



Course Overview:

This course will offer students an introduction to the Japanese language. Throughout the course, students will acquire the four basic language skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing) as well as deepen their socio-cultural knowledge of Japan. Satisfactory completion of Japanese I is required in order to move on to Japanese 2.

Goals of Course:

Students will learn to communicate both in oral and written form and to acquire the four language skills. By the end of the year, students should be able to carry on basic, daily conversations with other learners of Japanese and be able to read and write simple essays. Students will also master all Hiragana and Katakana characters as well as 43 Kanji characters and are expected to read these characters in literary contexts. Cultural aspects of Japan such as geography, food, and traditional arts are also introduced.

Texts and Materials Used for Instruction:

- Genki Textbook: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Volume 1, 3rd edition
- Genki Workbook: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Volume 1, 3rd edition
- CD set for Genki I
- Audacity (audio recording software)
- Japanese word processing software

Course Content:

I. Pronunciation

- A. Vowels, consonants, combined consonants, vocal inflection

II. Grammar

- A. The copula
 1. Non-past affirmative and negative forms
 2. Past affirmative and negative forms
- B. Inflection of copula
 1. Long form of non- past negative
 2. Long form of past negative
- C. Nouns
- D. Particles
 1. Case-making particles
 2. Sentence-final inflectional particles
 3. Prepositional particles
- E. Location words
- F. Verbs
 1. Non-past affirmative and negative formal forms

2. Past affirmative and negative formal forms
 3. Invitation form (...masenka)
 4. Suggestion forms (...mashoo/...mashooka)
 5. Dictionary form of verbs
 6. Te-form of verbs
 - (1) Expressing request
 - (2) Expressing permission
 1. Long form of non- past negative of I- and Na-adjectives
 2. Long form of past negative of I- and Na-adjectives
- G. Adjectives
 - H. Sentence structure
 1. Predicate finality in Japanese sentences
 2. Wa-ga construction (to like)
 - I. Conjunctions
 - J. Adverbs
 1. Degree adverbs
 2. Frequency adverbs
 - K. Counters
 1. For small items
 2. For long, thin objects
 3. For flat, thin objects
 - L. WA-GA construction
 1. Liking and disliking

III. Vocabulary Topics

- A. Greeting expressions
- B. Classroom instructions
- C. Numbers 1 – 10,000,000
- D. Names of countries, nationalities and language
- E. Majors
- F. Occupations
- G. Family and people
- H. Foods and drinks
- I. Places and locations
- J. Sports, entertainment and leisure activities
- K. Daily activities
- L. Clothes
- M. Things in the classroom
- N. Travel
- O. Time expressions (minutes, days of the month and years)

IV. Writing systems (See attached.)

- A. All of Hiragana and Katakana
- B. Kanji

V. Other

- A. Typing in Japanese
- B. Sending e-mails in Japanese
- C. Calligraphy

List of Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji Characters Introduced in Japanese 1

I. Hiragana

あ い う え お
か き く け こ
さ し す せ そ
た ち つ て と
な に ぬ ね の
は ひ ふ へ ほ

が ぎ ぐ げ ご
ざ じ ず ぜ ぞ
だ ぢ づ で ど

ば び ぶ べ ぼ
ぱ ぴ ぷ ぺ ぽ

ま み む め も
や ゆ よ
ら り る れ ろ
わ を
ん

きゃ きゅ きょ
しゃ しゅ しょ
ちゃ ちゅ ちょ
にゃ にゅ によ
ひゃ ひゅ ひょ

ぎゃ ぎゅ ぎょ
じゃ じゅ じょ

びゃ びゅ びょ
ぴゃ ぴゅ ぴょ

みゃ みゅ みょ
りゃ りゅ りょ

II. Katakana

ア イ ウ エ オ
カ キ ク ケ コ
サ シ ス セ ソ
タ チ ツ テ ト
ナ ニ ヌ ネ ノ
ハ ヒ フ ヘ ホ

ガ ギ グ ゲ ゴ
ザ ジ ズ ゼ ゾ
ダ チ ツ デ ド

バ ビ ブ ベ ボ
パ ピ プ ペ ポ

マ ミ ム メ モ
ヤ ユ ヨ
ラ リ ル レ ロ

