

Japanese Language and Culture Program (Bekka)

2025

Fall semester

COURSE DESCRIPTION

【Compulsory courses】



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Compulsory courses for each level

Level	2 times/week (2 credits)	2 times/week (2 credits)	1 time/week (1 credit)	1 time/week (1 credit)
1	Interaction in Japanese 1	Intensive Grammar 1	Intensive Reading and Writing 1	Vocabulary and Kanji 1
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Interaction in Japanese 1	Rintaro KATO	2 credits
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		Monday・Thursday 1-A: 1st period 1-B: 2nd period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class twice a week (90 mins x 2 x 15 weeks)

Course Description

This course aims to assist students to acquire three types of competence which are necessary for interacting with Japanese speakers in everyday contact situations, namely linguistic competence, sociolinguistic competence and socio-cultural competence.

In the class, besides activities that focus on understanding, preparation and practice for the interaction in Japanese, there will also be several “performance activities” (abbreviated as PA) with the help of Japanese speakers as opportunities for authentic use of Japanese.

This course is targeted at students who are at the beginner's level.

Course Contents (tentative)

1. Making Friends
2. My Routine
3. My Highschool Days
4. My Life in Japan
5. Recommendation Places
6. My Memories

Textbook

「初級日本語(しょきゅう にほんご) とびら I 」くろしお出版

“TOBIRA I: Beginning Japanese” Kurosio Publishers (Lesson 1-6)

Other teaching materials will be provided in class.

Grading

Class participation (submission rate of the assignments) 20%

Performance Activities (PA) 40%

Assignments (evaluation by lecturer and self-evaluation) 40%

Messages for Students

Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.

Please bring your laptop / tablet with which you can enter Japanese characters to class.

Interaction in Japanese 2	Anna TANAKA	2 credits
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		Tuesday・Friday 2-A: 1st period 2-B: 2nd period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class twice a week (90 mins x 2 x 15 weeks)

Course Description

This course aims to assist students to acquire three types of competence which are necessary for interacting with Japanese speakers in everyday contact situations, namely linguistic competence, sociolinguistic competence and socio-cultural competence.

In the class, besides activities that focus on understanding, preparation and practice for the interaction in Japanese, there will also be several “performance activities” (abbreviated as PA) with the help of Japanese speakers as opportunities for authentic use of Japanese.

This course is targeted at students who have completed one third of the beginner's level (approx. JLPT N5). This course aims to familiarize students with interacting with native Japanese speakers and enable them to interact in daily life and university life situations. In the class, we will think of when and in what context we can use the grammar that students have learned so far. This will lead to improvement in speaking skills in real conversations.

It also has a lot of pair or group work. Through interacting with native speakers, students will review their performance and acquire more practical competence.

Course Contents (tentative)

1. Simple message and email writing

2. Conversations about hobbies and student life etc. with Japanese university students
3. Interviewing Japanese university students
(e.g. recommended places, recent trend)
4. Presentation about life and memories in Japan

*The contents may be changed depending on the number of participants.

The target of this course is the Performance Activity (PA) which is the compilation of what students have learned. Students will not only do some conversation practice using some sentence patterns but also study new expressions useful for the PA and conversation strategies. Students will practice together with other students and active class participation is expected.

For the PA, students will set a challenging goal along with the target set by the instructor and reflect on themselves about what they were and were not able to do by listening to and reviewing the recordings of the PA. The recordings and reflection sheets will be checked by the instructor.

Textbooks/References

Teaching materials will be provided in class.

Grading

Class participation 20%

Performance Activities (PA) 40%

Assignments 40%

Messages for Students

Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission and/or submission of an uncompleted version will result in grade/points deduction.

Please bring your laptop / tablet to class for editing google documents and spreadsheets in class.

Use of the AI tools or internet is only permitted when the instructor allows it. Otherwise it will result in grade/points deduction.

Interaction in Japanese 3	3-A: Yumiko UEHARA 3-B: Young YI	2 credits
		Compulsory
		Spring • Fall semester
		Tuesday • Friday 3-A: 1st period 3-B: 2nd period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class twice a week (90 mins x 2 x 15 weeks)

Course Description

This course aims to assist students to acquire three types of competence which are necessary for interacting with Japanese speakers in everyday contact situations, namely linguistic competence, sociolinguistic competence and socio-cultural competence.

In the class, besides activities that focus on understanding, preparation and practice for the interaction in Japanese, there will also be several “performance activities” (abbreviated as PA) with the help of Japanese speakers as opportunities for authentic use of Japanese.

This course is targeted at students who have completed half of the beginner's level (approx. JLPT N4). Students are expected to be able to achieve the following.

