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**Japanese 350: Introduction to Japanese Linguistics**  
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Japanese 350 is an introductory course in linguistics using Japanese data. Linguistics is the science that studies human language. The aim of the course is to introduce the fundamental concepts and tools used in the analysis and description of language. We will begin with the smallest units of spoken language, sounds, and move on to larger units: words, phrases, and sentences. We will use these tools to take a brief look at language change, social and regional dialects, and writing systems.

In order to take maximum advantage of the location, Machida, Tōkyō, and the fact that students will be in a homestay situation, students will be assigned individual and group projects as homework, applying the techniques of analysis taught in the course to real-world data.

**Text**

*An Introduction to Language, 7<sup>th</sup> edition* (Fromkin, Rodman, and Hyams)

**Grading**

Midterms .....	30%
Final .....	30%
Homework (including projects) .....	25%
Class Participation .....	15%