Japanese Pronunciation for Communication

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ICT and Education

Innovation in recent years of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has changed traditional learning environments and opened a door to new approaches of learning.

Online Education

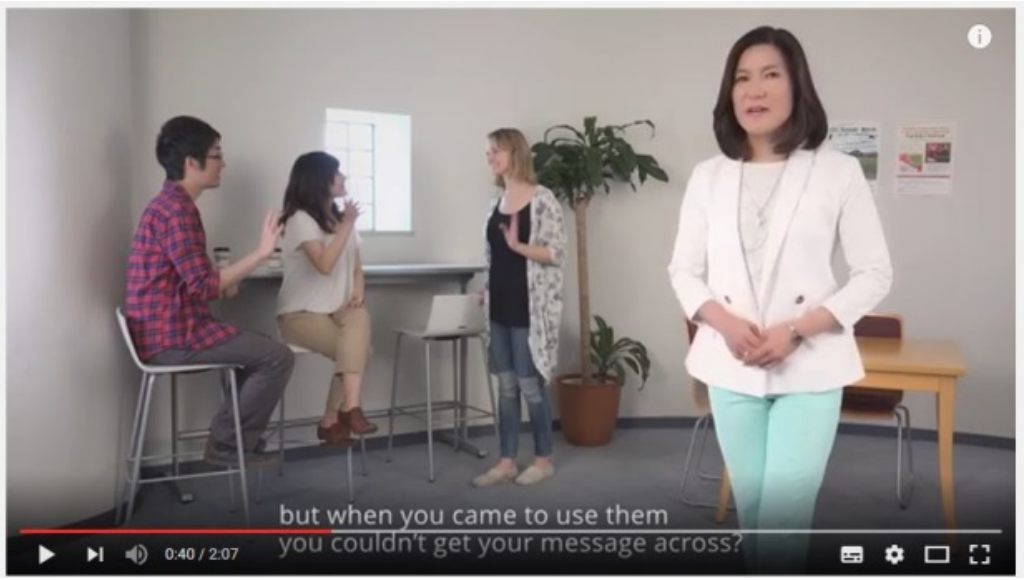
In addition to face-to-face classroom instruction during class hours, ICT, internet in particular, enables us to study without constraints of space and time.

MOOCs

A Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), ‘Japanese Pronunciation for Communication (JPC)’ is open to public since November 2016. This course has been offered by edX (https://www.edx.org/), which is a global MOOC platform jointly developed by Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

JPC

JPC is the first Japanese language related course offered by a global MOOC, and has been open repeatedly every half year since 2016 to provide an opportunity to practice pronunciation for people who are interested in learning Japanese.



JPC

JPC is distributed worldwide to learners and teachers involved in Japanese language education at no charge. More than 42,000 people have registered from 170 countries and regions (as of October 29, 2018).

Aims

The final goal of JPC is to attain proficiency of Japanese pronunciation so that you can accurately get your message across and share your feelings'. The aims of this online course are:

1) acquisition of phonological knowledge,

2) consciousness raising in pronunciation,

3) vocalization practice and continuation,

all of which are vitally necessary to achieve proficient Japanese pronunciation.

Presentation

- MOOCs and Japanese Pronunciation for Communication（JPC）
- Utilizing JPC to teach Japanese pronunciation
- Blended-learning, flipped learning

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Why MOOCs?

‘To bring the best quality education to as many people as we could, so we formed Coursera, whose goal is to take the best courses from the best instructors at best universities and provide it to everyone around the world for free.’

Founder of Coursera, Stanford University
Daphne Koller (TED, 1 August 2012)

Impact of MOOCs

MOOCs offer certificates and employability for people who are not lucky enough to receive higher education, but full of the ability and the motivation.

Especially in the USA, MOOCs are recognized as valuable open educational resources for people for the better future.

