PAAS343: Advanced Comprehension and Conversation in Japanese
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Course description:
This course focuses on developing listening comprehension and speaking proficiency towards advanced level in Japanese. Advanced level speaking proficiency involves tasks such as narrating a story, retelling one’s experience, explaining complicated situations, and providing detailed descriptions among others. In order to function at such level, one needs to build develop accuracy, fluency, vocabulary (especially multi-character kanji words), and the ability to handle language at discourse level while maintaining coherence. Students will have ample opportunities to practice advanced level tasks in order to improve their speaking proficiency. This course will cover some of the variations within Japanese based on gender, formality of the situation and familiarity between among the participants such as keigo and casual speech. For listening comprehension, authentic video clips from drama, reality show, and news from Japanese TV and other materials will be used to increase both linguistic and cultural exposure to Japanese.

Evaluation(tentative):
Students’ learning will be evaluated through various tasks including:
- Attendance/Participation
- Assignments
- Interview project
- Quizzes
- Tests
- Oral interview tests

Textbooks used:

Optional: Morimoto, et al. (2014). 200 Quick and Easy Phrases for Japanese Conversation (Sugu ni tsukaeru nihongo kaiwa cho mini phrase 200)