

**California State University, Monterey Bay**  
**SPRING 2008**

**JAPN380 (4 units)**

**Japan: Land and People**

**Face-to-Face Online Time: Wednesday (3:00 –3:50)**

75% Web-enhanced and 25% live or electronically live

**Synchronous and a Synchronous on-line course**

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Sacramento students will meet with Professor Kazue Masuyama once a week and she will contact you for detail.

- Students with disabilities who may need accommodations please contact me by the end of first week during office hours or make an appointment by calling 582-3795 or by email ([ysa@csumb.edu](mailto:ysa@csumb.edu)). Also contact: [Student\\_Disability\\_Resources@csumb.edu](mailto:Student_Disability_Resources@csumb.edu) (Phone: 831/582-3672 voice, or 582-4024 fax/TTY) <http://www.csumb.edu/student/sdr/>

**Course Description:**

The course introduces Language and Culture of Japan in thematic approach. Selected topics are Geography, Climate, Population, and Industries. It is designed to develop Japanese language skills and to introduce various aspects of Japanese culture as related to course topics, using technology and web based materials. In this class, students learn through web-enhance lessons and synchronous online (live or electronically live).

**Course Goals are**

- To develop culturally appropriate communication skills in three modes of communication (interpretive mode: listening and reading; Interpersonal mode: speaking and writing; presentational mode: speaking and writing).

- To develop accuracy in speaking and writing communication with appropriate grammar and syntactic structures.
- To develop an understanding of Japanese culture.

### **Outcomes**

**At the completion of the course** students will be able to

- Describe geographical locations of Japan
- Describe geographical characteristics of Japan
- Explain the climate of Japan and its relationship to culture.
- Explain population, family composition, age distribution in Japan

### **Instructional Format**

- Synchronous learning mode – Wednesday (3:00-3:50). The SANAKO Forum opens from 2:30. You need to connect by 2:50 and check the voice and chat capability. If SANAKO is not responding, please check your e-mail announcement for further instruction or call Gus Leonard.
- Asynchronous learning mode: Students access online materials that promote autonomous learning.

### **Prerequisites:**

Students are required to have intermediate Japanese language proficiency and basic computer skills:

- Students should have completed at least two-year language studies successfully. Those who have not must demonstrate the equivalent competence.
- Students must have basic computer technology literacy.
- Students should be motivated and disciplined for their independent and individual study.

### **Technology Prerequisites:**

You should have the following basic skills in order to take this on-line course.

- Have an e-mail account and know how to use it.
- know how to use a Web browser in the course language.
- know how to use word processing software and PPT in the course language.
- know how to play and record digital audio and video files.

### **Technology Requirements**

#### **Oral Communication Tools for Wednesday's class.**

#### **SANAKO Forum 4.0**

is the main 'virtual classroom' tool for this course. You will use Forum to meet with your instructor and classmates daily.

Download and Install from <http://vll.csumb.edu/downloads/Forum/participant/>

Download connection 'key' (cpm file) from ilearn site at

<http://ilearn.csumb.edu/course/view.php?id=1365>

Forum is never launched from the programs folder on your computer. Instead, after installing the application, double-click the icon for the cpm file sent to you or

downloaded from ilearn. That will launch the program. Click the ‘test connection’ button. 3 services should run correctly. Your firewall may request permission to let the program run; allow it. The first time you run the program, cancel the connection, and from the Options Menu, select ‘Audio Connection Wizard’ and complete that setup. This will set your audio devices correctly. Close out the application; relaunch the icon, then select ‘connect’ and you will arrive in the ‘lobby’ for your class. In the lobby you should have audio connections with your classmates: press the Control key to speak. In the bottom left you have a text chat, and other tools will be learned as the course continues.

When the SANAKO Forum is not responsive, you will receive an e-mail via iLearn to either connect to either Adobe Connect or Skype. It is, therefore, important for you check your e-mail if your SANAKO is not responding. Please check in advance to be sure that you can connect to both Adobe Connect and Skype by January 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Gus Leonard.

#### Adobe Connect

is backup #1 for oral connections in the event. When SANAKO Forum is not responsive, please go to the site below. You will get an invitation to this site in your email after the course has started as well.

To join the meeting: <http://connect.csumb.edu/japn380/>

If you've never used Adobe Connect Enterprise, get a quick overview:  
[http://www.adobe.com/go/breeze\\_live\\_intro\\_en](http://www.adobe.com/go/breeze_live_intro_en)

#### Skype

is back up #2 and it is highly recommended for student-to-student work and office hour meetings:

Skype account (free) from <http://www.skype.com>

Skype allows computer-to-computer calls for up to 24 participants at no charge. Optional ‘Skype-out’ (not used for this course) allows user to call from computer to land line or cell phone.

To contact Saito-sensei on skype, call ‘saitoabbott’

Tech support staff for this course is [Gus\\_Leonard@csumb.edu](mailto:Gus_Leonard@csumb.edu) ‘gusterca’

#### Recording Software

SANAKO Media Assistant Lite is a versatile recorder that will record to MP3 format for easy upload when you create files for your instructor to review.

Download and Install from

[http://vll.csumb.edu/downloads/MAL/Lite\\_Setup.exe](http://vll.csumb.edu/downloads/MAL/Lite_Setup.exe)

Get serial number from

<http://ilearn.csumb.edu/course/view.php?id=1365>

### Course Site

This class is taught through the **Moodle Learning Management System** at csumb found at [ilearn.csumb.edu](http://ilearn.csumb.edu)

CSUMB-native students will use the OtterID to login. Students from other campuses will have a user name and password sent to the email address you provided. Usually that user name is created from the first letter of your first name and your last name. Thus, Joe Otter would be jotter.