MOOCs Platforms

＜global MOOC＞

・Coursera（Stanford University）

・edX（Harvard University・MIT）

＜local MOOC＞

・FutureLearn（UK）、JMOOC（Japan）、KMOOC（Korea）、 XuetangX（China）、 Thai MOOC（Thailand）、Iversity（Germany）、FUN（France）、OpenupEd（EC）、Open2Study（Australia）etc･･･

The 1st Japanese Language Contents on global MOOC:JPC

＜global MOOC＞

・edX

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＜local MOOC＞

・JMOOC（放送大学MOOC）

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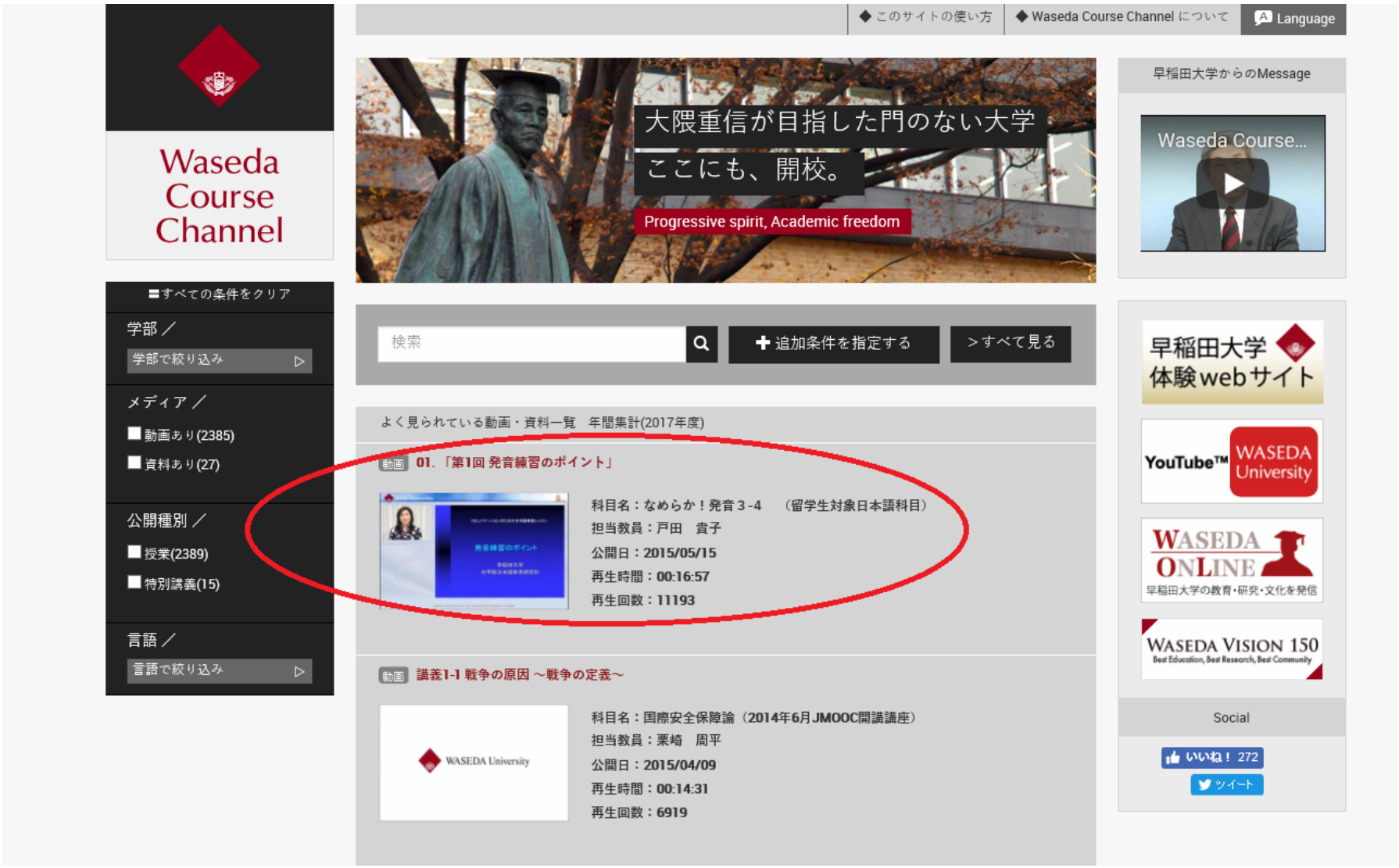