- Exchange information and opinions with the help of a conversation partner and tell your feelings and opinions about familiar topics
- Use appropriate words and expressions with acquired elementary Japanese language knowledge in real communication
- Develop the ability to communicate effectively by practicing to express a certain amount of content and to make short presentations

Course Contents (tentative)

About four to five topics will be covered throughout the semester. In each topic, students will learn necessary knowledge and skills, and experience the real communication scenes in “performance activities” (abbreviated as PA). PA includes conversation, interview, presentation etc. (Japanese students will join the class as the class visitors.) Students will reflect on their performance after each PA and think of the attainments and challenges for the next opportunity.

This course will have a lot of pair work and group work, therefore active participation is expected.

◆ Sample topics (※Topics are subject to change in each semester.)

- Conversation about hobbies and favorite things
- Introducing your country or town
- Interviewing Japanese students, summarizing the results.
- Making slides with information you research and making presentations to the audience.
- Making Vlog to introduce your life in Japan
- Making poster to introduce daily life information in Japan in simple Japanese or in your first language

Textbooks/References

Teaching materials will be provided in class.

Grading

Class participation 20%

Performance Activities (PA) 40%

Assignments 40%

Messages for Students

- 1) Use of generative AI in assignments must be done under the approval of the instructor. Submitting the output of the generative AI as your own work is considered plagiarism.
- 2) Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.
- 3) Most of the study materials will be available in Google Classroom. Please bring your laptop/tablet to class. Not bringing your laptop/tablet will also result in grade/points deduction.

Interaction in Japanese 4	Young YI	2 credits
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		Monday・Thursday 4-A: 1st period 4-B: 2nd period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class twice a week (90 mins x 2 x 15 weeks)

Course Description

This course aims to assist students to acquire three types of competence which are necessary for interacting with Japanese speakers in everyday contact situations, namely linguistic competence, sociolinguistic competence and socio-cultural competence.

In the class, besides activities that focus on understanding, preparation and practice for the interaction in Japanese, there will also be several “performance activities” (abbreviated as PA) with the help of Japanese speakers as opportunities for authentic use of Japanese.

This course is targeted at students who have completed the beginner’s level (approx. JLPT N3).

- It aims to enable students to deliver their feelings and thoughts and keep relatively longer conversations about daily life and university life. Students will listen to the others, summarize and tell their thoughts and feelings.
- Students will learn a variety of styles in Japanese conversation depending on the particular situation and conversation partners. Also they will learn the strategy to communicate smoothly.

- Through the activities with classmates, Japanese students and adults, former students of the program etc., students will think about the society and culture and deepen their understanding.
- Activities also include thinking about somewhat abstract themes, making some materials to do presentations and telling their opinions in class.

Course Contents (tentative)

There will be 4 or 5 topics in a semester. In each topic, students will learn necessary knowledge and skills, and experience the real communication scenes in “performance activities” (abbreviated as PA). PA includes conversation, discussion, interview, presentation etc. (Japanese students, adults, and former international students of the program will join the class as the class visitors.) After the PA, students will reflect on their study process and outcome.

◆ Sample topics (※Topics are subject to change in each semester.)

- Introducing each other’s university and major.
- Interviewing Japanese students, summarizing the contents and making a presentation.
- Working in a group, developing ideas of a new application to make our society better.
- Introducing popular phrases in your first language to Japanese students in Japanese.
- Making websites in various languages introducing daily life information in Japan to prospective students.
- Chatting with friends using casual language.
- Talking with older people using polite language.

Textbooks/References

Teaching materials will be provided in class.

Grading

Class participation 20%

Performance Activities (PA) 40%

Assignments 40%

Messages for Students

- 1) Use of generative AI in assignments must be done under the approval of the instructor. Submitting the output of the generative AI as your own work is considered plagiarism.
- 2) Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.
- 3) Most of the study materials will be available in Google Classroom. Please bring your laptop/tablet to class. Not bringing your laptop/tablet will also result in grade/points deduction.

Interaction in Japanese 5	Rie WAKATSUKI	2 credits
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		Tuesday・Friday 1st period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class twice a week (90 mins x 2 x 15 weeks)

Course Description

This course aims to assist students to acquire three types of competence which are necessary for interacting with Japanese speakers in everyday contact situations, namely linguistic competence, sociolinguistic competence and socio-cultural competence.

In the class, besides activities that focus on understanding, preparation and practice for the interaction in Japanese, there will also be several “performance activities” (abbreviated as PA) with the help of Japanese speakers as opportunities for authentic use of Japanese.

This course is aimed at students who have completed half of the intermediate level (approx. JLPT N3-N2). Students are expected to be able to achieve the following.

