

Department	International College of Liberal Arts		
Semester	Fall 2025	Year Offered (Odd/Even/Every Year)	Every Year
Course Number	JPNL111		
Course Title	Japanese Language 1		
Prerequisites	Placement Test		
Course Instructor	TOMA Masahiro	Year Available (Grade Level)	1
Subject Area	Japan Studies: Japanese Language	Number of Credits	3
Class Style	Seminar	Language of instruction	English

(NOTE 1) Depending on the class size and the capacity of the facility, we may not be able to accommodate all students who wish to register for the course

Course Description	This course is for students who have no knowledge of Japanese language, aiming to acquire the four language skills (i.e. Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing) for basic/elementary level and to gain basic communication skills in Japanese. Students will familiarize themselves with the Japanese sound system first and learn hiragana/katakana. Approximately 70 kanji will be introduced throughout the course. Through various in-and-out class activities, students will practice basic patterns and forms of greetings, self-introduction, speech-act expressions (e.g. request, permission, apology etc.). They will also learn how to formulate basic interrogatives, to describe people and objects, to express basic emotions, to compare things, and to state past and future events in a simple manner. They will learn and deepen their understanding of some aspects of Japanese culture simultaneously. A small group discussion on linguistic as well as cultural matters will be systematically implemented in each class, which has been found effective based on the feedback from the previous students.
Class plan based on course evaluation from previous academic year	Based on student feedback from the previous year, effective methods will be incorporated into this semester's teaching.
Course related to the instructor's practical experience (Summary of experience)	N/A
Learning Goals	At the end of this course, students will be able to: 1.read and write all hiragana and katakana and approximately 70 kanji. 2.understand basic Japanese grammar and its functions and use them to greet, introduce themselves, talk and ask about their everyday routine, describe characteristics of people and things, make basic comparisons, express basic feelings/emotions, make basic interrogative sentences, and use basic expressions for request, permission and apology etc. 3.deepen their understanding of Japanese culture.

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(DP1) To Value Knowledge – Having high oral and written communication skills to be able to both comprehend and transfer knowledge

(DP2) To Be Able to Adapt to a Changing World – Having critical, creative, problem-solving, intercultural skills, global and independent mindset to adopt to a changing world

(DP3) To Believe in Collaboration – Having a disposition to work effectively and inclusively in teams

(DP4) To Act from a Sense of Personal and Social Responsibility – Having good ethical and moral values to make positive impacts in the world

Active Learning Methods	Flipped Classroom/Discussion, Debate				
More details/supplemental information on Active Learning Methods	N/A				
Use of ICT	Use of MS Form Use of Google Forms Use of GENKI Online				
Contents of class preparation and review	-Preparation of the contents, vocabulary, and structures to be covered in classes. -Review what is covered in each class and prepare for the upcoming tests and quizzes	Hours expected to be spent preparing for class (hours per week)	2 hours	Hours expected to be spent on class review (hours per week)	3 hours
Feedback Methods	Feedback on every assignment/quiz/test will be provided orally and/or in a written form depending on the nature of the item being assessed.				

Grading Criteria		
Grading Methods	Grading Weights	Grading Content
Active Participation in Class	5%	Attitude (positive, cooperative, proactive, constructive, etc.)
Take Home Writing Practice (Workbook)	3%	Quality and Accuracy
Quizzes	25%	Quality and Accuracy
Lesson Test	25%	Quality and Accuracy
Oral Test or Equivalent	7%	Fluency, Pronunciation, Communicativeness, etc.
Final Exam	35%	Quality and Accuracy