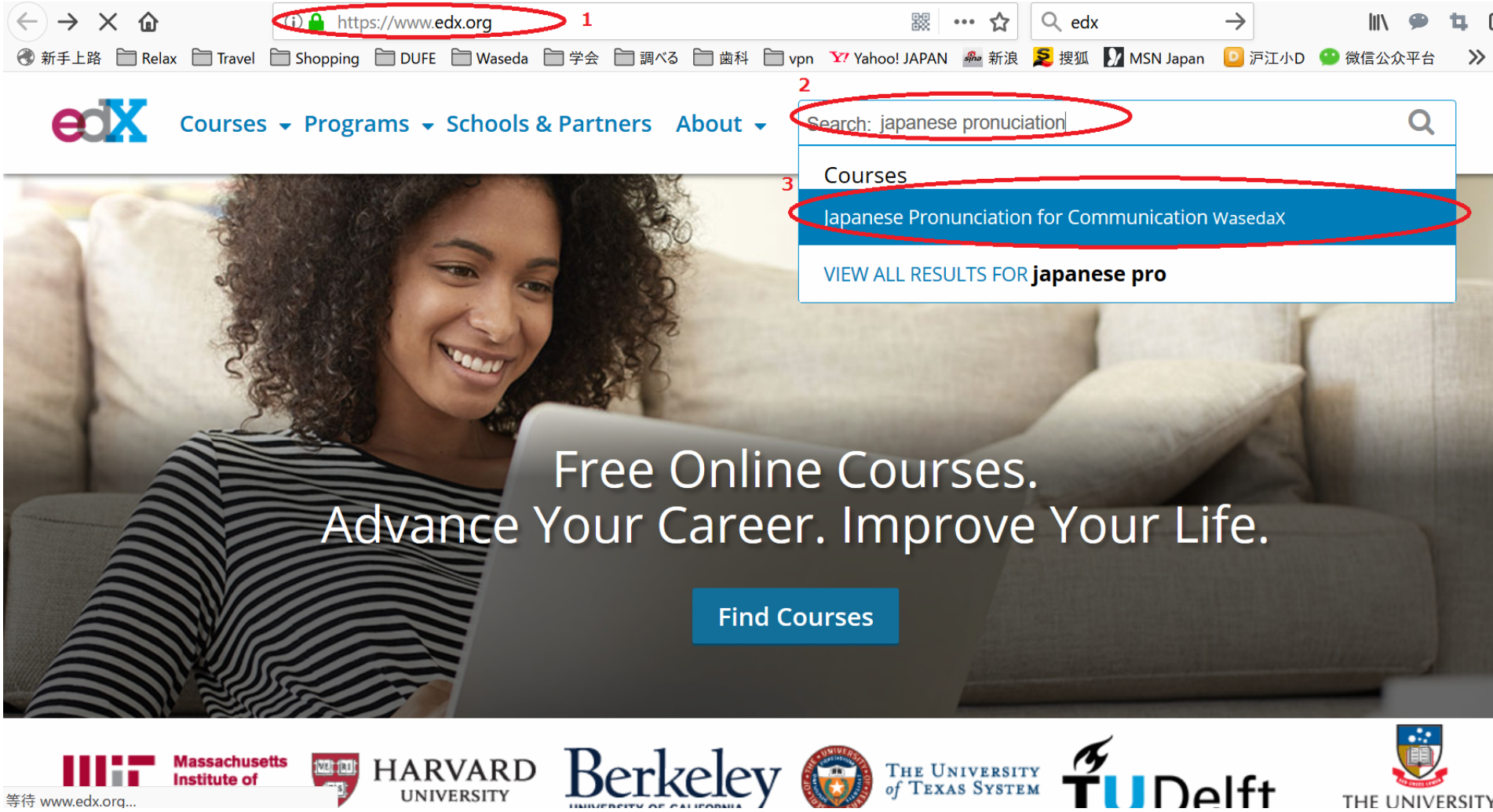
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Japanese Pronunciation for Communication

