

PAAS 342: Advanced Readings in Japanese II

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Course description:

This course aims to help you enhance reading proficiency, improve reading comprehension and increase confidence in “sight-reading” of unfamiliar texts. As a companion to the PAAS 341 course, here we will focus mainly on non-fiction works including newspapers, short essays, opinion pieces, and autobiographical work. You will improve your listening comprehension, speaking and self-expression through discussing texts in Japanese and writing short essays based on our class discussions.

For the final project, you will work in teams and conduct independent research on some aspect of Japanese culture or current events. Each team member will contribute independent research and together the team will compose a Japanese-language presentation to be presented in some type of creative format – art, music, dance, Japanese cultural practice, slides, short film, or other format.

Attendance and participation (10%)

Weekly vocabulary quizzes (30%)

Midterm (20%)

Final Exam (20%)

Final group presentation (20%)

Proposed reading list:

Asahi Shimbun, Yomiuri Shimbun.

Muto, Ruiko. *Fukushima kara, anata he.*

Kōura, Yasuko. *Kazoku shashin wo meguru watashitachi no Rekishi.*

Saitō Takeichi. *Umi no koe wo kiku.*