



**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES**

**JAPANESE**

**JAPA 312 JAPANESE MYTHOLOGY**

**20 POINTS**

**TRIMESTER 2 2013**

**Important dates**

**Trimester dates:** 15 July to 17 November 2013

**Teaching dates:** 15 July to 18 October 2013

**Mid-trimester break:** 26 August to 8 September 2013

**Last assessment item due:** Wednesday 16 October 2013

**Withdrawal dates:** Refer to [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds)

If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination (aegrotats), refer to [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat)

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### Class times and locations

#### Lectures

Mondays and Wednesdays 1.10pm - 2.00pm KK (Kirk) 204

#### Tutorials

Wednesday 12noon - 12.50pm KK (Kirk) 204

Please note that tutorial classes start in the **second** week of the trimester.

Students must sign up to the tutorial class group by using the S-cubed system, <https://signups.victoria.ac.nz>.

### Communication of additional information

Any additional information relating to this course may be found on Blackboard. You are advised to check Blackboard regularly.

### Prescription

This course examines various aspects of Japanese mythology derived from the earliest written sources and from oral traditions. Selected Japanese myths are outlined and devices of orality (pre-literary) tradition applied to them. Origins of Japanese mythology are explored in the context of prehistoric migrations and recent archaeological findings. Co-taught with JAPA 412.

### Course content

Week	Commencing	Lecture (Mon) Topics	Tutorial (Wed)	Lecture (Wed) Topics
1	15 July	オリエンテーション 神話とは何か? 口承文学とは何か? <small>こうしょう</small>	—	オリエンテーション Sources: 古事記、 日本書紀、風土記 <small>こじき にほんしょき ふどき</small>
2	22 July	Myths of the Pleiades and the 鶴女房 type <small>つるによぼう</small>	Assignment Guidance Reading 'Old Japanese'?	Harasaki no Numa
3	29 July	10分語彙クイズ1 (3%) Trickster myths: The White Rabbit of Inaba <small>いなばのしろうさぎ</small> 因幡白兔	氷河時代・ 旧石器時代 Palaeolithic Era	The origins of mortality: 「バナ ナ・タイプ」 コノハナサクヤヒ メとイワナガヒメ
4	5 Aug	Flood myths:	神話学史 Lévi-Strauss and	Land-making and Land-settlement

		海の幸 <small>さち</small> と山の幸	Structuralism 構造論 <small>こうぞうろん</small>	myths 国作り・国占め <small>し</small> ・ 国譲り <small>ゆず</small> 神話
5	12 Aug	Creation myths イザナギとイザナミ	10分語彙クイズ2 (3%) 縄文時代 <small>じょうもん</small> や照葉樹林 <small>しょうようじゅりん</small> 文化論 'Laurilignosa' Culture	宿題 1 due Wed 14 August, 4.30pm. (18%)
6	19 Aug	Revision	Revision	Progress Test – Wed 21 Aug: 25%
	中間休み			
7	9 Sept	天照大神 <small>あまてらすおおみかみ</small> とスサノヲ	弥生時代 <small>やよい</small> ：渡来文化 <small>とらい</small>	天照大神 <small>あまてらすおおみかみ</small> とスサ ノヲ (続)
8	16 Sept	Imperial legend: オケとヲケ	古墳時代 <small>こふん</small> ・ヤマト政権 <small>せいけん</small>	10分語彙クイズ 3 (3%) Orality, taboo and punning: the sacred 小目野 <small>をめの</small>
9	23 Sept	The Kind and Unkind Girl type 雀 <small>すずめ</small> の恩返し <small>おんがえし</small>	柳田國男 <small>やなぎたくに</small> と民俗学 <small>おみんぞくがく</small>	Orality, taboo and punning: the sacred and the profane 萩原 <small>はりはら</small>
10	30 Sept	Orality, taboo and punning: the sacred and the profane 麻打山 <small>あさうちやま</small>	宿題 2 due Tues 1 Oct 4.30pm: (20%) 内容未決定 <small>ないよう み け っ て い</small>	Orality, taboo and punning: the sacred and the profane ハニヲカ
11	7 Oct	10分語彙クイズ4 (3%) 内容未決定 <small>ないよう み け っ て い</small>	JAPA 412 ゼミ All JAPA 312 students are expected to attend	内容未決定 <small>ないよう み け っ て い</small>
12	14 Oct	Revision	Revision	Final Test – Wed 16 Oct: 25%

### Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course will/should be able to:

1. Demonstrate an intermediate comprehension of academic writing in the Japanese language in the discipline of mythology.
2. Read and critique related Japanese and English academic literature with the aid of dictionaries.
3. Discuss in academic-style Japanese and English various topics related to Japanese mythology.

## Teaching format

Taught by 2 hours of lectures and 1 hour of tutorial. In practice, due to the small class size, classes may be described as combined 'lectorials'. Students are expected to come to class having previously read the relevant handouts and should be prepared to read and discuss the content.

## Mandatory course requirements

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of 50%, students must:

1. Attend a minimum of 80% of the tutorial classes.
2. Complete the two assignments by the due date.
3. Sit the written tests on the date indicated.

## Workload

The University Assessment Handbook has laid down guidelines as to the number of hours per week which students are expected to devote to a course in order to maintain satisfactory progress. Students enrolling in a 300-level one-trimester 20-point course should work on average 13 hours per week including contact hours - i.e., in the case of JAPA 312, 10 hours of private study outside class time.

## Assessment

*An aegrotat pass will normally be approved only when a candidate has completed at least 30% of the course assessment.*

Assessment items and workload per item		%	CLO(s)	Due date(s)
1	Four (10 min.) vocabulary quizzes x 3%	12%	1	29 July 14 August 18 Sept 7 October
2	Two written assignments (18% and 20%) Approx 1600 characters	38%	1, 2, 3	14 August 1 October
3	Progress test (2-hours)	25%	1, 2, 3	21 August
4	Final test (2-hours)	25%	1, 2, 3	16 Oct

## Submission and return of work

All assignments in Japanese must be **hand written** on *genkō-yōshi*. Hard copies of assignments should be submitted in class. In principle, they will be returned within three weeks of the deadline. Marking criteria will be distributed in class in advance of the assignment. Marked work will either be returned in class or be made available for collection from the SLC office. Please bring your student ID card with you when you come to collect your work.

## Penalties

Late submission of work may incur a penalty of 5% for each day after the deadline.

The examiner reserves the right not to mark prose that exceeds the word limit.

## Set texts

There are no set texts to be purchased for this course. It is the responsibility of students to ensure that they receive all course handouts from the lecturer.

## Recommended reading

Will be provided in class and/or posted on Blackboard.

## Class representative

A class representative will be elected in the first week, and that person's name and contact details will be available to VUWSA, the Course Coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinator on behalf of students. Class reps will attend a meeting with the Head of School to discuss how the course is going and to raise any concerns or suggestions that they may have. You can find out more information on Class Representatives on the VUWSA website: [www.vuwsa.org.nz](http://www.vuwsa.org.nz)

## Student feedback

Response to feedback for this course will be discussed in class or delivered via Blackboard. Student feedback on University courses may be found at [http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback\\_display.php](http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php)

## Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism)
- Aegrotats: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat)
- Academic Progress: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress) (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/dates](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/dates)
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: [www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin)
- Grades: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/grades](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/grades)
- Resolving academic issues: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#grievances](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#grievances)
- Special passes: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#specialpass](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#specialpass)
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy)
- Student support: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/viclife/student-service](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/viclife/student-service)
- Students with disabilities: [www.victoria.ac.nz/st\\_services/disability](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability)
- Student Charter: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/viclife/student-charter](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/viclife/student-charter)
- Student Contract: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/enrol/studentcontract](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/enrol/studentcontract)
- Turnitin: [www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin](http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin)
- University structure: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about)
- VUWSA: [www.vuwsa.org.nz](http://www.vuwsa.org.nz)