Practice pronunciation and improve your spoken Japanese in context.

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In Session

Started on November 6, 2017

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Enroll Now

☑ I would like to receive email from Waseda University and learn about other offerings related to Japanese Pronunciation for Communication.

About this course

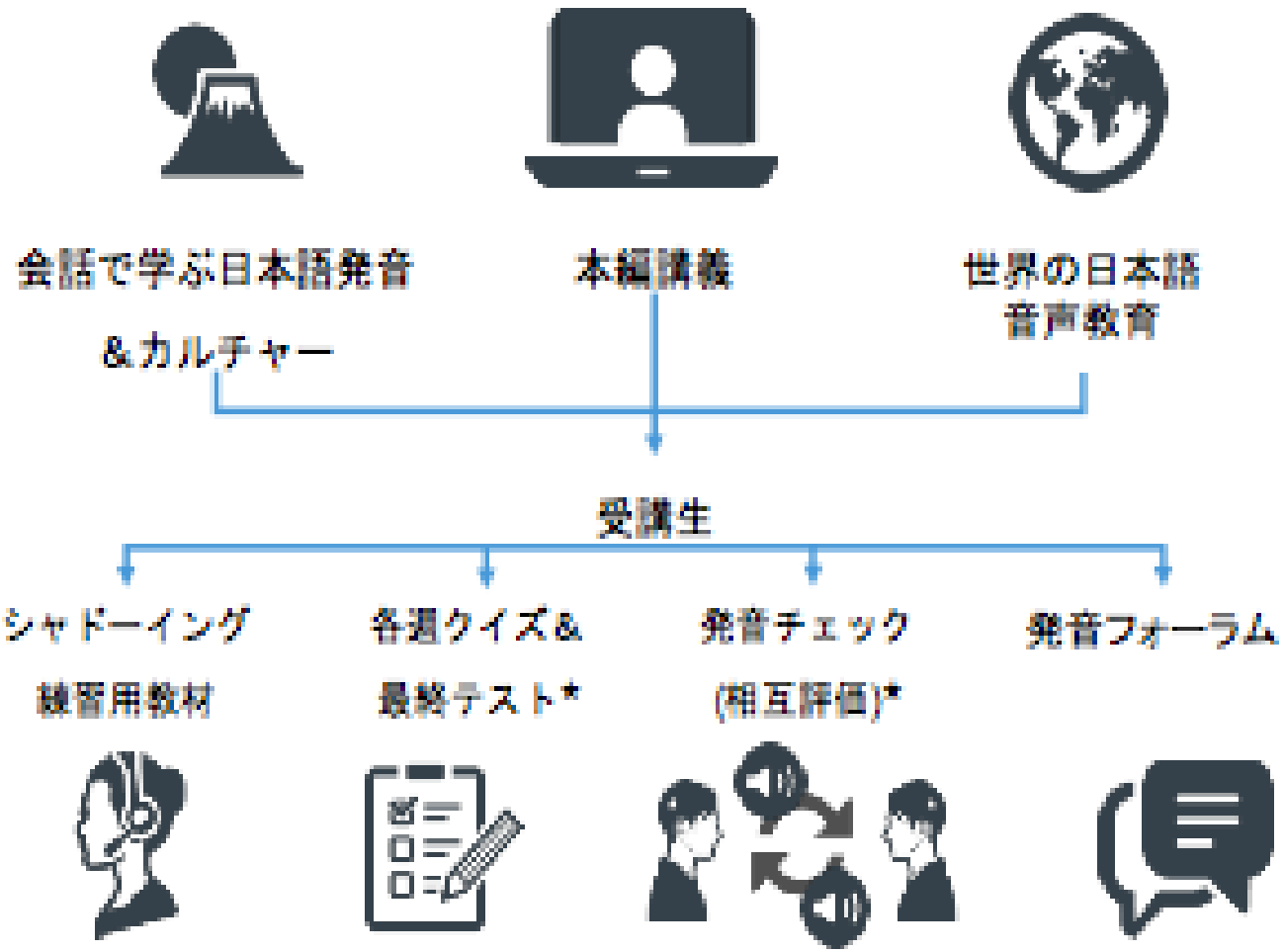
日本語にほんごの説明せつめいは「See more」をクリックしてください。

您可以查看网頁，动画在XuetangX

