



JAPN 1311.002: Beginning Japanese I

Fall 2019 (8/19/2019-12/05/2019)

Classroom: JO 4. 502

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 11:00 am-11:50 am

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, cultural knowledge and skills necessary for basic comprehension, communication, and interaction in both spoken and written Japanese. This class aims to equip students with effective learning strategies and to provide a creative and encouraging environment to practice these skills.

III. Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of 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
- Describe your daily routine and habits
- Make 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

**Please make sure to get the "2nd edition" for both.*

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

“Suggested” Course Materials:

-Flashcards/vocabulary list maker:

<http://quizlet.com/>

<http://ankisrs.net/>

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

-A Dictionary of Basic Japanese Grammar ISBN: 4-7890-045406

V. 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 to class 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 electronic devices must be turned off during class. (No laptops, please)
- **Food and Drink**: No food is allowed in the classroom. All drinks must be kept in covered containers at all times.

VI. Grading Policy:

- Attendance ...10%
- Homework ...15%
- Quizzes ...10%
- Presentation ...20%
- Unit Tests ...20%
- Final Exam ...25%

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-

***Final Exam:** You must score **65% or more** on the final exam in order to pass this course

VII. Tentative Course Calendar

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

Week 1	In Class	Quiz/Test
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Mon. 8/19	Course Introduction: self-introduction	
Wed. 8/21	Japanese writing systems and its pronunciation / Classroom Expressions	
Fri. 8/23	Writing system-Hiragana (a)~(so) and its pronunciation	

Week 2	In Class	Quiz/Test
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Mon. 8/26	Writing system-Hiragana (ta)~ (ho)	Hiragana Quiz 1
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	and its pronunciation	
Wed. 8/28	Writing system-Hiragana (ma)~ (yo) and its pronunciation	Hiragana Quiz 2
Fri. 8/30	Writing system-Hiragana (ra) ~ (n) and its pronunciation	Hiragana Quiz 3

Week 3

Mon. 9/2	No Class (Labor Day)	
Wed. 9/4	Greetings 2, Hiragana with dots, circles, double consonants and long vowels	Hiragana Quiz 4
Fri. 9/6	Ch. 1-1(1): numbers	

Week 4

Mon. 9/9	Ch. 1-1 (2):Telling time (hours)	Vocabulary Quiz
Wed. 9/11	Ch. 1-1 (3):Telling time (minutes)	
Fri. 9/13	Ch. 1-2: X is Y sentence pattern. Particle	

Week 5

Mon. 9/16	Writing system-Katakana (a) ~(so)	Quiz: Time
Wed. 9/18	Writing system-Katakana (ta)~ (ho)	Katakana Quiz 1
Fri. 9/20	Writing system-Katakana (ma)~ (n), and Katakana with dots, circles, double consonants and long vowels	Katakana Quiz 2

Week 6

Mon. 9/23	Ch. 1-3: Questions Name of countries	Katakana Quiz 3
Wed. 9/25	Ch.2-1: “this”, “that”, etc	
Fri. 9/27	Ch.2-2: “this x”, “that x”, etc “whose”, “where”, etc	

Week 7

Mon. 9/30	Ch. 2-3: “here”, “there”, etc Particle	Quiz
Wed. 10/2	Ch. 2-4 Negative sentences	Voc. Quiz
Fri. 10/4	Ch. 2-5: Shopping/Money	Quiz

Week 8

In Class

Quiz/Test

Mon. 10/7	Unit Test 1 (Ch. 1 and Ch. 2)	
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Wed. 10/9	Ch. 3-1: Verb Conjugation 1	
Fri. 10/11	Ch. 3-2 Verb Conjugation 2	Verb Quiz 1

Week 9

Mon. 10/14	Ch. 3-3: Particle	Verb Quiz 2
Wed. 10/16	Ch. 3-4: Time, references, word order	
Fri. 10/18	Ch. 3-5: Making invitations, frequency adverbs	

Week 10

Mon. 10/21	Ch. 4-1: “There is...” sentences	Voc. Quiz
Wed. 10/23	Ch. 4-2: Describing where things are	
Fri. 10/25	Ch. 4-3: Verb/Past tense	

Week 11

Mon. 10/28	Ch. 4-5: Duration of time Particle	Verb Quiz
Wed. 10/30	Ch. 4-6: Day/Week/Month/Year (Kanji)	
Fri. 11/1	Unit Test 2 (Ch. 3 & 4)	

Week 12

Mon. 11/4	Ch. 5-1: Adjectives (Present tense)	Voc. Quiz
Wed. 11/6	Ch. 5-1(2): Cont. Adjectives (Present tense: Negative)	
Fri. 11/8	Ch. 5-2: Adjectives (Past tense)	Adjective Quiz 1

Week 13

Mon. 11/11	Ch. 5-2: Adjectives (Past tense: Negative) Ch. 5-3 Adjective + Noun	Adjective Quiz 2
Wed. 11/13	Ch. 5-4: Like & Dislike/ “Let’s...” / “Shall we...?”	
Fri. 11/15	Final Exam Review	Quiz

Mon. 11/25 – Sun. Dec.1	***FALL BREAK***
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Week 14 In Class Quiz/Test

Mon. 12/2	Group Presentation Day 1	
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Wed. 12/4	Group Presentation Day 2	
Fri. 12/6	Reading Day (No class)	

Week 15

TBA	Final Exam (Date and Time: TBA)
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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.