- ・Summarize and express one’s experiences or opinions.
- ・Actively participate in the conversation and communicate smoothly with others.
- ・Set goals by discussing with others, then accomplish the goals.
- ・Broaden one’s perspectives about familiar and abstract things, express one’s opinions about it logically.

Course Contents (tentative)

1. Mind good manners

Selecting appropriate conversation topics and formal or casual language depends on the conversation partners.

2. Event planning

Have a conversation with classmates and take notes for planning and hosting an event.

3. Debate

Play debate games in pairs with casual and abstract things as a theme. The focus is on getting various perspectives, putting thoughts together logically and expressing them in a way that is easy to understand.

Textbooks/References

Teaching materials will be provided in class (in digital copy or hard copy upon request).

Grading

Class participation 20%

Performance Activities (PA) 40%

Assignments 40%

Messages for Students

- Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.
- Most of the study materials will be available in Google Classroom. Also slack applications are used for communication. Please bring your laptop/tablet to class. Attending only with your smart phone is not recommended.

Interaction in Japanese 6	Tomoe Iwai	2 credits
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		Tuesday 4th period・ Thursday 2nd period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class twice a week (90 mins x 2 x 15 weeks)

Course Description

This course aims to assist students to acquire three types of competence which are necessary for interacting with Japanese speakers in everyday contact situations, namely linguistic competence, sociolinguistic competence and socio-cultural competence.

In the class, besides activities that focus on understanding, preparation and practice for the interaction in Japanese, there will also be several “performance activities” (abbreviated as PA) with the help of Japanese speakers as opportunities for authentic use of Japanese.

This course is targeted at students who have completed intermediate level and/or at the first half of the advanced level (approx. JLPT N2-N1).

Course Objectives

•Linguistic competence

Students will be able to understand and use vocabulary, expressions and pronunciation of intermediate and advanced level properly and understand what the others want to say.

•Sociolinguistic competence

Students will be able to select and use the appropriate style of communication according to the purpose, scene and the others.

•Sociocultural competence

Students will be able to participate in conversations and make appropriate actions.

Course Contents (tentative)

Students will learn appropriate communication styles for particular scenes, purposes and the others, conduct conversations in nearly actual scenes and reflect on them through topics below. By repeating interactions they will be able to try what they learnt in real life.

1. Planning a meetup and enjoy conversations
2. Exchanging opinions about topics of interest
3. Making action plans to solve social problems
4. Interviewing opinions on jobs and career plans of others

Textbooks/References

Teaching materials will be provided in class.

Grading

Class participation 20%

Performance Activities (PA) 40%

Assignments 40%

Messages for Students

Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.

Assignments will be mainly distributed in Google Classroom. Please bring your laptop / tablet to class.

Interaction in Japanese 7	Yumiko UEHARA	2 credits
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		Tuesday・Friday 2nd period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class twice a week (90 mins x 2 x 15 weeks)

Course Description

This course aims to assist students to acquire three types of competence which are necessary for interacting with Japanese speakers in everyday contact situations, namely linguistic competence, sociolinguistic competence and socio-cultural competence.

In the class, besides activities that focus on understanding, preparation and practice for the interaction in Japanese, there will also be several “performance activities” (abbreviated as PA) with the help of Japanese speakers as opportunities for authentic use of Japanese.

This course is targeted at students who are at the advanced level (approx. JLPT N1). Simulating interactions in various scenes with Japanese speakers and performing activities to improve communicative skills in Japanese, students will check what they can/cannot do at the present time. After each activity students will reflect on their performance and figure out the good points and points to be improved. They will work on to progress their study as a self-directed Japanese speaker.

Course Contents (tentative)

There will be 5 or 6 activities for not only improving communicative skills in Japanese but also improving ability to think creatively and critically, cooperation, independence and self-directed skills. The various activities are planned: small talk, discussion, interview, speech, presentation, workshop etc. (Activities are different by semester.) Students will get feedback in several ways by Japanese students and adult visitors or former international students who will join the class.

Textbooks/References

Teaching materials will be provided in class.

Authentic materials.

Grading

Class participation 20%

Performance Activities (PA) 40%

Assignments 40%

Messages for Students

Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.

Please bring your laptop / tablet to class.

Intensive Grammar 1	Tomoe Iwai	2 credits
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		Tuesday・Friday 1-A: 1st period 1-B: 2nd period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class twice a week (90 mins x 2 x 15 weeks)

Course Description

This course aims to assist students to learn sentence patterns systematically using textbooks and to acquire sufficient "language ability" necessary for interaction. Students will increase not only knowledge of grammar but also practical ability.

Course Contents (tentative)

Lesson 1 to 5 of the textbook will be mainly covered.

