



JAPN 1311.002: Beginning Japanese I

Fall 2016 (8/22/2016 – 12/07/2016)

Classroom: CB1 1.106

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 12:00 pm – 12:50 pm

I. Professor's Contact Information:

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II. Course Information:

Name of this course: JAPN 1311.002 (3 Credit Hours)

Prerequisite: No knowledge of Japanese language is required

Course Description: This course is an introductory course intended for students with little or no knowledge of the language. Its aim is to develop the linguistic and cultural knowledge and skills necessary for basic comprehension, communication and interaction in both spoken and written language. It aims to equip students with effective learning strategies and to provide a creative, encouraging environment for students to practice these skills.

III. Learning Outcomes: Upon completing this course, students should be able to:

- Read and write all 46 hiragana characters plus their additional sounds
- Read and write all 46 katakana characters plus their additional sounds
- Read 58 kanji characters
- Greet others and introduce yourself appropriately
- Conduct basic shopping and order at restaurants
- Describe your daily routine and habits
- Make invitations and respond to invitations
- Talk about past events
- Describe the location of objects

IV. Textbooks and Materials:

"Required" textbook and materials

- Genki I: An integrated course in elementary Japanese (2nd edition), ISBN: 978-4-7890-1440-3, The Japan Times
- Genki I (2nd edition): Workbook (Must have CD-ROM inside) ISBN: 978-4-7890-1441-0, The Japan Times

-eLearning

Assignment sheets, assignment answers, lecture slides, and other important course materials are posted in eLearning. You are required to check our course eLearning on a regular basis.

-Flashcards/ vocabulary list maker:

<http://quizlet.com/>

<http://ankisrs.net/>

"Suggested" Course Materials:

-English-Japanese and Japanese -English Dictionary (Strongly recommended)

-A DICTIONARY OF BASIC JAPANESE GRAMMAR (日本語基本文法辞典)
ISBN:4-7890-0454-6

V. Tentative Course Calendar

***Homework will be assigned daily. Please check the homework/Assignment section on eLearning.**

		In Class	Quiz/Test
1	Mon 8/22	Course Introduction Greetings1	
	Wed 8/24	Practice: Pronunciation and Classroom Expressions	

	Fri 8/26	Writing system –Hiragana あ(a) ～と (to) and it's pronunciation	
2	Mon 8/29	Writing system –Hiragana な(na) ～ん (n) and it's pronunciation	Hiragana Quiz 1
	Wed 8/31	Greetings2, Hiragana with dots, circles, double consonants and long vowels	Hiragana Quiz 2
	Fri 9/2	Ch. 1 -1	Hiragana Quiz 3
3	Mon 9/5	No Class (Labor Day)	
	Wed 9/7	Ch.1-2	Vocabulary Quiz
	Fri 9/9	Ch.1-3	
4	Mon 9/12	Ch.1-4	
	Wed 9/14	Writing system – Katakana あ(a) ～と (to)	
	Fri 9/16	Writing system – Katakana な(na) ～ん (n), and Katakana with dots, circles, double consonants and long vowels	Katakana Quiz 1
5	Mon 9/19	Ch. 1-5	Katakana Quiz 2
	Wed 9/21	Ch. 2-1	Katakana Quiz 3
	Fri 9/23	Ch. 2-2	
6	Mon 9/26	Ch. 2-3	
	Wed 9/28	Ch. 2-4	
	Fri 9/30	Test 1 (Ch. 1 and Ch. 2)	
7	Mon 10/3	Ch. 3-1	
	Wed 10/5	Ch. 3-2	
	Fri 10/7	Ch. 3-3	Verb Quiz
8	Mon 10/10	Ch. 3-4	

	Wed 10/12	Ch. 3-5	Kanji Quiz
	Fri 10/14	Ch. 4-1	
9	Mon 10/17	Ch. 4-2	Verb Quiz
	Wed 10/19	Ch. 4-3	Vocabulary Quiz
	Fri 10/21	Ch. 4-4	Kanji Quiz
10	Mon 10/24	Test 2 (Ch. 3 & Ch. 4)	
	Wed 10/26	Ch. 5-1	
	Fri 10/28	Ch. 5-2	Adjective Quiz1
11	Mon 10/31	Ch. 5-3	Adjective Quiz 2
	Wed 11/2	Ch. 5-4	
	Fri 11/4	Test 3 (Kanji)	
12	Mon 11/7	Ch. 6-1	
	Wed 11/9	Ch. 6-2	Verb Quiz
	Fri 11/11	Ch. 6-3	Vocabulary Quiz
13	Mon 11/14	Ch. 6-4	Kanji Quiz
	Wed 11/16	Ch. 6-5	Te-form Quiz
	Fri 11/18	Ch. 6-6	
		*** Fall Break ***	
14	Mon 11/28	Test 3 (L.5 & L.6)	
	Wed 11/30	*Review for Final	
	Fri 12/2	*Review for Final or Culture Day	
15	Mon 12/5	Group Presentation Day 1	

	Wed 12/7	Group Presentation Day 2	Essay is due at Midnight !
16	TBA	Final Exam (Date and Time: TBA)	

VI. Class Policies

- **Attendance:** Class attendance is essential to your success in learning Japanese. If a student must miss a class, the student should speak with the instructor ASAP to see if any assignments can be made up. Please come on time. Persistent tardiness to class is disrespectful to both the instructor and student peers.
- **Late Work:** Late work receives 25 % deduction per day (Must be turned in during class). Late homework must be submitted by the day of Chapter test.
- **Make-up Work:** No Make-up for missed quizzes and tests unless prior approval is given.
- **Personal Communication Devices:** Cell phones and all electric devices must be turned off during class. (No laptops, Please!)
- **Food & Drink:** No food is allowed in the classroom. All drinks must be kept in covered containers all the time.

VII. Grading Policy:

• Attendance	(出席)	• • • • •	10%
• Homework	(宿題)	• • • • •	15%
• Essay	(小論文)	• • • • •	10%
• Quizzes	(小テスト)	• • • • •	10 %
• Presentation	(発表)	• • • • •	15 %
• Unit Tests	(ユニット・テスト)	• • • •	20%
• Final Exam	(期末試験)	• • • • •	20%

Total	100%
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Your final average will be converted into a letter grade via the following system:

Numerical Average → Letter Grade			
96-100 → A+	86-89 → B+	76-79 → C+	66-69 → D+
92-95 → A	82-85 → B	72-75 → C	62-65 → D

90-91 → A-	80-81 → B-	70-71 → C-	60-61 → D-
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- Final Exam: You must score 65 % or more on the final exam in order to pass this course.

VIII. Comet Creed:

This creed was voted on by the UT Dallas student body in 2014. It is a standard that Comets choose to live by and encourage others to do the same:

“As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity, and service in all that I do.”

IX. UT Dallas Syllabus Policies and Procedures

The information contained in the following link constitutes the University's policies and procedures segment of the course syllabus.

Please go to <http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies> for these policies.

The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.