One of the most challenging aspects of learning Japanese is pronunciation.

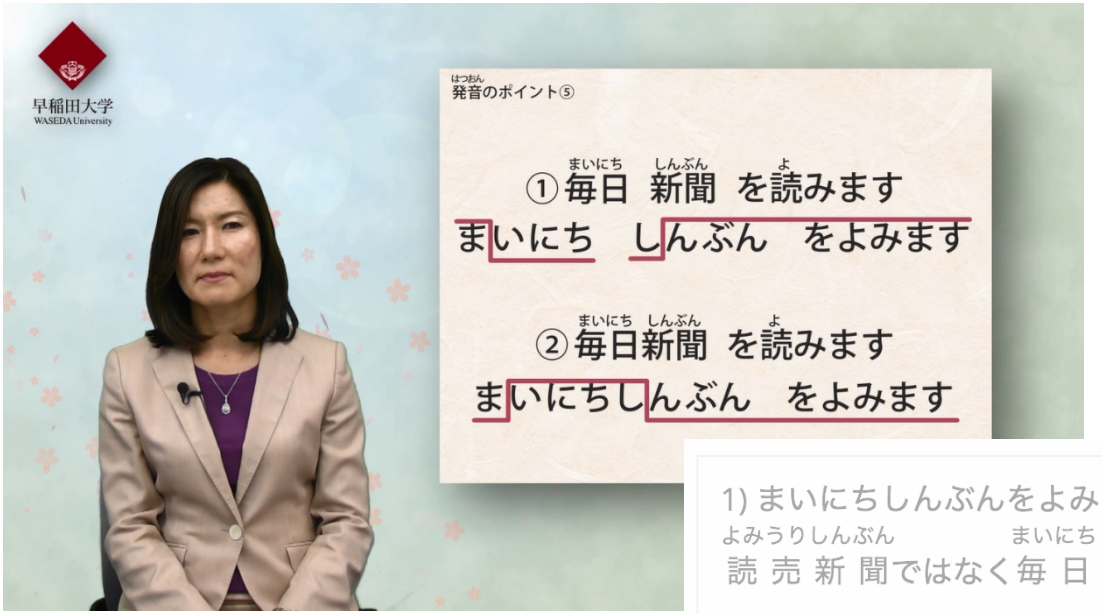
Length:	5 weeks
Effort:	to 3 hours per week
Price:	FREE Add a Verified Certificate for $49 USD

JPC Contents



*成績評価の対象 °該当者のみ

Lectures



【講義動画】

【再生プレイヤー】

1) まいにちしんぶんをよみます
よみうりしんぶん　　まいにちしんぶん　よ
読 売 新 聞ではなく毎 日 新 聞を読みます。

2) まいにちしんぶんをよみます
きのう　きょう　しんぶん　よ
昨日も今日も新 聞を読みます。

- Lectures on Accent, Intonation etc.
- Audio Player allows students to repeat model sounds.
- Students are able to stop and rewind lectures.