Textbook

「初級日本語(しょきゅう にほんご) とびら I 」くろしお出版

"TOBIRA I: Beginning Japanese" Kurosio Publishers

Grading

Class participation 20%

Quizzes 30%

Assignments 20%

Exams (mid-term and final) 30%

Messages for Students

Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.

Students are required to study the list of vocabularies planned to be included in the word quizzes.

Please bring your laptop / tablet to class.

Intensive Grammar 2	Tomoe Iwai (Monday) Yinji JIN (Thursday)	2 credits
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		Monday・Thursday 2-A: 1st period 2-B: 2nd period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class twice a week (90 mins x 2 x 15 weeks)

Course Description

This course aims to assist students to learn sentence patterns systematically using textbooks and to acquire sufficient "language ability" necessary for interaction. Students will increase not only knowledge of grammar but also practical ability.

Course Contents (tentative)

Lesson 6 to 11 of the textbook will mainly be covered.

Textbook

「初級日本語(しょきゅう にほんご) とびら I」くろしお出版

"TOBIRA I: Beginning Japanese" Kurosio Publishers

Grading

Class participation 20%

Quizzes 30%

Assignments 20%

Exams (mid-term and final) 30%

Messages for Students

- Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.
- Not bringing your textbook will also result in grade/points deduction.

Intensive Grammar 3	Chieko ABE	2 credits
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		Monday・Thursday 3-A: 1st period 3-B: 2nd period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class twice a week (90 mins x 2 x 15 weeks)

Course Description

This course aims to assist students to learn sentence patterns systematically using textbooks and to acquire sufficient "language ability" necessary for interaction. Students will increase not only knowledge of grammar but also practical ability.

Course Contents (tentative)

Lesson 11 to 18 of the textbook are planned to be mainly covered.

Textbook

「初級日本語(しょきゅう にほんご) とびらⅡ」くろしお出版

"TOBIRA II: Beginning Japanese" Kurosio Publishers

Grading

Class participation 20%

Quizzes 30%

Assignments 20%

Exams (mid-term and final) 30%

Messages for Students

- 1) Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.
- 2) Not bringing your textbook will also result in grade/points deduction.

Intensive Grammar and Reading 4	Rintaro KATO	2 credits
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		Tuesday・Friday 4-A: 1st period 4-B: 2nd period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class twice a week (90 mins x 2 x 15 weeks)

Course Description

In this course students will systematically learn sentence patterns, grammar and expressions in Japanese using textbooks. In particular, the course aims to enable students to use learned vocabulary, sentence patterns and expressions reliably and aid them in their understanding of new vocabulary, sentence patterns, and expressions found in the textbooks, and to be able to use them in conversation and composition. Through students reading comprehension of the textbook readings the course aims to deepen their understanding of the culture, thought, customs, history, etc., of Japanese society.

Course Contents (tentative)

• Grammar

Students will be able to learn sentence patterns and vocabulary of the first half of intermediate level and use them to express appropriately a wider variety of topics in detail than beginner level.

• Reading

Students will be able to learn the culture and customs of Japanese society through articles in the textbook and tell others about them.

• Assignments

Grammar: Students will write sentences based on your own context using written expressions learnt.

Reading: Students will read sentences in the textbook, write opinions about it or have a discussion about the topic compared to your familiar situation.

Textbook

「4技能(ぎのう)で ひろがる 中級日本語(ちゅうきゅう にほんご) カルテット I」ジャパントイムズ
“*Quartet: Intermediate Japanese Across the Four Language Skills Volume 1*” The Japan
Times Publishing

Grading

Class participation (submission rate of the assignments and self-evaluation) 40%

Assignments evaluation 20%

Exams (mid-term and final) 40%

Messages for Students

Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.

Please bring your laptop / tablet to class.

Intensive Grammar and Reading 5	Masami TAKAHASHI	2 credits
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		Monday・Thursday 2nd period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class twice a week (90 mins x 2 x 15 weeks)

Course Description

In this course students will systematically learn sentence patterns, grammar and expressions in Japanese using textbooks. In particular, the course aims to enable students to use learned vocabulary, sentence patterns and expressions reliably and aid them in their understanding of new vocabulary, sentence patterns, and expressions found in the textbooks, and to be able to use them in conversation and composition. Through students reading comprehension of the textbook readings the course aims to deepen their understanding of the culture, thought, customs, history, etc., of Japanese society.

Course Contents (tentative)

- Reading: Students will read experiences, articles, short stories, reports etc. and understand the flow of stories and thoughts of the authors. It aims to achieve reading comprehension, vocabulary and expression skills.
- Grammar: Students will learn grammar in the last half of the intermediate level (approx. JLPT N2-N1) and be able to use it in speaking and writing. It aims to understand things in common with the grammar they have studied before, points of difference and nuance of the expression.