Required Textbook(s)	– An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese GENKI Vol. 1. Second Edition. [初級日本語 げんき I (第3版).] The Japan Times, 2020. – Workbook of An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese GENKI Vol. 1. Second Edition. [ワークブック：初級日本語 げんき I (第3版).] The Japan Times, 2020. (All other materials will be provided in class.)
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Other Reading Materials/URL	N/A
Plagiarism Policy	<p>Academic Honesty Policy</p> <p>The instructor of this class takes the issue of academic honesty very seriously. All students' homework/assessments should be his/her own work alone. No outside help whatsoever is permitted beyond those specified by the instructor. If a student is unsure whether something constitutes a breach or not, it is his/her responsibility to consult with the instructor before submitting the assessment. All breaches of the policy, regardless of the circumstances, will be addressed according to university policies. Please make sure to familiarize yourself with academic honesty policies in iCLA students' guidebook before the first assessment.</p>
Other Additional Notes (Outline crucial policies and info not mentioned above)	<p>★ Students who score less than 50% on the final exam will automatically fail the course, even if they score 60% or higher on the quizzes, tests, and/or the other assignments.</p> <p>★ Class schedule shown below is subject to change.</p> <p>★ In this class, students are expected to actively participate in all class activities. Therefore, being late, leaving midway through a class session, or leaving early for more than five minutes (5 minutes) will be considered as 'late' or 'leaving early.' Three instances of 'late' or 'leaving early' will be counted as one 'absence.' Any absence from the class exceeding thirty minutes, including being late or leaving midway or early, will also be counted as one 'absence.' It's important to note that missing more than 1/3 of the total course hours will result in the inability to submit the final work (equivalent to the final exam in other courses), and you will not receive credit for the course.</p> <p>★ Smartphones, tablets and PCs are not permitted in class unless authorised by the teacher. If the teacher considers that these are used to an excessive degree, the student will be deemed not to be participating in class. This may result in a negative impact on the final grade.</p>

(NOTE 2) Class schedule is subject to change

Class Schedule	
Class Number	Content
Class 1	Orientation, Self-introduction
Class 2	greeting / Hiragana L1 Vocabulary
Class 3	Hiragana/ age
Class 4	L1 Grammar
Class 5	L1 vocabulary quiz Question sentences
Class 6	Noun+Noun Hiragana:HW
Class 7	L1 Dialogue / hiragana L1Grammar-test
Class 8	L1 Review Hiragana-Quiz

Class 9	Hiragana L2 Vocabulary L1 Test (Take Home)
Class 10	Hiragana L2 Grammar (this , that)
Class 11	L2 Grammar (where) hiragana practice
Class 12	L2 vocabulary quiz hiragana practice
Class 13	L2 Grammar (whose)
Class 14	L2 Dialogue / katakana L2 Grammar-test
Class 15	L2 Review katakana practice L2 Test (Take Home)
Class 16	katakana L3 Vocabulary
Class 17	katakana L3 Grammar (V-present )
Class 18	L3 Grammar (particles) katakana practice
Class 19	L3 vocabulary quiz Katakana/ G(time)
Class 20	katakana L3 G (words order)
Class 21	L3 Dialogue /katakana G(Frequency adverbs)
Class 22	L3 Review G-test katakana practice

Class 23	kanji L4 Vocabulary
Class 24	L4 Grammar あります・います L3 Test (Take Home)
Class 25	L4 G (V-past tense) Grammar practice
Class 26	L4 vocabulary quiz G(verb conjugation)
Class 27	kanji G (time particles)
Class 28	L4 Dialogue /kanji L4 Grammar-test
Class 29	L4 Review kanji+G practice
Class 30	Speaking test L5 Vocabulary/kanji
Class 31	L5 Grammar adjective- present
Class 32	L5 G (adjective-past) Grammar practice
Class 33	L5 vocabulary quiz G(みましょうか) L4 Test (Take Home)
Class 34	kanji G (counting)
Class 35	L5 Dialogue /kanji
Class 36	L5 Review /L5 G-test HW : kanji+G practice

Class 37	L5 Review
Class 38	L6 Vocabulary/kanji L6 Grammar
Class 39	L6 G +kanji HW: Grammar practice L5 Test (Take Home)
Class 40	L6 Dialogue (～ましょうか)
Class 41	L6 Review L6 Grammar-test
Class 42	L1-L2 Review
Class 43	L2-L3 Review
Class 44	L3-L4 Review
Class 45	L4-L5 Review L6 Kanji Test if applicable this semester (Take Home)