

University of Pennsylvania
Fall 2023 JPAN 1080/6800 Advanced Proficiency I

Course Description and Level :

This course is designed to prepare students for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) Level N2 or higher annually in December in the United States. It is intended for students with previous experience in Japanese language education, including at least 8 semesters (approximately 600 hours) of study in Japan or equivalent Japanese language proficiency.

The JLPT consists of three sections: 1. Language Knowledge - characters, vocabulary, and grammar (60 points); 2. Reading comprehension (60 points); and 3. Listening comprehension (60 points). There is no speaking section. This course is suitable for students with a strong grammar, vocabulary, and kanji knowledge foundation. Familiarity with at least 800 to 900 kanji characters (ideally around 1,000 characters) is necessary. We will analyze the question formats in the JLPT and provide study points for recommended preparation.

About the Japanese Language Proficiency Test 2023:

This year's Japanese Language Proficiency Test will be held on December 3rd (Sunday). Registration for the exam will begin on August 7th (Monday) at 12:00 pm (ET) for N1 and on August 10th (Thursday) at 12:00 pm (ET) for N2. Registration closes once the maximum capacity is reached. Last year, capacity filled quickly on the first registration day, so please check the website (<https://www.aatj.org/jlpt-us/>) frequently and register promptly when the application process starts. The nearest testing venue from the University of Pennsylvania is Villanova University.

Class hours: Monday and Wednesday 1:45-3:14 pm

Classroom: WILL25

Instructor: Nana Takeda Kolb

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Required books: None. All necessary materials will be provided on the Canvas course website, along with suggested references.

Grading items and percentage (In-Person+ Out-of-class activities) :

1. Attendance and Participation 10%
 2. Quiz 10%
 3. JLPT practice exam 20%
 4. Individually tailored homework 10%
 5. Mini presentation 15%
 6. Progress Check Test 20%
 7. Final JLPT Practice Test 15%
- Total: 100%

A: 94%~

B+: 87%~

C+: 77%~

D: 60%~

A- : 90%~

B : 83%~

C : 75%~

F: Below 60%

B-: 80%~

C-: 70%~

Grading policies :

Attendance and Participation: 10%

It is essential that you attend all classes, actively participate in class activities, and keep up with the course work on a daily basis. The first two times you are absent (for any reasons), your grade will not be affected. For each additional absence, your final grade will be lowered one percent. Three late arrival (over 10-minute tardiness) equal one absence. You are responsible for all material and work covered on days that you are absent. For further information regarding attendance, consult the official College webpage on Policies Governing Class Attendance. (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/attendance>). Please contact your instructor as soon as you can when you cannot participate in class for a prolonged period of time due to extenuating circumstances (such as sick family members, COVID-19, etc.). The purpose of the Course Action Notices (Path @Penn) is to facilitate communication between instructors and students when a student misses class. The system allows you to inform the instructor about absences of five days or less. If the absence is more than five days, you should contact your home school advising office for assistance and to discuss the academic implications of a longer absence. For further information regarding attendance, consult the official College webpage on Policies Governing Class Attendance. (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/attendance>).

Participation means not only being present but also actively participating in the classroom activities using Japanese. The participation grade is based on the student's active engagement in class activities and discussions. Come to classes well-prepared, and actively participate in the classroom activities using Japanese. Use of cell phones, laptops, and other electronic devices in classes without your instructor's permission, is not allowed. Unsanctioned use of these devices will negatively affect your participation grade. If you must use or do it, please ask your instructor.

Quiz (Vocab and Kanji): 10%

All quizzes are given during the class. If you are late for class, you will automatically lose your time for the quiz or will not be able to take the quiz if you are late beyond the allotted quiz period. See the weekly schedule on Canvas for more details. If you miss quizzes, you are allowed to take ONE make-up quiz. If you arrange the make-up quiz with your instructor prior to each quiz date, there will be no penalty. 10% deduction will be applied if make-up is without prior arrangement. Make-up quiz must be taken within three days after the quiz day. Your lowest score will be automatically dropped and not counted toward your final records.

JLPT Practice Exam : 20%

There will be JLPT practice exams as weekend assignments to adjust to the JLPT format, and find strong and weak areas of your Japanese skills. It will NOT help you if you ignore time limits or copy the answer keys. All JLPT practice exams must be submitted by their due date at the beginning of the class. See the weekly schedule on Canvas for more details. Each submission count as 3 points. Late submissions receive half credit, and any assignment overdue by more than one day will receive zero points.

Individually tailored homework: 10%

Homework will be tailored based on individual language levels and needs. Submit all assignments by the due date at the beginning of class. See the weekly schedule on Canvas for more details. Some examples of individually tailored homework are worksheets, short essays, reading short articles, and discussions on Canvas. Each submission count as 1 point. Late submissions receive half credit, and any assignment overdue by more than one day will receive zero points. The quality of your work is also evaluated.

Mini presentation: 15%

Students will give mini presentations in Japanese about three times during the semester. Topics are open, but should be interesting and informative for classmates. The quality of your mini presentation is also evaluated. See the weekly schedule on Canvas for more details.

