SCHOOL OF ASIAN & EUROPEAN LANGUAGES & CULTURES

JAPANESE PROGRAMME

JAPA 211 Modern Japan
[1st Trimester – 22 Points]

Course Outline (2007)

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Timetable and Classrooms:

a) Lectures: (2 hours per week)
   Mon 9-11 (KK202)

b) Tutorials* (one hour per week)
   Thu 10-11 22KP 104 or
   Thu 11-12 22KP 104 or
   Thu 12-1 24KP 101 or

*There will be no tutorials in the first week of term.

Any additional information relating to this course may be found on Blackboard and the Japanese notice board situated on the 7th floor of the von Zedlitz Building. You are advised to check Blackboard and the notice board regularly.

Aims, Objectives and Content* of Course:

JAPA211 Modern Japan is designed to introduce students to several major aspects of contemporary Japanese society. The main focus of the course will be on the social organisation of Japanese society, social behaviour, and various cultural phenomena associated with modern Japan. The course will cover the following topics:

- Land and people
- Social structures
- Japanese law
- Socialisation and education
- Cultural concepts
- Japanese diplomacy and Japan-NZ relations
- Religion
- Literature
- Film

On completion of this course students should have acquired a general understanding of several fundamental aspects of modern Japanese society today; its people, culture, social structure, systems and problems. Students should have acquired knowledge of how Japan has changed over the past century to its present situation and the challenges it faces in the future.

*A tentative outline of the course content can be found at the end of this Course Outline.
Text and Reference Books
Supplementary materials will be given out in class.

Assessment of the Course:

This course is internally assessed. The assessment for the course has been designed so as to ensure students are familiar with several major aspects of contemporary Japanese society as well as help them develop necessary research, analytical, writing and presentation skills.

Assessment Requirements:

1. Progress Test (1 hour) 25%
2. Essay (of approximately 2,500 words in length) 25%
3. Oral Presentation 15%
   In pairs, students will deliver a 30 minute oral presentation (15 minutes each) to the other members of their tutorial. Each student will receive an individual mark for his/her contribution to the preparation and delivery of the presentation.
4. Preparation of Quiz 5%
   Students (in pairs) will be required to prepare a quiz based on the contents of an assigned lecture. The quiz, together with a model answer sheet, will be submitted to the tutor in time for it to be used in the tutorial later in the same week.
5. Final Test (2 hours, in-class during final week of trimester) 30%

TOTAL 100%

Grading Procedures:
In determining the grades for each course, the Japanese Programme uses the University’s standard marking scheme, which is as follows:

Pass:  A+  85% or over
       A  80% - 84%
       A-  75% - 79%
       B+  70% - 74%
       B  65% - 69%
       B-  60% - 64%
       C+  55% - 59%
       C  50% - 54%
Fail  D  40% - 49%
     E  Below 40%
     K  (Fail due to not satisfying mandatory course requirements)
Workloads and Mandatory Course Requirements

a) Students are required to attend 3 hours of tuition per week. Students must attend more than 75% of all classes including tutorials.

b) All assignments must be submitted and all tests sat.

c) The university guideline for average number of study hours per week including class contact hours for a 200 level, one trimester 22 point course is **15 hours per week**. (3 hours in class and 12 hours work in your own time.)

d) Students are expected to organize themselves to read widely on the subjects being studied.

e) Students should feel free to consult the coordinator at any time with any queries.

Penalties:

a) If you are unable to sit a test or submit an assignment due to unforeseen reasons, such as family bereavement (supported by a letter explaining the circumstances) and health problems (supported by a medical certificate), you must contact the course coordinator prior to the due date.

b) If prior notification of absence is not received, the piece of assessment missed will receive a nil mark.

c) Failure of a student to fulfil the attendance requirements for the course even though their course mark reached 50% will result in a student receiving a K grade (Fail due to not satisfying mandatory course requirements).

Feedback to Staff about the Course:

Students are encouraged to collaborate with the lecturer in decisions affecting workloads, teaching practices and methods of assessment for the course. Toward the end of the trimester students will also be asked to provide feedback on this course by means of questionnaires.

Contact Person for Students with Disabilities:

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**JAPA 211 TENTATIVE OUTLINE OF COURSE CONTENT 2007**

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General University policies and statutes
Students should familiarise themselves with the University’s policies and statutes, particularly the Assessment Statute, the Personal Courses of Study Statute, the Statute on Student Conduct and any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied; see the Victoria University Calendar available in hard copy or under ‘About Victoria’ on the VUW home page at www.vuw.ac.nz.

