

CET Syllabus of Record



Program: Intensive Japanese Language and Culture Studies in Osaka

Course Title: Intensive Intermediate Japanese (Summer)

Course Code: JP203

Total Hours: 164

Recommended Credits: 9

Suggested Cross Listings: N/A

Language of Instruction: Japanese

Prerequisites/Requirements: Successful completion of one year of Japanese, JP111 or JP113

Description

This course is offered to students who have completed approximately two semesters of Japanese language study, or the CET Beginning Japanese course, and is designed to build on the fundamentals with a greater range of vocabulary, increasingly complex grammatical structures, and a variety of levels of formality and politeness. It is an integrated course, which includes study of both formal and informal written and spoken language, through listening comprehension, speaking and reading exercises. The focus is on communicative competence and the completion of concrete tasks, both within the classroom and in the surrounding environment, including interaction with native speakers of Japanese. The course includes:

1. A series of lessons that target the colloquial, situation-based language needed for adjusting to daily life in Japan. Each lesson involves a series of linguistic/content-focused tutorials, an immersion activity and assignment, and an assessment. These lessons meet for a total of 5 hours.
2. A regular textbook-based curriculum of 145 contact hours.
3. An additional 10-hour module, wherein students develop a major interview and survey-based project on one aspect of Japanese society. These course projects are presented orally to faculty, peers, and the local community at an Open House at the end of the term.
4. Bi-weekly one-on-one lessons (approximately 4 hours).

Objectives

During this course, students are exposed to:

- Various situations which require them to use Japanese creatively or in unexpected circumstances; to gather information; to use maps, schedules, etc. intended for native speakers, etc.
- Japanese spoken at a natural pace by native speakers unused to dealing with non-Japanese
- Social situations in which complex Japanese language and cultural sensitivity are tested

and become able to:

- Read, write and use in a variety of contexts a total of at least 200 kanji

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- Communicate comfortably in everyday social situations and express themselves by creating new meaning with familiar structures
- Have a familiarity with various aspects of Japanese culture, and function in both formal and informal social interactions with Japanese native speakers on a range of topics
- Attempt the Japanese Language Proficiency Test level N4 (old level 3)

Course Requirements

The first seven hours of the course engages students in structured activities that deepen their awareness of regular life in Japan and introduces language patterns that further enable them to actively and competently engage in Japanese society. Immersion activities often take students out of the classroom to practice and perform target phrases. Often, classes take place outside of classroom, such as a library and a store, to ask questions, to return bought items, and to practice and perform target tasks.

The pace of instruction is intensive. Students work through one lesson about every three to four days, with a quiz every day and an exam every three chapters. The classroom time is divided as follows: 2/3 conversation practice (grammar, vocabulary, drills, role playing, group work, etc.); 1/3 reading and writing.

In addition to time spent in the classroom, students should expect to spend a minimum of one hour studying on their own (completing homework assignments, listening to audio, memorizing vocabulary, etc.) for every hour spent in the classroom.

Finally, students spend approximately 2 to 3 hours per week completing an out-of-classroom project that requires students to conduct interviews and surveys in Japanese to assess local Japanese peoples' ideas and opinions on the topic.

Methods of Evaluation

Attendance/Participation	10-20%
Homework/Project	20-30%
Daily Quizzes	15-30%
Chapter Exams	20-30%
Final Exam	10-20%

Primary Texts

Genki II: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese, Japan Times, 2011

Genki II Workbook, Japan Times, 2011

Supplementary Texts

Kanji Look and Learn, Japan Times, 2009

A Dictionary of Basic Japanese Grammar, Japan Times, 1991

Web resources

Outline of Course Content

Students work through all eleven lessons of the *Genki II* textbook over the course of the eight week

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semester, with three to four days devoted to each lesson and an exam every three chapters. Lessons include both the grammar/vocabulary and reading/writing sections.