Textbook

「4技能(ぎのう)で ひろがる 中級日本語(ちゅうきゅう にほんご) カルテットⅡ」ジャパントイムズ
“*Quartet: Intermediate Japanese Across the Four Language Skills Volume 2*” The Japan
Times Publishing

Grading

Class participation 20%

Quizzes 30%

Assignments 20%

Exams (mid-term and final) 30%

Messages for Students

- 1) Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.
- 2) Please bring your laptop/tablet to class when quizzes are held. The quizzes are distributed in Google Classroom.
- 3) Please prepare the reading materials for the class or grade/points will be reduced.
We will discuss in class on the assumption that you have already prepared.
- 4) Not bringing your textbook to class will result in grade/points deduction.

Intensive Grammar and Reading 6	Young YI	2 credits
		Compulsory
		Spring • Fall semester
		Tuesday • Friday 1st period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class twice a week (90 mins x 2 x 15 weeks)

Course Description

In this course students will systematically learn sentence patterns, grammar and expressions in Japanese using textbooks. In particular, the course aims to enable students to use learned vocabulary, sentence patterns and expressions reliably and aid them in their understanding of new vocabulary, sentence patterns, and expressions found in the textbooks, and to be able to use them in conversation and composition. Through students reading comprehension of the textbook readings the course aims to deepen their understanding of the culture, thought, customs, history, etc., of Japanese society.

Course Contents (tentative)

Lessons 1 to 11 of the textbook are planned to be mainly covered. It aims to consolidate the knowledge required at an advanced level.

The class activities are as follows:

1) Words

Students will study words listed in the textbook. Preview of the kanji reading and meaning is expected before the class. Students will explain the meaning of the important words in Japanese and make example sentences.

2) Grammar

Students will learn grammar for reading in the textbook and some similar sentence patterns. In addition to the practice in the textbook, students will aim to acquire the ability to use the grammar using the task sheets by the instructor.

3) Structure

Students will understand the logical development in Japanese through the structure section of the textbook and improve the reading strategy. Then, through peer reading students will deepen their understanding of the contents with classmates. Also by retelling or extracting the main idea students will check their understanding.

4) Assignments

Assignments should be submitted before each class. If students miss the assignment, students cannot join the class work.

※Intensive Grammar and Reading 6 is not a course to prepare for taking JLPT.

Textbook

「改訂版 大学・大学院留学生の日本語 ①読解編」アルク

Grading

Class participation 20%

Assignments 20%

Quizzes 30%

Exams (mid-term and final) 30%

Messages for Students

- 1) Use of generative AI in assignments must be done under the approval of the instructor. Submitting the output of the generative AI as your own work is considered plagiarism.
- 2) Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.
- 3) Most of the study materials other than the textbook will be available in Google Classroom. Please bring your laptop / tablet to class.
- 4) Not bringing your textbook and laptop/tablet to class will both result in grade/points deduction.

Intensive Reading and Writing 1	Rie WAKATSUKI	1 credit
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		Friday 3rd period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class once a week (90 mins x 15 weeks)

Course Description

Students will read several kinds of sentences and practice writing in Japanese. This course aims to assist students to improve their ability to use the Japanese sentence patterns, vocabularies and expressions through reading and writing. We aim to be able to read and understand the contents and write sentences using appropriate written words.

Course Contents (tentative)

In reading part of the class students will read short texts of familiar topics.

In writing part of the class students will write short texts about daily life and things around them.

Reading and writing part of lessons 1 to 4 of the textbook will be covered.

※Course contents are subject to change.

Textbooks/References

「初級日本語(しょきゅう にほんご) とびら I」くろしお出版

“TOBIRA I: Beginning Japanese” Kurosio Publishers

※The same textbook as Intensive Grammar 1.

Grading

Class participation 20%

Assignments 50%

Exams (mid-term and final) 30%

Messages for Students

Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.

Please bring your laptop / tablet with which you can enter Japanese characters to class.

Intensive Reading and Writing 2	Yinji JIN	1 credit
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		2-A: Thursday 3rd period 2-B: Thursday 4th period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class once a week (90 mins x 15 weeks)

Course Description

Students will read several kinds of sentences and practice writing in Japanese. This course aims to assist students to improve their ability to use the Japanese sentence patterns, vocabularies and expressions through reading and writing. We aim to be able to read and understand the contents and write sentences using appropriate written words.

Course Contents (tentative)

Students will read various types of reading materials in beginners level to understand exactly what the author is writing about. And then getting the knowledge from what they have read, students will practice writing organized sentences.

