



CET Syllabus of Record

Program: Intensive Japanese Language and Culture Studies in Osaka

Course Code/Title: (OS / LANG 320) Pre-Advanced Japanese

Total Hours: 188

Recommended Credits: 12

Primary Discipline: Japanese Language

Language of Instruction: Japanese

Prerequisites/Requirements: Successful completion of two years of Japanese, JP203 or JP213, OS / LANG220 or OS / LANG221. Final placement at discretion of Academic Director.

Description

This course is designed to expand upon a strong language foundation with a particular focus on expanding communicative skills to interact with native speakers of Japanese. It is an integrated language course focusing on both the formal and informal written and spoken language. The goal of the course is to acquire communicative competence through tasks both in and out of the classroom. Conversational use of language in Japanese society is the main emphasis of the course, where language is viewed as social and cultural activity.

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 during the first week.
- 2.) A regular textbook-based curriculum.
- 3.) A 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.) One-on-one lessons

Objectives

By the end of this course, students are able to:

- Read, write, and use at least 800 kanji in a variety of contexts.
- Communicate with Japanese native speakers naturally in a variety of social contexts.
- Understand hidden messages or background information by reading texts written for Japanese native speakers and be able to exchange opinions on a wide range of topics in various situations.
- Have a strong familiarity with Japanese daily life and culture.
- Attempt the Japanese Language Proficiency Test level N3.

Course Requirements

Active participation is essential in this course. Students are expected to attend each class and field-based course component, as outlined in the CET Attendance Policy. Students are expected to read all assigned

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materials before the relevant class session and come prepared to participate thoughtfully in class discussions. Graded assignments include:

- Homework: Multiple homework assignments are provided for each chapter and additional independent preparation and review is expected. Students are expected to submit homework at the beginning of class.
- Quizzes: At the beginning of each Grammar/Conversation class, a short grammar quiz is given. It is not graded but included in class performance/participation points. Vocabulary and Kanji quizzes are given as scheduled and graded.
- Tests/Examinations: Students take three written tests, there is one test every three chapters.
- Project: Each semester a student is assigned a one-month long project. Students are assigned a topic about American or Japanese culture and must present the topic in Japanese to Japanese people. The final product is presented orally in Japanese; first, in speech format in class, and second, a poster session format at the two-hour open house.

Grading

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| • Participation | 15% |
| • Homework | 25% (Assignments 17% + Oral Practice 8%) |
| • Project | 15% |
| • Quizzes | 10% |
| • Chapter Tests | 20% |
| • Final Exam | 15% |

Readings

上級へのとびら, *Tobira: Gateway to Advanced Japanese Learning through Content and Multimedia*, M. Oka et al., Kurosio Publishers, 2009.

きたえよう漢字力 : 上級へつなげる基礎漢字 800, *Tobira: Power Up Your Kanji: 800 Kanji as a Gateway to Advanced Japanese*, M. Oka et al., Kurosio Publishers, 2010.

これで身につく文法力, *Tobira: Grammar Power: Exercises for Mastery*, M. Oka et al., Kurosio Publishers, 2012.

Additional Resources:

A Dictionary of Intermediate Japanese Grammar, S. Makino & M. Tsusui, Japan Times, 1995.

Outline of Course Content

Ten chapters from *Tobira* are covered over the course of the semester. Chapters include:

- Chapter One: The Geography of Japan
- Chapter Two: Speech Styles in Japan
- Chapter Three: Japanese Technology
- Chapter Four: Sports in Japan
- Chapter Five: Japanese Food
- Chapter Six: The Japanese and Religion
- Chapter Seven: Japanese Pop Culture

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Chapter Eight: Japanese Traditional Performing Arts

Chapter Nine: Education in Japan

Chapter Ten: Japan's Convenience Stores