

School of Arts & Sciences Prospectus Instructions

Course ID and 7-digit Number: JPAN 1080-680, JPAN6080-680

Course Description and Level

This course is for students with an advanced background in Japanese, who are interested in taking at least the Level 2 Japanese Proficiency Test. Solid grammar, an extensive vocabulary, and the knowledge of at least 800-900 Chinese characters is required. This course is not continuous with any existing intermediate or advanced-level Japanese course; therefore, your grade from any of those course does not qualify you to take this class. Eligibility will be determined through an interview and placement test taken in the first meeting. All students who take this course are required to take the Japanese Language ¹Proficiency Test (JLPT) in December¹.

Class Structure for Fall 2024

- In-Person Sessions Planned
 - There will be two In-Person Sessions (1 hour 30 minutes each session) on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Out-of-class Activities
 - JLPT practice exams
 - Individually tailored assignments
 - Preparation for quizzes/exams/mini-presentations
- Schedule reflecting the workload for a typical week.
 - Estimate workload is 8-10 hours a week including In-Person sessions.

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)

Outline of Assignments & Assessments

- Types of assignments & assessments
 - Quizzes (once per week)
 - JLPT practice exams (once per week)

¹ The JLPT is scheduled in December in the United States. The registration begins late August. Please check <https://www.aatj.org/jlpt> for updates.

- Individually tailored assignment (once per week)
 - Mini-presentation (once per month)
 - Progress check tests (two or three times during the semester)
 - Final JLPT practice test (once at the end of the semester)
- Grading items and percentage (In-Person+ Out-of-class activities)
 1. Attendance and Participation 10%
 2. Quizzes 10%
 3. JLPT practice exam 20%
 4. Individually tailored assignment 10%
 5. Mini presentation 15%
 6. Progress Check Tests 20%
 7. Final JLPT Practice Test 15%

Total: 100%

Essential Course Policies

- Required books : None.

*All necessary materials will be provided on the Canvas course website as well as suggested references.