

CET Syllabus of Record



Program: Virtual Intensive Japanese Language and Culture

Course Code / Title: (OS/LANG 221) Intermediate Japanese

Total Hours: 160

Recommended Credits: 9

Primary Discipline / Suggested Cross Listings: Japanese Language

Language of Instruction: Japanese

Prerequisites / Requirements: Successful completion of one year of Japanese, JP111 or JP113, OS/LANG 150. Final placement at discretion of Academic Director.

Description

This course is designed to build on the fundamentals of Japanese language with a wide range of vocabulary, complex grammatical structures, and various levels of formality and politeness. It integrates the study of both formal and informal and written and spoken language, through listening, speaking, and reading exercises. The focus is on communicative competence and the completion of tasks, both in the classroom and the surrounding environment, involving interactions with native speakers of Japanese.

The course includes:

1. A series of lessons that target the colloquial, situation-based language used in Japan and Osaka. Lessons include native-speaking guests and focus both of topics not in the textbook as well as reinforcing previously learned material.
2. A well-established, university-level textbook-based curriculum.
3. A module wherein students develop a major interview and survey-based project. These course projects are presented orally to faculty and peers.

Objectives

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

- Read, write, and use at least 350 *kanji* in a variety of contexts
- Communicate comfortably and express themselves in everyday social situations
- Demonstrate 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

Course Requirements

Active participation both in synchronous and asynchronous course components is essential in this course, and attendance is required. Details for attendance expectations are outlined in the term syllabus. Students are expected to read and watch all assigned materials before each synchronous class session, respond to the asynchronous materials as assigned, and come prepared to participate thoughtfully in class discussions. Quality of synchronous and asynchronous engagement counts towards the participation grade. Other graded course components include:

- Homework: Multiple homework assignments are provided for each chapter, and additional independent preparation and review is expected. Students are expected to submit assignments prior to each class.

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- 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 graded.
- Tests: Students take three written tests; there is one test every three chapters, and a final exam at the conclusion of the term.
- Project: Each semester a student is assigned an interview and survey-based project. Students are assigned a topic about American or Japanese culture and must present the topic in Japanese.

Grading

Grades are calculated according to the following percentages:

- Participation 15%
- Homework 25%
- Project 15%
- Quizzes 10%
- Chapter Tests 20%
- Final Exam 15%

Readings

Banno, Eri, Yutaka Ohno, Yoko Sakane, Chikako Shinagawa, and Kyoko Tokashiki. *Genki II: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese*, The Japan Times, 2011.

Banno, Eri, Yutaka Ohno, Yoko Sakane, Chikako Shinagawa, and Kyoko Tokashiki. *Genki II Workbook*, The Japan Times, 2011.

Outline of Course Content

All chapters are covered over the course of the semester. Chapters Include:

- Chapter 13: Looking for a Part-time Job
- Chapter 14: Valentine's Day
- Chapter 15: A Trip to Nagano
- Chapter 16: Lost and Found
- Chapter 17: Grumble and Gossip
- Chapter 18: John's Part-time Job
- Chapter 19: Meeting the Boss
- Chapter 20: Mary's Shopping
- Chapter 21: Burglar
- Chapter 22: Education in Japan
- Chapter 23: Goodbye