Progress Check Test : 20%

All progress check tests are given three times in the classroom. See the weekly schedule on Canvas for more details. You are allowed to take ONE make-up progress check test. If you arrange the make-up progress check test with your instructor prior to each quiz date, there will be no penalty. 10% deduction will be applied if make-up is without prior arrangement. Make-up progress check test must be taken within three days after the quiz day.

Final JLPT Practice Exam: 15%

The final JLPT practice exam is given one in the classroom before the JLPT exam date. See the weekly schedule on Canvas for more details. Attendance at the final JLPT practice exam is mandatory. If you have a legitimate conflict, you must provide official documentation to take a make-up exam. More details will be announced.

Expectations of students

It is essential that you check the schedule and keep up with the course work on daily basis.

Approximately 8-10 hours per week including in-person classes.

Mon: In-Person Session (1hr 30 min)

Tue: Preparation for the quiz/exam/mini-presentation on Wednesday (30 min-1hr)

Wed: In-Person Session (1hr 30 min)

Thu-Sun: Taking the JLPT practice exam (3 hrs 30 min), Working on individually tailored assignment (30 min-1hr)

Japanese is the official language in this course. Let us immerse ourselves into Japanese. Please do not speak in English at the class without permission of your instructor. If you would like to ask questions in English, please do so after class.

Practice what is considered appropriate in Japan. Behave in a way that Japanese people would find comfortable, (not in a way that is comfortable for you.) No eating or chewing gum is allowed during the class. It interferes with a performance-based class, also this is a very common classroom policy in Japan.

Do not take it personally when corrected. Being corrected is one of the best ways to learn to speak. In fact, you must get used to being corrected all the time.

Generative AI can be a valuable tool for translating and writing in Japanese, offering an alternative to manual efforts. However, relying solely on Generative AI might hinder your practice. Therefore, please limit its use, as directed by the instructor. I encourage you to harness your cognitive abilities and practice regularly to enrich your learning journey.

*Class information and schedule are subject to change, and homework might be announced electronically. Please check the course Canvas and your e-mail account regularly.

Code of Academic Integrity

Students must follow the principals of the University of Pennsylvania Code of Academic Integrity. <https://catalog.upenn.edu/pennbook/code-of-academic-integrity/>

Violation of University Code of Academic Integrity may result in failure of course.

Student Support Resources

Weingarten Center

The Weingarten Center offers a variety of resources to support all Penn students in reaching their academic goals. All services are free and confidential. To contact the Weingarten Center, call 215-573-9235. The office is located in Hamilton Village at 220 S. 40th Street, Suite 260.

Academic Support

Learning consultations and learning strategies workshops support students in developing more efficient and effective study skills and learning strategies. Learning specialists work with students to address time and project management, academic reading and writing, note-taking, problem-solving, exam preparation, test-taking, self-regulation, and flexibility. Students can take advantage of free on-campus tutoring for many Penn courses in both drop-in and weekly contract format. Tutoring may be individual or in small groups. Tutors will assist with applying course information, understanding key concepts, and developing course-specific strategies. Tutoring support is available throughout the term but is best accessed early in the semester. First-time users must meet with a staff member; returning users may submit their requests online.

Disability Services

The University of Pennsylvania provides reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities who have self-identified and received approval from Disability Services. Students can contact Disability Services and make appointments to discuss and/or request accommodations by calling 215-573-9235.

Information related to Japanese Studies and East Asian Studies

Penn Japanese Language Program (JLP): <http://web.sas.upenn.edu/japanese/>

Facebook Page: [UPenn Japanese Language Program \(public group\)](#)

Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS) : <http://www.ceas.sas.upenn.edu/>

If you sign-up for the mailing list at the CEAS site, you will receive newsletter regularly. More useful resources are introduced on Canvas.

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週	月曜日	水曜日
1		8/30 オリエンテーション
2	9/4 レイバー・デー (休み)	9/6 文字・語彙／聴解
3	9/11 クイズ、文字・語彙／聴解	9/13 自習 (クラスなし)
4	9/18 クイズ、文字・語彙／聴解	9/20 発表、文法／読解

5	9/25 プログレスチェックテスト	9/27 個人面談
6	10/2 クイズ、文字・語彙／聴解	10/4 発表、文法／読解
7	10/9 クイズ、文字・語彙／聴解	10/11 発表、文法／読解
8	10/16 クイズ、文字・語彙／聴解	10/18 発表、文法／読解
9	10/23 プログレスチェックテスト	10/25 個人面談
10	10/30 クイズ、文字・語彙／聴解	11/1 発表、文法／読解
11	11/6 クイズ、文字・語彙／聴解	11/8 発表、文法／読解
12	11/13 プログレスチェックテスト	11/15 個人面談
13	11/20 総復習・個人面談	11/22 休み（金曜日のスケジュール）
14	11/27 JLPT 期末模擬試験	11/29 JLPT 期末模擬試験の復習
15	12/4 試験の報告	12/6 クラスなし