

Overview

During this semester, you will spend approximately 20% of your time working on a project that you propose and design yourself. This assignment will be worth 20% of your final grade. The results of your project will be presented to the class during the last week of the semester. Starting on September 4, we will spend every Friday working on our projects in class. On “G-Time” days, you may bring laptops to work on in class, and barring unforeseen circumstances you will also be allowed to work on your projects in the Joe Brown Hall computer lab.

Your project must be somehow related to your goals for studying Japanese, but other than that I am very open to original and unique proposals.

Group work

If you wish, you may work in teams of up to three people. In that case, proposals must be very specific as to the roles that group members will play. For group projects, **every team member will be given the same grade**, so it is important that you learn to work as a team and create a product that all members are satisfied with.

Time requirements

You will have approximately 10 hours of time to work on this project in class. A **minimum passing grade** of “C”, therefore, should reflect at least 10 hours of solid work. An “A” grade will require additional outside work, totaling approximately 20 hours of effort. You are required to keep a log of all time spent on this project, showing dates, times, and activities spent working on this project. For group projects, these times are guidelines *per team member*, so a project created by a three-person team should reflect 30-60 hours of solid work. (I expect to be very impressed!)

Final product

The project that you propose must result in a product that you can show to the class, friends and family, future employers, etc. Example products include a paper or collection of papers, a presentation, a recitation, a web site, a wiki, a video, a podcast, something that you made or built... There are countless possibilities, but it must be something that can somehow be shared with us. Presentations are scheduled for 30 Nov and 1 Dec, and should be from 5-10 min.

Important: *The goal of this project is not creating a presentation. The presentation is to show us the goals of your project, and how you met them.*

Some examples of possible projects

- Create a Japanese grammar wiki containing all the grammar we covered this semester in a better form than your textbook.
- Study kanji using the Heisig “Remembering the Kanji” texts
- In-depth research on some aspect of Japanese culture (literature, poetry, Harajuku fashion, folk tales, history, music, crafts, politics...)
- Preparation for the Level 3 Japanese Language Proficiency Test
- Program a Japanese language learning application
- Research on second language learning
- Create a portfolio of digital resources to support learning with Genki (new Anki decks, grammar review sheets, vocabulary exercises, etc.)
- Assist Tony in creating Creative Commons licensed course materials (in digital form--will require some technical skill)

G-Time project proposal

Name: _____

Due: Friday, 28 Aug

Answer the following questions:

Why are you studying Japanese? What is your final goal for studying Japanese?

Describe your proposed project, including how this project fits in with your reason for studying Japanese, and how it will help you attain the goal you stated in Question 2:

Describe what you will be handing in at the end of the semester as the result of your project:

Grading rubric

Name: _____

Your "G-Time" project will be graded according to the following rubric. Fill in up to five items of your own choosing so that the total of all items equals 100%.

Item	% of grade	Score
Completion of time log	10	
Effectiveness of time spent	30	
Adherence to proposal	5	
Presentation	10	
Total	100%	

“G-Time” time log

Name: _____

Use this log to keep track of how you spent your time working on your G-Time project. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Date	Time	Activities
4 Sep	11:15am-12:05pm	
11 Sep	11:15am-12:05pm	
18 Sep	11:15am-12:05pm	
25 Sep	11:15am-12:05pm	
2 Oct	11:15am-12:05pm	

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9 Oct	11:15am-12:05pm	
16 Oct	11:15am-12:05pm	
23 Oct	11:15am-12:05pm	
6 Nov	11:15am-12:05pm	
13 Nov	11:15am-12:05pm	
20 Nov	11:15am-12:05pm	