

School of Arts & Sciences Prospectus

Course ID and 7-digit Number: JPAN 0100-001, JPAN0100-002, JPAN0100-003

Course Description and Level

Intended for students who have no Japanese background. In this course, all four skills, (speaking, listening, writing, reading) are equally emphasized and cultural knowledge will be introduced accordingly. Students will be able to participate in conversations about familiar topics such as shopping, restaurants, hometown, daily life, trip, and family. The class will be engaging by asking and answering questions to get to know each other. Students will also be able to read texts related to everyday life, personal interests, or studies. An introduction to modern written Japanese, including hiragana and katakana syllabaries (two sets of Japanese syllabic letters) and about 70 Chinese characters (Kanji) are introduced.

Class Structure for Fall 2024

- In-Person-Classes Planned
 - There will be four In-Person Classes each week: Monday (1 hour), Tuesday (1 hour), Wednesday (1 hour), and Thursday (1 hour 30 minutes).

- Out-of-Class Activities
 - Not all the following assignments will be given every week. Some will be chosen each week, and adjusted to maximize learning within the 8-10 hours of study time per week.
 - Preparations for In-Person Classes (preparation exercises, reading textbook, studying for weekly quizzes, studying with the PPT)
 - Daily homework (workbook)
 - Study for lesson tests, oral exam, and final exam
 - Mini project

- Schedule reflecting the workload for a typical week
 - Estimate workload is 8-10 hours a week including class time.

Monday-Thursday (6-7 hours)

- Attend in-person classes with instructor: 4.5h /w
- Study for In-Person classes preparations (preparation exercises, reading textbook, studying for weekly quizzes, studying with the PPT): 1~1.5h/w
- Work on daily homework (workbook): 0.5~1h/w

Friday-Sunday (2-3hours)

- Study for In-Person classes (reading textbook, studying for weekly quizzes, studying with the PPT): 1h/w
- Study for daily homework (workbook): 0.5~1h/w
- Work on mini project (later in the semester): 0.5~1h/w

Outline of Assignments & Assessments

- Types of assignments & assessments
 - Preparation exercises: Approximately four times every week. Each preparation exercise is expected to be completed within about 5 minutes. It will need to be completed before each In-Person Class
 - Weekly quizzes: Approximately once per week
 - Daily homework (workbook): Approximately three or four times per week
 - Lesson tests: Two times during the semester
 - Mini project: Approximately every other week including outline and draft (later in the semester)
 - Oral exam: Once at the end of the semester
 - Final exam: Once at the end of the semester

- Grading items and percentage (In-Person + Out-of-class activities)
 1. Attendance and Participation 10%
 2. Preparation exercises 5%
 3. Weekly quizzes 20%
 4. Lesson tests (L1-3, L4-5) 18%
 5. Homework (Workbook) 20%
 6. Mini project 10%

7. Oral final exam 5%
 8. Final exam (L6-7+L1-5) 12%
- Total: 100%

Essential Course Policies

- Required books :
 - Textbook: ***Genki I***: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese, textbook, **3rd edition**. by Eri Banno et al. The Japan Times (2020)
 - Workbook: ***Genki I***: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese, Workbook, **3rd edition**. by Eri Banno et al. The Japan Times (2020)

*Lesson 1-7 will be covered.

*Both paperback and eBook are acceptable.

*If you have an e-book workbook, you will need to print it out to submit in the classroom.