The following example topics for reading and writing will be covered.

“my house”, “mythical Japanese creatures”, “gift-giving customs in Japan”, “emails”, “hot springs in Japan”, “introducing tourist attractions”, “mouse goes-a-courtting” etc.

Textbooks

「初級日本語(しょきゅう にほんご) とびら I」くろしお出版

“TOBIRA I: Beginning Japanese” Kurosio Publishers

※The same textbook as Intensive Grammar 2.

Reference

「1日10分(いちにちじゅっぷん) 初級(しょきゅう) から はじめる 読解(どっかい)120」アスク Ask publishing

Grading

Class participation 20%

Assignments 50%

Exams (mid-term and final) 30%

Messages for Students

Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.

Please bring your laptop / tablet to class.

Intensive Reading and Writing 3	3-A: Yu OMORI 3-B: Masami TAKAHASHI	1 credit
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		3-A: Tuesday 3rd period 3-B: Thursday 1st period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class once a week (90 mins x 15 weeks)

Course Description

Students will read several kinds of sentences and practice writing in Japanese. This course aims to assist students to improve their ability to use the Japanese sentence patterns, vocabularies and expressions through reading and writing. We aim to be able to read and understand the contents and write sentences using appropriate written words.

Course Contents (tentative)

【Reading】Students will read short and simple texts about familiar topics and Japanese Culture. (For example: traditional events and festivals in Japan, haunted houses, requests for advice, surprising things in Japan etc.)

【Writing】Students will organize and write simple sentences about familiar topics or experiences in 400 to 600 characters. (For example: festivals/events held in my country, messages/emails saying thank you, something exclusive or unique to my country that would impress people, memories of my trip, stories etc.)

Textbook

「初級日本語(しょきゅう にほんご) とびらⅡ」くろしお出版

“TOBIRA II: Beginning Japanese” Kurosio Publishers

※The same textbook as Intensive Grammar 3.

Grading

Class participation 20%

Assignments 50%

Exams 30%

Messages for Students

- 1) Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.
- 2) Most of the study materials other than the textbook will be distributed in Google Classroom. Please bring your laptop / tablet to class.
- 3) Not bringing your textbook and laptop/tablet to class will both result in grade/points deduction.

Academic Japanese 4	4-A: Tomoe IWAI 4-B: Hourieh AKBARI	1 credit
		Compulsory
		Spring • Fall semester
		Thursday 3rd period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class once a week (90 mins x 15 weeks)

Course Description

Students will mainly learn “reading” and also “writing” among the Japanese proficiency required for study and research at university. Students will read various materials and practice writing in Japanese. This course aims to enable students to write appropriate reports and research papers in Japanese through learning the writing styles, expressions, and sentence structures etc. of the written word. Activities of “speaking” and “listening” may be included as needed.

Course Contents (tentative)

Students will proceed with their studies to be able to write understandable texts to readers by the contents as follows.

- 1) Students will learn basic rules needed for writing sentences in Japanese.
- 2) Students will read model sentences and deepen their understanding by discussions, then students will write explanations and opinions using the knowledge gained by reading materials.
- 3) Students will read and discuss the written sentences with their classmates, think of a way to make their sentences better, and rewrite them.

- 4) At the end of the semester, students will write a short report about the theme of their interest which is written with materials they gather by themselves and make a presentation.

Textbooks

Materials will be provided and introduced in class.

Reference

「おしゃべりしながら書く(かく)ことを楽しむ(たのしむ)中級(ちゅうきゅう)作文(さくぶん)」凡人社
Bonjinsha

Grading

Class participation 20%

Assignment I 50%

Assignment II 30%

Messages for Students

- 1) Use of generative AI in assignments must be done under the approval of the instructor. Submitting the output of the generative AI as your own work is considered plagiarism.
- 2) Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.
- 3) Most of the study materials other than the textbook will be available in Google Classroom. Please bring your laptop / tablet to class.

Academic Japanese 5	Rintaro KATO	1 credit
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		Thursday 3rd period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class once a week (90 mins x 15 weeks)

Course Description

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Course Contents (tentative)

Students will learn reading strategy to gain new information and knowledge and writing strategy to express their thought and understanding in organized passages.

Specifically, the following topics will be covered expecting students to learn a lot and spend fruitful time at university.

- 1) Critical reading: reading according to a purpose
Paragraph writing: writing persuasive passages
- 2) Style of writing suitable for reports and research papers
- 3) Collecting and organizing information
Making quotations and writing bibliography
- 4) Organizing appearances
- 5) Importance of improving

Textbooks

Materials will be provided and introduced in class.

