

Course Title: JPN 101 First Year Japanese

Term: Winter 2023

Instructor: TBA

Course Credit: 4

Mode of Instruction: Online

Course Description:

Designed for beginners who have little or no prior knowledge of Japanese, we will study characters, grammar, syntax, reading and conversation through significant drill work. This course aims at the accumulation of basic kana and kanji, common-used sentences and grammar, as well as the understanding of Japanese culture. Elementary ability of listening, speaking, reading and writing will be cultivated after the course. Students are expected to facilitate keen interests in Japanese and prepare well for studying higher level of Japanese language.

Course Prerequisites:

N/A

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course, the student should be able to:

- A. Develop the basic skills of writing, reading, listening, and speaking;
- B. Fluently carry out simple and daily conversations;
- C. Exchange information regarding daily life, school life, shopping and etc in Japanese;
- D. Become familiar with Japanese culture and customs.

Course Material:

An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese, Eri Banno, Yoko Ikeda, Yutaka Ohno, 2nd Edition, The Japan Times Press, 2011.

Evaluation:

- 2 Oral Tests [2*10%]
- 2 Compositions [2*10%]
- 2 Grammar Tests [2*10%]
- Final Exam [40%]

Description of the Evaluation tasks:

Assignment/ Essay/...: During the term, students will be required to finish several evaluation tasks within due date. All the tasks are linked with specific course topics/outcomes and will adequately assess students' competence and learning outcomes. Students are encouraged to meet with instructor about these tasks at any point.

Mid-term/ Final Exams/ Quiz/...: There may be periodic quizzes given at the beginning of lecture sessions; the feedback from these quizzes will monitor the progress of the learners and help to set learning priorities. There will be mid-term exam/ final exam for the course. They are the basic criteria for the evaluation of students' learning outcomes and final grade.

Grading Policy:

Students are supposed to finish each online lecture. Prior to each class, students should finish the required readings. During the class time, students are encouraged to make use of all relevant online course resources and communicate with the instructor. Students' grades are accumulated based on the cumulative evaluations.

Students' letter grade will be assigned according to the following scale:

A+ 90-100	A 85-89	A- 80-84
B+ 77-79	B 73-76	B- 70-72
C+ 67-69	C 63-66	C- 60-62

D+ 57-59	D 53-56	D- 50-52
F < 50		

Academic Integrity:

Students must strictly adhere to the university's academic integrity rule; and all essays, exams and any other form of academic assignments must adhere to these rules. Any form of plagiarism, cheating, or misappropriation of materials will be considered a violation of academic integrity and will be punishable by the university.

Withdrawal from the Course(s):

Students will be able to apply for a transfer or withdrawal within 3 days of the starting date of the course. If a withdrawal is applied for within 3 working days, the tuition fee will be fully refunded. After 3 days, the tuition fee will not be refunded. If a withdrawal is applied for in the first two weeks, it will be recorded as W (Withdraw) on the course transcript. After this initial two-week period, the class will be recorded as F (Fail).

Tentative Schedule:

Week 1	
1	Course Introduction
2	Hiragana (dots/circles)
3	Hiragana (double consonants/long vowels)
4	Katakana
5	Numbers
Week 2	
6	Time and telephone numbers Grammar Test #1
7	Question sentences
8	Relevant expressions about location

9	Verb conjugation
10	Noun & verb

Week 3

11	Verbs with places
12	Time references
13	Oral Test #1 Compositions #1
14	Suggestion
15	Suggestion (Cont.)

Week 4

16	Frequency adverbs Grammar Test #2
17	Expressions whether an item exists
18	Describing where things are
19	Past tense (Noun)
20	Verb conjugation (Past tense)

Week 5

21	Past tense (Verbs)
22	Time & particles
23	Oral Test #2 Compositions #2
24	Adjectives conjugation (present tense)
25	Final Exam