

CLASSICAL JAPANESE I

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Objectives: To acquire the fundamentals of classical (or literary) Japanese grammar, and at the same time, to review the grammar of modern spoken Japanese. In this way, the student will learn to read literary and classical Japanese and to translate it into colloquial Japanese (and English).

Methodology: The syllabus presents the section to read in the main text. Each section is followed by a number of exercises. In each class, we will review the grammar presented in the text and take up any questions; the bulk of class time will be devoted to reviewing the exercises. So, please do not fail to prepare the exercises indicated in the syllabus. Since many of the exercises are quite short, I will introduce supplementary material from a Japanese text in order to pave the way to reading longer passages. As time permits, we will also read additional waka or tanka and short passages from other texts.

Evaluation:

25% Participation: come to class with the exercises prepared

25% Quiz 1

25% Quiz 2

25% Quiz 3

Text: Photocopies will be available, or you may download and print the texts from http://www.lamarre-mediaken.com/Site/EAST_543.html

SCHEDULE

September 6	Introduction
September 8	Exercise 1
September 13	Exercise 2
September 15	Exercise 3-4
September 20	Exercises 5-7
September 22	Exercises 8

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September 27	Exercises 9-11
September 29	Exercise 12-13
October 4	Study
October 6	Quiz 1
October 11	Exercises 14-15
October 13	Exercises 16-17
October 18	Exercises 18
October 20	Exercises 19-20
October 25	Exercises 21-23
October 27	Exercises 24-25
November 1	Exercises 26-27
November 3	Review (not mandatory)
November 8	Quiz 2
November 10	Exercises 28-29
November 15	Exercise 30-31
November 17	Exercises 32-34
November 22	Exercises 35-37
November 24	Review & Translation
November 29	Review & Translation
December 1	Quiz 3