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There are several reasons why I am taking Japanese 2110 this year. Since I have spent several cumulative months in Japan in the past few years and loved it, I have acquired the desire to be able to easily communicate with native Japanese speakers. Also, I will be in the Aerospace industry when I graduate, and as the U.S. and Japan work more and more closely together on large projects, I hope to have the ability to work with both sides in both languages. In addition, I believe that knowing a second or third language stimulates the mind by keeping it active, and therefore keeps it from rotting.

I have four goals for the end of this semester. First, I want to be able to not drop out of the class due to time constraint reasons. Second, I want to be able to become much more proficient in oral communication by practicing with other people outside of class, vice only doing in-class activities. I also want to be successful at learning at least 250 more new Kanji, bringing the total up to 437, at a minimum. And, I would like to have a larger verb vocabulary by incorporating that into some of the Kanji that I learn, since forming sentences is very difficult without them.