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Course description

This is an introductory course of Japanese syntax. This course discusses some of the major topics in Japanese syntax. Two major goals of this course are: (1) to obtain the basic knowledge of Japanese syntax, and (2) to analyze some Japanese data in comparison to other languages such as English and a student's native language.

Textbooks

Following books are on reserve at Mugar Library. (E-copies of some chapters are also available.)

Kuno, S. 1973. The Structure of the Japanese Language. The MIT Press.

Tsujimura, N. 2007. An introduction to Japanese linguistics, 2ed. Blackwell.

Course Requirements

Final grades for the course will be calculated as follows:

Attendance and participation	10%	Homework assignments	30%
Quizzes (8)	30%	Final Paper and presentation	30%

☆ Class attendance and participation

Since the class meets once a week, students are expected not to miss any classes. In case of sickness or family emergency, students are expected to e-mail the instructor before class.

☆ Homework assignments:

Homework assignments have to be submitted at the beginning of class. Late homework will be accepted, but 50% will be deducted if you submit it a week later.

☆ Quizzes

There will be eight quizzes. **There will be no make-up quizzes except in cases of extreme and unavoidable hardship, such as emergency surgery.** In such cases the student must notify the instructor in advance if possible, or, if that is not possible, before returning to class.

☆ Final paper and presentation

Students will write a paper on related topics. Detailed information will be given in class, but there will be three stages in this project: (1) Paper proposal (1 page), (2) Written paper (about 5 pages), and (3) Presentation of paper in class

CAS Academic Conduct Code

Cheating on tests, quizzes and homework violates the Academic Conduct Code to which all BU students are bound, and will be punished. You are responsible for knowing and understanding the provisions of the CAS Academic Conduct Code. Copies of the Code are available in CAS 105 or may be viewed at <http://www.bu.edu/academics/resources/academic-conduct-code/>. The instructor will refer cases of suspected academic misconduct to the Dean's Office.

Concentration and Minor Concentration in Japanese:

Both a Japanese major and minor are offered at Boston University. For further information regarding the major or minor, students should contact Prof. Keith Vincent at kvincent@bu.edu. The information may also be found at:

<http://www.bu.edu/mlcl/academics/programs/japanese.html>. Information about study abroad programs is available at:

International Programs at <http://bu.edu/abroad/>.

Joint major in Japanese and Linguistics:

Details can be found at: <http://ling.bu.edu/degrees/japanese-and-linguistics>.

*** Use of Cell Phone & Computer is not allowed in the class.**