Student and staff conduct
The Statute on Student Conduct together with the Policy on Staff Conduct ensure that members of the University community are able to work, learn, study and participate in the academic and social aspects of the University’s life in an atmosphere of safety and respect. The Statute on Student Conduct contains information on what conduct is prohibited and what steps are to be taken if there is a complaint. For information about complaint procedures under the Statute on Student Conduct, contact the Facilitator and Disputes Advisor or refer to the statute on the VUW policy website at: www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/studentconduct.

The Policy on Staff Conduct can be found on the VUW website at: www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/staffconduct.

Academic grievances
If you have any academic problems with your course you should talk to the tutor or lecturer concerned; class representatives may be able to help you in this. If you are not satisfied with the result of that meeting, see the Head of School or the relevant Associate Dean; VUWSA Education Coordinators are available to assist in this process. If, after trying the above channels, you are still unsatisfied, formal grievance procedures can be invoked. These are set out in the Academic Grievance Policy which is published on the VUW website at:


Academic integrity and plagiarism
Academic integrity is about honesty – put simply it means no cheating. All members of the University community are responsible for upholding academic integrity, which means staff and students are expected to behave honestly, fairly and with respect for others at all times.

Plagiarism is a form of cheating which undermines academic integrity. The University defines plagiarism as follows:

The presentation of the work of another person or other persons as if it were one’s own, whether intended or not. This includes published or unpublished work, material on the Internet and the work of other students or staff.
It is still plagiarism even if you re-structure the material or present it in your own style or words.

Note: It is however, perfectly acceptable to include the work of others as long as that is acknowledged by appropriate referencing.

Plagiarism is prohibited at Victoria and is not worth the risk. Any enrolled student found guilty of plagiarism will be subject to disciplinary procedures under the Statute on Student Conduct and may be penalized severely. Consequences of being found guilty of plagiarism can include:

- an oral or written warning
- cancellation of your mark for an assessment or a fail grade for the course
- suspension from the course or the University.

Find out more about plagiarism, and how to avoid it, on the University’s website:

[www.vuw.ac.nz/home/studying/plagiarism.html](http://www.vuw.ac.nz/home/studying/plagiarism.html)

**Students with Impairments** (see Appendix 3 of the Assessment Handbook)

The University has a policy of reasonable accommodation of the needs of students with disabilities. The policy aims to give students with disabilities the same opportunity as other students to demonstrate their abilities. If you have a disability, impairment or chronic medical condition (temporary, permanent or recurring) that may impact on your ability to participate, learn and/or achieve in lectures and tutorials or in meeting the course requirements, please contact the course coordinator as early in the course as possible. Alternatively, you may wish to approach a Student Adviser from Disability Support Services (DSS) to discuss your individual needs and the available options and support on a confidential basis. DSS are located on Level 1, Robert Stout Building:

- telephone: 463-6070
- email: disability@vuw.ac.nz

The name of your School’s Disability Liaison Person is in the relevant prospectus or can be obtained from the School Office or DSS.

**Student Support**

Staff at Victoria want students to have positive learning experiences at the University. Each faculty has a designated staff member who can either help you directly if your academic progress is causing you concern, or quickly put you in contact with someone who can. In the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences the support contact is **Dr Allison Kirkman, Murphy Building, room 407**. Assistance for specific groups is also available from the Kaiwawao Māori, Manaaki Pihipihinga or Victoria International.

**Manaaki Pihipihinga Programme**

This programme offers:

- Academic mentoring for all Māori & Pacific students at all levels of under graduate study for the faculties of Commerce & Administration and Humanities & Social sciences. Contact **Manaaki-Pihipihinga-Programme@vuw.ac.nz** or phone 463 6015 to register for Humanities & Social Science mentoring and 463 8977 to register for mentoring for Commerce and Administration courses
- Post graduate support network for the above faculties, which links students into all of the post grad activities and workshops on campus and networking opportunities
- Pacific Support Coordinator who can assist Pacific students with transitional issues, disseminate useful information and provide any assistance needed to help students achieve. Contact: Pacific-Support-Coord@vuw.ac.nz or phone 463 5842.

Manaaki Pihipihinga is located at: 14 Kelburn Parade, back court yard, Room 109 D (for Humanities mentoring & some first year commerce mentoring) or Room 210 level 2 west wing railway station Pipitea (commerce mentoring space). Māori Studies mentoring is done at the marae.

**Student Services**
In addition, the Student Services Group (email: student-services@vuw.ac.nz) is available to provide a variety of support and services. Find out more at:

[www.vuw.ac.nz/st_services/](http://www.vuw.ac.nz/st_services/)

VUWSA employs Education Coordinators who deal with academic problems and provide support, advice and advocacy services, as well as organising class representatives and faculty delegates. The Education Office (tel. 463-6983 or 463-6984, email at education@vuwsa.org.nz) is located on the ground floor, Student Union Building.