

Introduction to Japan Studies

Grading Rubric 2025

Points are given in the following way. The maximum score is 100. Students are ranked according to their score. Grades are then distributed according to university guidelines for GPA.

Participation in Class

The default score is 7 points. Points are gained for positive contributions to class. Points are lost for a negative contribution or attitude.

	Insufficient Attendance	Poor Contribution	Default	Excellent Contribution
Points	Automatic fail (whole course)	4	7	10

Active Learning Hours

The Active Learning Hours Report is 2 classes worth of self study (8-10 hours). Submit the report using the sheet provided (the instructions and marking system are in the report sheet).

Mid-Term Exam

In Week 7 (27 May) there is the Mid-Term Exam. This is a “prepared exam”, in other words, you are given the questions in advance, but you write your answers under exam conditions. The exam questions and marking scheme will be given in Week 4 (29 April). **Note that you must gain a 20 pass score to gain credits for the course as a whole.** People who are absent from or who fail the 27 May exam must retake the exam in Week 14.

28 May Exam	Absent (Approved)	Absent (Not Approved)	0-19 (Fail)	20-35
Points	Retake (no penalty)	Retake (5 point penalty)	Retake (10 point penalty)	Pass

Exam Retake (Week 14)	0-19 (Fail)	20-35 (Pass)
Points	Cannot get credits for the course.	Points modified by the penalty (-5 or -10).

End-of-Term Exam

In Week 13 (9 July) there is the End-of-Term Exam. This is also a “prepared exam”. There is a single essay question and you have 1 hour to write an essay. The title will be given in Week 9 (11 June). Points are given as follows. The End-of-Term Exam cannot be retaken.

	F	C-	C	C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A	A+	S
Points	0	8	11	14	17	20	23	26	29	32	35