Reference

「日本語(にほんご)を学ぶ(まなぶ)人(ひと)のためのアカデミック・ライティング講座(こうざ)」アスク

Ask publishing

Grading

Class participation 20%

Assignments 50%

Final assignment 30%

Messages for Students

Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.

Assignments will be mainly distributed in Google Classroom. Please bring your laptop / tablet to class.

Academic Japanese 6	Masami TAKAHASHI	1 credit
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		Monday 1st period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class once a week (90 mins x 15 weeks)

Course Description

In Academic Japanese 6 course students will mainly learn “reading” and also “writing” among the Japanese proficiency required for study and research at university. This course aims to enable students to write academic style sentences such as reports and research papers in Japanese through learning the writing styles, usage of expressions, and sentence structures etc. Activities of “speaking”, “listening” and “reading” will be included to deepen their thoughts for writing.

Course Contents (tentative)

In this course students will learn useful expressions of academic writing and also be aware of expressions and grammar which are often used incorrectly to write reports.

Although the same theme will be covered in class throughout a semester, students will do the following activities in order to raise concerns about each one’s topic and write the final report about it.

- ・Learning the writing style and expressions in written language
- ・Clarifying the meaning of sentences
- ・Expressing opinions effectively
- ・Discussing and exchanging ideas about the theme
- ・Writing reports

Textbook

Materials will be provided and introduced in class.

Grading

Class participation 20%

Assignments 50%

Final assignment 30%

Messages for Students

- 1) Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.
- 2) Please bring your laptop / tablet to class.

Academic Japanese 7	Kumiko KOBAYASHI	1 credit
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		Monday 1st period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class once a week (90 mins x 15 weeks)

Course Description

In Academic Japanese 7 course students will mainly learn deepening thoughts while reading and speaking and then writing based on the thoughts through activities on current issues and specialized topics.

By searching appropriate materials related to the theme and by reading and discussing them, students will acquire logical and critical thinking skills required at university/graduate school.

Also by making a presentation and writing what they think, this course aims for students to acquire Japanese language skills appropriate to the topics and activities.

Course Contents (tentative)

The course will proceed as follows.

- 1) Confirm the theme and search materials
- 2) Group discussions
- 3) Presentation and discussions

*KUIS students or adult visitors will join the class.

- 4) Writing reports

Textbooks/References

Materials will be provided and introduced in class.

Please bring your laptop / tablet to class.

Grading

- Class participation 40%

Attitude in class 15% (includes writings on the worksheets)

Submission rate of assignments 25% (preview worksheets, reports and self-evaluation sheets, 2 times each)

- Assignments 60%

Evaluate the contents

(preview worksheets 20%, presentations 20%, reports 20%, 2 times each)

Messages for Students

Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.

Vocabulary and Kanji 1	Anna TANAKA	1 credit
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		1-A: Thursday 2nd period 1-B: Thursday 1st period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class once a week (90 mins x 15 weeks)

Course Description

This course aims to increase student's vocabulary and enhance their language ability to manage and practically use the language they have learned. In addition, we will systematically learn about kanji and increase kanji vocabulary.

Course Contents (tentative)

Students will be able to read and use about 67 Kanji and related vocabularies of the beginners level (approx. JLPT N5). Lesson 1 to 6 of the textbook will be planned to be mainly covered.

Textbook

「初級日本語(しょきゅう にほんご) とびら I」くろしお出版

"TOBIRA I: Beginning Japanese" Kurosio Publishers

※The same textbook as Intensive Grammar 1.

Grading

Class participation 20%

Assignments 20%

Quizzes 30%

Exams (mid-term and final) 30%

Messages for Students

- 1) Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.
- 2) Please bring your textbook, distributed notebook for kanji, laptop / tablet to class. Not bringing them to class will result in grade/points deduction.
- 3) Students will work together with other students and active class participation is expected.

Vocabulary and Kanji 2	2-A: Yumi WAKAMATSU 2-B: Yinji JIN	1 credit
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		2-A: Tuesday 2nd period 2-B: Friday 3rd period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class once a week (90 mins x 15 weeks)

Course Description

This course aims to increase student's vocabulary and enhance their language ability to manage and practically use the language they have learned. In addition, we will systematically learn about Kanji and increase Kanji vocabulary.

Course Contents (tentative)

Students will be familiar with reading and writing of the basic Kanji. Also students will increase their knowledge of Kanji components (radicals), sounds and symbol meaning. This course also aims to absorb the vocabulary of JLPT N4 and N5.

Textbook

「KANJI LOOK AND LEARN」ジャパントイムズ Japan Times

* Lesson 11 to 20 will be covered.

Grading

Class participation 20%

Quizzes 30%

Assignments 20%

Exams (mid-term and final) 30%

Messages for Students

Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.