Conversation and Culture Notes

- **Conversation**
- Learning Japanese pronunciation through conversation
- **Culture Notes**
- Cultural aspects are introduced. The results of our questionnaire show that students are particularly interested in this section.

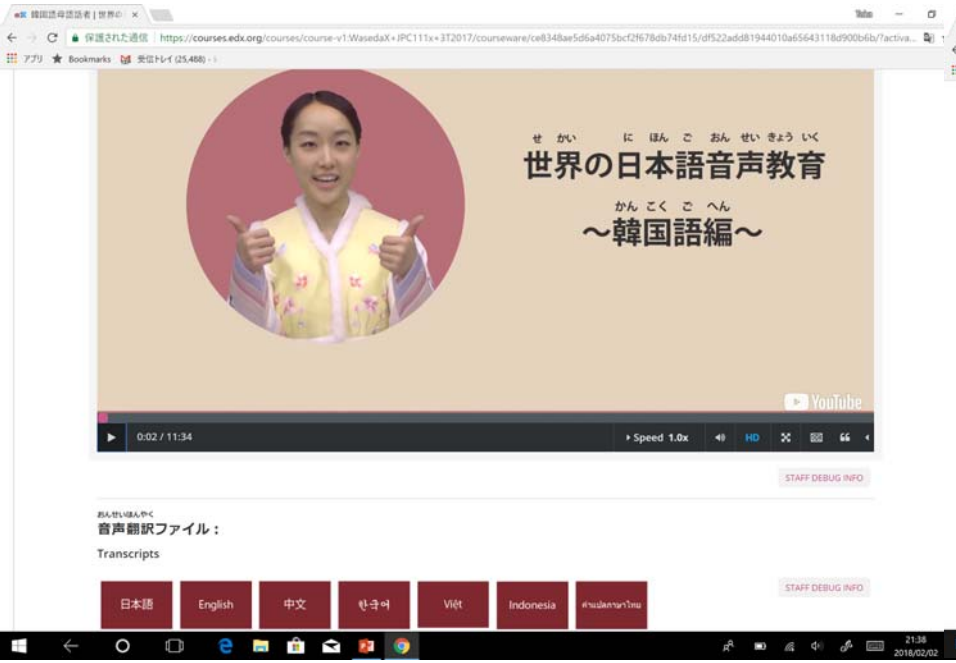
Shadowing Practice

【シャドーイング練習教材】

【シャドーイング練習風景】

- 15 sound files are provided to practice pronunciation through shadowing.

Teaching Japanese Pronunciation around the World



- English, Chinese, Korean, Vietmanese, Thai
- Students select language they are familiar with.

Discussion Forum

Section	Topic
第1回	Points on Japanese Pronunciation
第2回	Accent
第3回	Intonation
第4回	Pronunciation of Colloquial Japanese
第5回	Becoming a ‘Pronunciation Expert’

- Exchange ideas and establish learner communities.

Comments －1－

- Thank you very much 先生 for the detailed feedback I received! It provided me with insightful information on the areas I should focus on while exercising.
- Thank you for your helpful feedback! I am working on the suggestions. This has been an eye-opening course. I hope there's a JPC 112 :-D

Comments —2—

- Thank you to Professor Toda and her staff for the excellent feedback I received on this assignment. I've gained much insight on where I need to make improvements and feel even more motivated to reach my (lofty) goal of speaking perfect Japanese.

