科目ナンバリング	U-LAS02 10019 LE37				
授業科目名<英訳>	Introduction to Japanese Linguistics I-E2 Introduction to Japanese Linguistics I-E2	担当者所属職名・氏名	文学研究科　教授　CATT, Adam Alvah		
群	人文・社会科学科目群	分野(分類)	芸術・文学・言語(基礎)	使用言語	英語
旧群	A群	単位数	2単位	週コマ数	1コマ	授業形態	講義（対面授業科目）
開講年度・開講期	2026・後期	曜時限	水2	配当学年	全回生	対象学生	文系向

[授業の概要・目的]

If you are interested in linguistics and how linguists think about the Japanese language, then this is the course for you. This course is an introduction to scientific methods of understanding and analyzing the Japanese language using the tools of linguistics. We will focus on the areas of phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and language change.

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By the end of this course, you will have gained a good understanding of the basic areas of study in linguistics--phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and language change--and how to use these tools to understand and analyze the Japanese language.

[授業計画と内容]

The course schedule is divided into the following seven sections, each with a different theme. Exercises will be regularly assigned to help you explore various descriptive and theoretical issues.

1. Introduction (about 2 weeks)
What is linguistics?; introduction to the Japanese language--its features, history, and genetic affiliation

2. Phonetics (about 2 weeks)
Describing consonants, vowels, accent

3. Phonology (about 3 weeks)
Phonemes, allophones, analyzing data sets, sequential voicing (rendaku), moras and syllables, describing accent

4. Morphology (about 2 weeks)
Parts of speech categories, the morpheme and morpheme types, types of word formation, transitive and intransitive verb pairs, nominalization

5. Syntax (about 2 weeks)
Constituency, word order, dislocation, scrambling, ellipsis, reflexive pronouns, passives

6. Semantics (about 1 week)
Tense and aspect, information structure

7. Language Change (about 2 weeks)
How the Japanese language has changed over time

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Feedback (1 week)

Total：14 classes, 1 Feedback session

[履修要件]

This course does not require any prerequisite knowledge, although a basic familiarity with Japanese is preferable.

[成績評価の方法・観点]

Grades are based on attendance/class participation (30%), and assignments/exams (70%). Important: If you miss four or more classes, you will not be given credit for the course.

[教科書]

Relevant materials will be provided in class.

[参考書等]

（参考書）

Tsujimura, Natsuko 『An Introduction to Japanese Linguistics, third edition』（Wiley Blackwell, 2014）ISBN:978-1-4443-3773-0

Shibatani, Masayoshi 『The Languages of Japan』（Cambridge University Press, 1990）ISBN:978-0-521-36918-3

[授業外学修（予習・復習）等]

Exercises will be assigned on a weekly basis, and you will be expected to prepare sufficiently for each class.

[その他（オフィスアワー等）]

Office hours to be specified (check KULASIS). For questions about the course or to set up a meeting, email me at catt.adam.7c@kyoto-u.ac.jp. Please include “Japanese Linguistics” in the mail header and your full name and student number in the email. Important: Make sure that you search for answers to questions yourself before contacting me by email.

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