Assignments will be mainly distributed in Google Classroom. Please bring your laptop / tablet to class.

Vocabulary and Kanji 3	3-A: Yinji JIN 3-B: Yumiko UEHARA	1 credit
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		3-A: Friday 2nd period 3-B: Friday 3rd period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class once a week (90 mins x 15 weeks)

Course Description

This course aims to increase student's vocabulary and enhance their language ability to manage and practically use the language they have learned. In addition, we will systematically learn about Kanji and increase Kanji vocabulary.

Course Contents (tentative)

Students will practice the usage of Kanji and vocabulary of JLPT N3 and N4 by writing, reading, listening and speaking skills.

- Look and write Kanji — Write and memorize Kanji by writing with focus on its shape.
- Type kana and select Kanji — Input kana (Kanji readings) and select appropriate Kanji conversion from options.
- Reading practice — Read the sentences with Kanji and understand the meanings.
- Practice to use — Write sentences with kanji and vocabulary learnt and use them in conversations.
- Self study — (1) Review kanji and prepare for the next class autonomously.
(2) Search and know the meaning of kanji seen in daily life.
- Guess the meaning — Guess the meaning of a kanji from the context in daily life and handle the everyday tasks

Textbook

「BASIC KANJI BOOK —基本漢字(きほん かんじ)500— VOL.2 new edition」凡人社
Bonjinsha

* Lesson 23 to 31 of the textbook are planned to be mainly covered.

Grading

Class participation 20%

Quizzes 30%

Assignments 30%

Exams (mid-term and final) 20%

Messages for Students

Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.

Vocabulary and Kanji 4	4-A: Masami TAKAHASHI 4-B: Kumiko KOBAYASHI	1 credit
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		4-A: Friday 2nd period 4-B: Wednesday 1st period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class once a week (90 mins x 15 weeks)

Course Description

This course aims to increase student's vocabulary and enhance their language ability to manage and practically use the language they have learned. In addition, we will systematically learn about kanji and increase kanji vocabulary.

Course Contents (tentative)

Students will be able to understand and properly use the vocabulary of JLPT N3 and N4. Also students will cultivate the ability to conduct self-study of vocabulary and kanji.

Textbook

「BASIC KANJI BOOK —基本漢字(きほん かんじ)500— VOL.2 new edition」凡人社
Bonjinsha

Grading

Class participation 20%

Quizzes 20%

Assignments 30%

Exams (mid-term and final) 30%

Messages for Students

Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.

Vocabulary and Kanji 5	Kumiko KOBAYASHI	1 credit
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		Wednesday 2nd period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class once a week (90 mins x 15 weeks)

Course Description

This course aims to increase student's vocabulary and enhance their language ability to manage and practically use the language they have learned. In addition, we will systematically learn about kanji and increase kanji vocabulary.

Course Contents (tentative)

Students will learn Kanji and vocabularies at the level of the JLPT N3/N2 and their usage.

Along with the needs of digitization, students will be able to choose the right Kanji for homonyms and use appropriate vocabularies depending on the situation.

Lesson 1, 5, 6, 8, 9 will be mainly covered during the semester.

Textbook

「INTERMEDIATE KANJI BOOK 漢字(かんじ)1000PLUS VOL.1」凡人社 Bonjinsha

Grading

Class participation 20%

Quizzes 20%

Assignments 30%

Exams (mid-term and final) 30%

Messages for Students

Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Late submission will result in grade/points deduction.

Vocabulary and Kanji 6	Yumi WAKAMATSU	1 credit
		Compulsory
		Spring・Fall semester
		6-A: Tuesday 3rd period 6-B: Friday 2nd period

Language of instruction Japanese

Class once a week (90 mins x 15 weeks)

Course Description

This course aims to increase student's vocabulary and enhance their language ability to manage and practically use the language they have learned. In addition, we will systematically learn about kanji and increase kanji vocabulary.

Course Contents (tentative)

Students will learn kanji of the upper intermediate and advanced level (approx. JLPT N1 and N2).

【Flow of study with the textbook】

- 1) Memorize (basic sound, meaning, important vocabulary)
- 2) Check
- 3) Think (vocabulary with unique sound and meaning, basic meaning and derived meaning, collocation, proper use of synonyms, live materials)
- 4) Extras (stroke order of kanji)

Textbook

「上級(じょうきゅう)・超級(ちょうきゅう)日本語学習者(にほんご がくしゅうしゃ)のための考える(かんがえる)漢字(かんじ)・語彙(ごい) 超級編(ちょうきゅうへん)」ココ出版 Coko publishing

Grading

Class participation 20%

Assignments 30%

Quizzes 20%

Exams (mid-term and final) 30%

Messages for Students

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