to translate them.

### Translation

Solving problems of translating texts which are simple, genre non-specialized and written in a standard language.

Using tools (technological and documentation tools) to translate simple, non-specialized texts written in a standard language.

## Methodology

## Translation

Learning based on problems: the students follow a pedagogical approach: while they are under the teacher's supervision, they start from real problems and they learn to look for the information required to understand the problem and find solutions.

Case studies: the students analyze professional situations presented by the teacher in order to think about and conceptualize the experience, and to find solutions.

Cooperative learning: the methodology encourages the student to socially form his knowledge. The students work together in small groups, thus improving their own learning and the classmates' learning.

Texts: *Yomimono* lessons 11, 12 and 13 textbook: Oka, Mayumi et al. (2009). *Tobira. Gateway to advanced Japanese through content and multimedia*. Tokyo: Kuroshio shuppan.

Other texts.

## Language

Textbook: Oka, Mayumi et al. (2009). *Tobira. Gateway to advanced Japanese learning through contents and multimedia*. Tokyo: Kuroshio shuppan.

In principle, the grammar and practice of the language corresponding to lessons 11 and 12 will be done.

Gradual study of vocabulary and kanji.

Drafting: during the course will be an essay. Students will choose the subject of lesson 11 or 12.

Grammar exercises: the grammar exercises of the two lessons must be submitted.

Gender perspective will be included.

## **Activities**

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Methodological principles for text comprehension	22.5	0.9	1, 5, 4, 6, 20, 19, 10, 11, 18, 12
Textbook contents	6	0.24	1, 5, 6, 20, 10, 11, 12
Type: Supervised			
Compositions	3	0.12	1, 3, 16, 15, 9
Grammar exercises	5	0.2	1, 5, 4, 2, 20, 19, 14, 13, 7, 17, 21
Individual translations	20.5	0.82	1, 5, 3, 6, 20, 10, 11, 16, 15, 18, 17, 12, 9
Type: Autonomous			
Individual study	25	1	1, 5, 4, 3, 2, 6, 20, 19, 8, 10, 11, 16, 15, 14, 13, 7, 12, 9
Preparation of translations	28	1.12	1, 5, 4, 6, 20, 19, 8, 10, 11, 18, 12, 9

## **Assessment**

Assessment is continuous. Students must provide evidence of their progress by completing tasks and tests. Task deadlines will be indicated in the course schedule on the first day of class. All activity deadlines are indicated in the subject's schedule and must be strictly adhered to.

#### Related matters

The above information on assessment, assessment activities and their weighting is merely a guide. The subject's lecturer will provide full information when teaching begins.

#### Review

When publishing final marks prior to recording them on students' transcripts, the lecturer will provide written notification of a date and time for reviewing assessment activities. Students must arrange reviews by agreement with the lecturer.

#### Missed/failed assessment activities

Students may retake assessment activities they have failed or compensate for any they have missed, provided that those they have actually performed account for a minimum of 66.6% (two thirds) of the subject's final mark and that they have a weighted average mark of at least 3.5. Under no circumstances may an assessment activity worth 100% of the final mark be retaken or compensated for.

The lecturer will inform students of the procedure involved, in writing, when publishing final marks prior to recording them on transcripts. The lecturer may set one assignment per failed or missed assessment activity or a single assignment to cover a number of such activities.

#### Classification as "not assessable"

In the event of the assessment activities a student has performed accounting for just 25% or less of the subject's final mark, their work will be classified as "not assessable" on their transcript.

#### Misconduct in assessment activities

Students who engage in misconduct (plagiarism, copying, personation, etc.) in an assessment activity will receive a mark of "0" for the activity in question. In the case of misconduct in more than one assessment activity, the students involved will be given a final mark of "0" for the subject.

Students may not retake assessment activities in which they are found to have engaged in misconduct. Plagiarism is considered to mean presenting all or part of an author's work, whether published in print or in digital format, as one's own, i.e. without citing it. Copying is considered to mean reproducing all or a substantial part of another student's work. In cases of copying in which it is impossible to determine which of two students has copied the work of the other, both will be penalised.

More information:

<http://www.uab.cat/web/study-abroad/undergraduate/academic-information/evaluation/what-is-it-about-13456700>

## Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Composition	5%	3	0.12	1, 3, 16, 15, 7, 9
Grammar exercises	5%	5	0.2	1, 5, 4, 3, 2, 20, 19, 16, 15, 14, 13, 7
Individual translations	19,5%	7.8	0.31	1, 5, 3, 6, 20, 10, 11, 16, 15, 7, 18, 12, 9
Kanji exams	10%	4	0.16	1, 5, 6, 20, 8, 10, 11, 18, 12, 9

Presentation	19,5%	7.8	0.31	1, 5, 4, 3, 2, 6, 20, 19, 8, 10, 11, 16, 15, 14, 13, 7, 18, 17, 12, 21, 9
Textbook exam	15%	2	0.08	1, 5, 6, 20, 10, 11, 12
Translation test	19,5%	7.8	0.31	1, 5, 4, 3, 2, 6, 20, 19, 8, 10, 11, 16, 15, 14, 13, 7, 18, 12, 9
Vocabulary exam	6,5%	2.6	0.1	1, 5, 4, 6, 20, 19, 8, 10, 11, 18, 12, 9

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R.A.E. *Diccionario de la lengua española*. 21ª ed., 2 vol., Madrid: Espasa-Calpe, 1999.

### On-line resources

<http://www.rikai.com>

<http://www.kotoba.ne.jp>

<http://dictionary.goo.ne.jp>

[http://www.traduccionexpress.com/diccionario\\_japones-espanol.html](http://www.traduccionexpress.com/diccionario_japones-espanol.html)

<http://jisho.org/words>

OPTIMOT: <http://www14.gencat.cat/lle/AppJava/index.jsp>

APTIC (Associació Professional de Traductors i Intèrprets de Catalunya)

<http://apticblog.wordpress.com/enllacos/>

ASETRAD (Asociación Española de Traductores, Correctores e Intérpretes) <http://www.asetrad.org/>

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