

Rubrecht “Translation of Ideas” Seminar – 4th Year

Instructor: Dr. Brian G. Rubrecht, Ph.D. **Class Meeting Place / Time:** _____

This is your final year in the seminar. How you receive a grade this year is actually very simple: you must go through the pieces and process of writing a thesis in academic English writing style.

The pieces, process, and completing of tasks in a timely manner are all important.

As you know, there are different grades students may receive. For this final year of the seminar, there are essentially only 5 possible grades I will give to students:

- S = All pieces and process steps completed by all deadlines**
- A = All pieces and process steps completed, one deadline missed**
- B = All pieces and process steps completed, two deadlines missed**
- C = All pieces and process steps completed, three deadlines missed**
- F = All pieces and process steps not completed by the last second of the last class meeting of the year**

Thus, it is very simple. You essentially have ONE ENTIRE YEAR to complete what is essentially only ONE REPORT. If you cannot find the time to learn new information and present that information to your instructor and your classmates by the end of the academic school year, then you should not receive a passing grade.

If you receive an F:

- then there was an obvious reason for this. You failed yourself and you failed your instructor.
- do not cry or beg for more time.
- do not think you are special and that your instructor will make an exception just for you.
- do not be mad at your instructor (he wants you to learn and to give you a good grade!!!).

Typical Yearly Schedule

-- Last class day of 3rd year seminar:

[*] Explain the thesis

[*] Assign 10 (a)s and (b)s homework due first class 4th year in April

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| -- (a) and (b) decision due date: | [*] End of May at the very latest |
| -- 5 references (with notes) due date: | [*] End of June at the very latest |
| -- 5 more references (with notes) due date: | [*] First class back after summer break |
| -- Interviews completed: | [*] By the second class meeting in October at the very latest |
| -- Due date for the entire thesis (D1): | [*] The first class after the university school festival |

We are free to decide due dates as a seminar.

Be aware that we have a weekly schedule for the class (see Oh-O! Meiji). However, adjustments to semester lessons (and the syllabus) may be made depending on (1) students' understanding of the material, (2) the pace of student in-class interaction, (3) appropriateness of the material, and (4) students' learning attitude.