

JAPN 2011 ELEMENTARY JAPANESE I(3 credit hours)

Elmira College

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Required Text:

1. Michael L. Kluemper; Lisa Berkson; Nathan Patton (2010). *Beginning Japanese Workbook Revised Edition: Practice Conversational Japanese, Grammar, Kanji & Kana*, Tuttle Publishing;
2. Eri Banno, Yoko Ikeda , Yutaka Ohno, *GENKI: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Vol. 1*, Japan Times Publishing.

Supplemental readings might be included to illustrate or expand on textbook readings.

Pre-requisites: None.

Course Description

This course designed for students with little or no prior experience in the Japanese language. This course aims to provide students with a basic foundation in Japanese language skills, including speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Through interactive activities, cultural insights, and practical exercises, students will begin to develop their ability to communicate in everyday situations and gain an understanding of Japanese culture.

Course Objectives and Goals

- Introduce themselves and have basic conversations in Japanese.
- Demonstrate comprehension of simple spoken and written Japanese.
- Engage in simple interactions related to daily life, such as greetings, shopping, and ordering food.
- Acquire cultural awareness and understanding of Japan's customs and traditions.
- Demonstrate knowledge of basic Japanese grammar and sentence structure.

Evaluation of Performance

Your grade will be based upon your performance on exams, assignments, and participation.

3 Speaking and Listening Exercises	15%
3 Reading and Writing Assignments	20%
2 Grammar Tests	20%
Midterm Exam	20%
Final Exams	25%
Total	100%

Grades will be assigned as follows:

A 93% and above B- 80 - 82% D+ 67 - 69%

A- 90 - 92%	C+ 77 - 79%	D 63 - 66%
B+ 87 - 89%	C 73 - 76%	D- 60 - 62%
B 83 - 86%	C- 70 - 72%	F 59% or below

Withdrawal Policy: Please see Elmira College Bulletin for information on this policy.

Academic Honesty: Please read the section on Academic Honesty in the [Code of Conduct](#). Briefly, academic dishonesty includes: cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, and plagiarism. Ask if you have any questions on whether something constitutes as academic dishonesty. All work must be original and new. Past assignments from current or other courses will not be accepted. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. It will result in zero on the assignment, and a report will be filed with the school. Continued practice will result in failure of the class. Institutional penalties may also apply with repeated acts of academic honesty.

Student Responsibility:

- It is your responsibility to keep track of assignments and due dates.
- You should ask questions concerning assignments and lectures, if you need any clarifications.
- If you are struggling in class, have concerns, and/or unsure about expectations, please stop by during office hours or make an appointment for another time.

Tentative Schedule of Topics

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Materials</u>	<u>Tasks & Evaluations</u>
Introductions and Getting Started	Chapter 1	
Japanese Pronunciation and Phonetic System	Chapter 2	Speaking and Listening Exercise 1
Hiragana	Chapter 3	
Katakana	Chapter 4	
Introduction to Kanji	Chapter 5	Reading and Writing A 1
Sentence Structure and Word Order	Chapter 6	
Basic Verbs: Present and Past Tense	Chapter 7	
Numbers, Counting, and Telling time	Chapter 8	Speaking and Listening Exercise 2
Basic Adjectives and Their Usage	Chapter 9	
Expressing Location and Directions	Chapter 10	
Particles in Japanese Grammar (は, が, を, に, で, etc.)	Chapter 11	Grammar Test 1
Expressing Abilities and Preferences (～ができます, ～たいです)	Chapter 12	Midterm Exam
Expressing Past Experiences (～たことがあります)	Chapter 13	
Making Requests and Giving Instructions	Chapter 14	Speaking and Listening Exercise 3
Shopping and Ordering Food	Chapter 15	
Family and Friends in Tokyo	Chapter 16	Grammar Test 2
The Ins and Outs of Schools in Japan	Chapter 17	
People and Places of Nagasaki	Chapter 18	Reading and Writing A 2

Time in Nara	Chapter 19	
Body Parts and Clothing in Hiraizumi	Chapter 20	
Hobbies in Heian-kyou	Chapter 21	Reading and Writing A 3
Adjectives in Amanohashidate	Chapter 22	
Purchasing and Giving Gifts in Edo	Chapter 23	
Meeting Basho in Kanazawa	Chapter 24	Final Exam