Grading

- 1.　Quiz（Section1-4）：40%
- 2. Pronunciation Check Assignment（Section1-5）：10%
- 3. Final Test（Section5）：50%

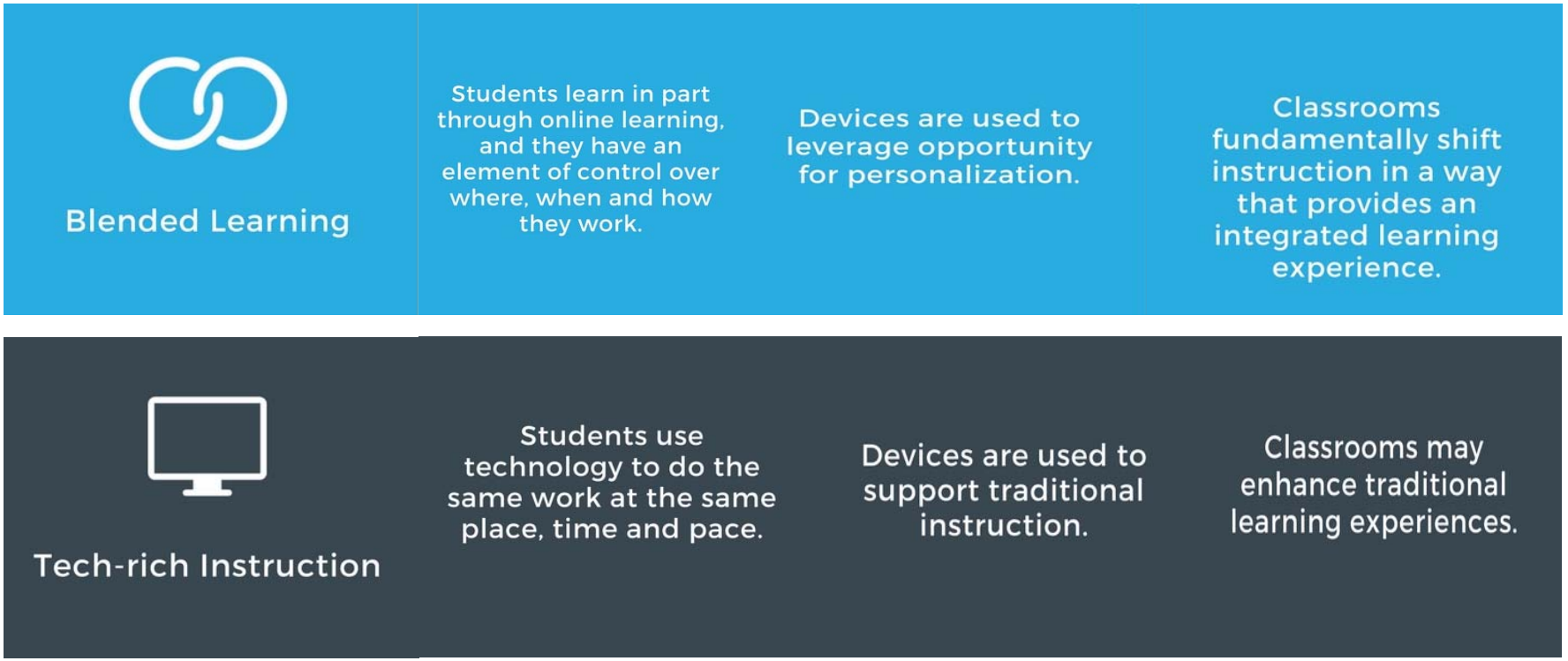
Self-paced

- 1. Quiz（Section1-4）：50%
- 2. Final Test（Section5）：50%

The passing grade for the course is 60%.

To qualify the Verified Certificate, learners must score at least 60%.

Blended Learning



www.blendedlearning.org

Blended Learning with JPC

- Pronunciation Class @Waseda

  Blended Learning

⇒we offer classroom instruction from the first week to 5th week, and online education from 6th week until 15th week.

*The classroom disappears in the middle of the semester!

JPC is blended into this course for 5 weeks.

Conclusion

- We can use ICT to change the traditional way of teaching pronunciation.
- Blended learning provides us opportunities for personalization, and enables us to improve language education.

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