

School of Arts & Sciences Prospectus Instructions

Course ID and 6-digit Number: JPAN0700-001 (formerly JPAN311)

Course Description and Level

This course is a continuation of the Japanese language at the upper-intermediate level, aiming to achieve advanced-low according to the ACTFL guidelines at the end of the spring semester. It is not necessary to have course credit from JPAN 212 to enroll in this course; however, to be able to participate in the course work effectively, students need to reach the equivalent level with JPAN 0700, having a solid intermediate-high level proficiency in active skills, and higher proficiency in passive skills. Knowledge (recognition) of 600+ Kanji is required as well. This course emphasizes the four linguistic skills, which are speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Students will communicate more in detail and at greater lengths about various topics, including personal and general topics, participating actively in discussions, and making short presentations. Students will use multiple reference sources, including dictionaries and on-line resources, to enhance reading comprehension and writing skills. Students will also deepen understanding of various aspects of Japanese culture, compare and contrast them with their own culture, and critically think of cross-cultural differences.

Class Structure for Fall 2022

In-Person Sessions Planned

- Two In-Person sessions each week. Monday (1.5 hours) and Wednesday (1.5 hours)

Our-of-class Activities

Not all the following assignments will be given every week. Some will be chosen each week, adjusted to maximize learning within the 8-10 hours of study time per week.

- Video viewing
- Reading authentic texts (such as newspaper article, web magazine article)
- Homework worksheets
- Weekly assignment (speaking and writing assignments, using Voice Thread and Discussion board)
- Independent Project (bi-weekly assignment)

Schedule reflecting the workload for a typical week

The estimated workload is 8-10 hours a week, including In-Person sessions and Out-of-class Activities.

Monday- Wednesday (4 hours)

- Attend In-Person sessions (3 hours)
- Preparation for Wednesday Session (1 hour)

Thursday– Sunday (4-6 hours)

- Study for the In-person class preparation (Homework and quiz preparation: 2-3 hours)
- Study for weekly assignments (speaking and writing) (1-2 hours)
- Study for Individual assignments (1-2 hours)

Outline of Assignments & Assessments

1. Homework (worksheet)	20%
2. Weekly assignment (speaking, writing, etc.)	25%
3. Quizzes (10-15 min quizzes approximately given every other week)	13%
3. Mid-term presentation	5%
4. Independent Project (bi-weekly assignments & presentation and report)	20%
5. Oral Exams (twice)	7%
6. Class participation and performance, attendance, etc.	10%

Essential Course Policies

- Required books, equipment, or special items to engage in class: None