### Operating System for Wednesday's class

Windows 2000, XP or Vista

.NET 1.1 Framework from Microsoft (will install with Forum)

Note: Wednesday' online Face-to Face session is conducted with SANAKO Forum which requires a PC. For the rest of the asynchronous activities you can use either Mac or PC.

### Hardware

#### Headset with headphones and microphone

Using a laptop with built in mic and speakers will result in feedback and poor audio quality for you and your classmates.

Cyber Acoustics makes the AC201 which is a good compromise of quality and cost.

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[http://www.amazon.com/Cyber-Acoustics-AC-201-Headset-microphone/dp/B0002QLQ96/ref=pd\\_bbs\\_sr\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=electronics&qid=1200550839&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Cyber-Acoustics-AC-201-Headset-microphone/dp/B0002QLQ96/ref=pd_bbs_sr_1?ie=UTF8&s=electronics&qid=1200550839&sr=1-1)

### Grading Policies:

Assignments	50% (on-line and in-class assignments) See daily schedule for assignments.
Tests	30% (quizzes, tests, and a final exam) At the end of each module, there is a comprehensive test.
Participation	20% (Weekly Face-to-Face Online class and 7 Discussion Forum participation)

All the above items are taken into consideration for your final grade.

The grades are assigned as follows:

A+	100-99
A	98-94
A-	93-90
B+	89-88
B	87-84
B-	83-80
C+	79-78
C	77-74
C-	73-70
D+	69-68

D 65-64  
 D- 63-60  
 F 59-0

### Required Texts/Materials:

Main texts and materials are on-line.

Other supplemental will be web-based as well as other authentic materials.

- *Japan – Land and People*: <http://134.139.94.70:8888/vllj/php>
- *iLearn*: <https://ilearn.csumb.edu/>

**Weekly Course Outline and Schedule:** (Note: Refer to the schedule sheet for detail daily schedule which illustrates activities and homework in this course). Dates and Assignments are subject to change.)

- Module 1: Location and Area of Japan
- Module 2: Climate
- Module 3: Land Formation
- Module 4: Population

WEEK 1 (1/22-1/24)	- Orientation for CSUMB students
WEEK 2 (1/28-1/31) by connecting	- Sacramento students join. Sacramento students complete set up with Gus by 1/29 for 1/30's online face to face class. Module 1: 日本の位置と地域
WEEK 3 (2/4-2/7)	- Module 1: 日本の位置と地域
WEEK 4 (2/11-2/14)	- Module 1: 日本の位置と地域
WEEK 5 (2/18-2/21)	- Module 2: 日本の気候
WEEK 6 (2/25-2/28)	- Module 2: 日本の気候
WEEK 7 (3/3-3/6)	- Module 2: 日本の気候
WEEK 8 (3/10-3/13)	- Module 2: 日本の気候
WEEK 9 (3/17-3/20)	Spring Break (Monterey Students) - Module 3: 日本の地形 (Sacramento Students)
WEEK 10 (3/24-3/27)	- Module 3: 日本の地形 (Monterey Students) (No online face-to-face session) Spring Break (Sacramento Students)
WEEK 11 (3/31-4/3)	- Module 3: 日本の地形
WEEK 12 (4/7-4/10)	- Module 3: 日本の地形
WEEK 13 (4/14-4/17)	- Module 3: 日本の地形
WEEK 14 (4/21-4/24)	- Module 4: 日本の人口 (No online face-to-face session)
WEEK 15 (4/28-5/1)	- Module 4: 日本の人口

WEEK 16 (5/5-5/8) - Module 4: 日本的人口  
 WEEK 17 (5/12) - Exam

### Course Policies:

1. **Attendance policy:** Regular attendance (synchronous class) and active class participation are expected. It is essential that you keep up with course work on a daily basis. Absence will not excuse you from fulfilling the requirement. Notify your instructor before the beginning of class when you need to miss your online face-to-face class due to illness or unavoidable situation. You are responsible for keeping track of your own absences. If you miss three face-to-face online class on Wednesday, your grade will automatically be reduced by one letter grade.
2. **Assignment and Homework policy:** You are required to turn in your assignment and homework on time to receive credit. Late assignment and homework may be checked, if the instructor has time, but no credit will be given. The due date is 3:00 a.m. of the following day. For example if the due date is W, 12<sup>th</sup>, then you need to submit no later than Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 a.m.
3. **Group-work policy:** You are encouraged to work with your classmates on assignments. However, you are not allowed to copy each other's homework. If you study together on your homework and decide on the same answers, please write down on the homework sheet, "I have worked with so-and-so to do this assignment," and all of you sign and date the work. If dishonest copying is identified, the assignments will not only receive no credit for the work, but also will be reported to the School as a case of Academic Misconduct. See a section on Academic Integrity for further information.
4. **No early or late final exams and quizzes:** All students are expected to take the exams on the scheduled date and time. In case of emergency or an unavoidable situation, notify the instructor beforehand for a make up arrangement.
5. **Make-up Exam policy:** Make-up Exam is permitted only under the most stringent circumstances. Students must provide a legitimate reason accompanied by an explanatory letter to the instructor with medical documents, accident report or such documentation. The make-up testing must be taken within three class days of your return. Exams/tests/quizzes will be usually given at the beginning of class time. If you come in late and lack time to finish your test, you are responsible for having little time to complete it.
6. **Keep in touch with your instructor** if you have any problems attending class. We do not want to have you "disappear" for several days without contacting us. You can always leave voice mail messages and/or send an email, if we are not in the office.
7. **Notices and changes of schedule are announced in class.** If you are absent or late for class, be sure to check with your classmates so that you do not miss important information.

