



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

JAPANESE

JAPA 412 JAPANESE MYTHOLOGY

30 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

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

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Class times and locations

Lectures

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

Tutorials

Wednesday 12.00noon - 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>.

Additional JAPA 412 tutorials may be scheduled on an ad hoc basis at the discretion of the Course Coordinator.

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 312.

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? <small>こうしょう</small> 口承文学とは何か?	—	オリエンテーション Sources: <small>こじき</small> 古事記、 <small>にほんしよき</small> 日本書紀、 <small>ふどき</small> 風土記
2	22 July	Myths of the Pleiades and <small>つるによぼう</small> the 鶴女房 type	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	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

		いなばのしろうさぎ 因幡白兔		
4	5 Aug	Flood myths: 海の幸と山の幸	神話学史 Lévi-Strauss and Structuralism 構造論	Land-making and Land-settlement myths 国作り・国占め・ 国譲り神話
5	12 Aug	Creation myths イザナギとイザナミ	10分語彙クイズ2 (3%) 縄文時代や照葉樹林 文化論 'Laurilignosa' Culture	宿題 1 due Wed 14 August, 4.30pm. (18%) 浦島太郎
6	19 Aug	Revision	Revision	Progress Test – Wed 21 Aug: 25%
	中間休み			
7	9 Sept	あまてらすおおみかみ 天照大神とスサノヲ	弥生時代：渡来文化	あまてらすおおみかみ 天照大神とスサ ノヲ (続)
8	16 Sept	Imperial legend: オケとヲケ	古墳時代・ヤマト政権	10分語彙クイズ 3 (3%) Orality, taboo and punning: the sacred 小目野
9	23 Sept	The Kind and Unkind Girl type すずめ おんがえ 雀の恩返し	柳田國男と民俗学	Orality, taboo and punning: the sacred and the profane 萩原
10	30 Sept	Orality, taboo and punning: the sacred and the profane 麻打山	宿題 2 due Tues 1 Oct 4.30pm: (20%) 内容未決定	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	JAPA 412 ゼミ All JAPA 312 students are expected to attend	内容未決定
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 upper-intermediate to low-advanced 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

Co-taught with JAPA 312, JAPA 412 students will be expected to study more extensive reading materials than JAPA 312 students; assessed work will be longer and more demanding; and an additional oral presentation to the class (leading a seminar) will be expected, to ensure that an Honours level of achievement is attained.

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 400-level one-trimester 30-point course should work on average 20 hours per week including contact hours - i.e., in the case of JAPA 412, 17 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 2%	8%	1	29 July 14 August 18 Sept 7 October
2	Two written assignments (18% and 20%). Approx 2400 characters	38%	1, 2, 3	14 August 1 October
3	Progress test (2-hours)	22%	1, 2, 3	21 August
4	Final test (2-hours)	22%	1, 2, 3	16 Oct
5	One oral presentation (15 minutes)	10%	1	9 October

Submission and return of work

All assignments in Japanese must be **hand written** on *genkō-yōshi*. In principle, they will be returned within three weeks of the deadline. Marking criteria will be distributed in class in advance of the assignment.

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

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

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