



Course Outline

2026-2027 Catalog

JPN 2 - Second Semester Japanese

Catalog Description

Transfer Status: CSU/UC

Prerequisite: JPN 1

Unit(s): 4.00

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Course Description: This course is the second half of beginning Japanese, which further develops language skills: reading, writing, listening comprehension and speaking. In addition, this course introduces the student to various aspects of the Japanese culture. Students who have completed at least two, but fewer than three years of high school Japanese (or equivalent) with a letter grade of "A" or "B" within one year of the present date, should register for Third Semester Japanese.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. improve the clarity of pronunciation in Japanese
2. increase comprehension of basic Japanese at the introductory level
3. speak Japanese with more complexity and diversity of expressions
4. improve writing of 'Kanji' at the introductory level
5. improve reading skills in Japanese at the introductory level
6. describe elements of Japanese culture

Course Content

Topic Titles / Suggested Time Topic	
<u>Lecture</u>	
<u>Topics</u>	<u>Lec Hrs</u>
Te-form (Verb Conjugations)	10.00
Suffixes with Te-form Verbs	7.00
Subordinating Conjunctions	2.00
Te-form (Adjectives and Nouns)	6.00
Counters	2.00
Particles	3.00
Short form (Present Tense)	10.00
Suffixes with Short form Verbs	13.00
Short form (Past Tense)	7.00
Comparisons	3.00
Kanji	5.00
Total Hours: 68.00	

Methods of Instruction

- A. Collaborative Group Work
- B. Demonstrations
- C. Homework: Students are required to complete two hours of outside-of-class homework for each hour of lecture
- D. Lecture
- E. Multimedia Presentations
- F. Reading Assignments
- G. The class will be conducted in Japanese except when English is needed to explain structural elements and to give other important explanations

Methods of Evaluation

- A. Quizzes
- B. Oral Presentation
- C. Class participation
- D. Exams

Examples of Assignments

Reading Assignments

1. Read a series of brief descriptions about Japanese culture including Japanese educational system, kinship terms, foods in Japan, Japanese traditional culture, and public transportation in Japan. Additional reading resources will be provided in class for discussion.
2. Read the following in Japanese: bulletin board with activity information, daily diary with schedules and routines, letter or email about daily life. Discuss with a partner in class.

Writing Assignments

1. Write a one-page essay in Japanese introducing a family member, including physical attributes, residency, occupation, and hobbies.
2. Make a one-page travel plan in Japanese including destination, cost, things to do, how to get there, where to stay, and why choosing that destination.

Out-of-Class Assignments

1. Research a specific Japanese cultural topic that you would be interested in and make a digital presentation. The research includes the topic, brief introduction, comparison with native culture, and takeaways from the research.
2. Develop a list of questions that you would like to know and interview a native Japanese speaker (immigrant or international student). Produce a one-page paper including your questions and their answers.

Recommended Materials of Instruction

Banno Eri. (2020). Genki Volume 1: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese. *Japan Times*, 3rd. 978-4789017305.

Banno Eri. (2020). Genki Workbook Volume 1: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese. *Japan Times*, 3rd. 978-4789017312.

Mayumi Satoru. (2021). Tobira 1: Beginning Japanese. *Kuroshioshuppan, Bilingual*. 978-4874248706.

Minimum Qualifications

Foreign Languages (Masters Required)

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