Japanese Level 7

Section 1

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[Course Outline / Description]

This course is designed as an early-to-intermediate stage of advanced Japanese for those who have mastered intermediate-level grammatical constructions and do not have any difficulty in daily conversation. The level of the course is suitable for students whose proficiency is at around Level 2 or slightly higher of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) administered by the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services (JEES). In this course, students will be exposed to more formal and/or academic topics such as educational systems, business operations, environmental issues, etc. to achieve higher ability in comprehension of both spoken and written materials in modern Japanese. Students will also have an opportunity to improve their colloquial knowledge of contemporary Japanese with attentive and intensive listening to audio-visual materials. Approximately half the course will be spent on discussions, speeches, debates, and/or projects, acquiring not only N1-level grammatical structures but also advanced vocabulary and idiomatic expressions. The other half of the course will be devoted to lessons with audio-visual materials, paying special attention to colloquial expressions. Prerequisite: Students must obtain D- or higher in Japanese Level 6 or its equivalent. Students who have not completed Japanese Level 6 at Kansai Gaidai must take the Japanese Language Placement Test.

Section 2

[Course Objectives/Goals/Learning Outcomes]

This course aims at enhancing students' overall competency in modern Japanese by developing communication ability in more formal topics as well as in casual ones. Specifically, there are three main goals in this course:

- 1) Students will be able to carry out more natural Japanese conversation, making use of N1-level sentence structures as well as advanced vocabulary and expressions;
- 2) Students will be able to use more appropriate expressions of politeness and honorifics, depending on the scene or situation in which they are speaking; and
- 3) Students will be able to make a presentation and/or conduct a debate about more formal and/or academic topics.

Section 3

[Class Schedule/Class Environment, Literature and Materials]

	Schedule of Instruction	Work Outside of Classroom Activities
Lecture 1	Orientation	Read p. vi.
Lecture 2	Lesson 1 Dialogs 1 [~までもない] & 2 [~わけではない]	Read pp. 1-2 & 5. Complete pp. 9-10.
Lecture 3	Lesson 1 Dialogs 3 [~ながらも] & 4 [~といい、~といい]	Read pp. 2-4 & 6. Complete pp. 11-12.
Lecture 4	Lesson 1 Quiz/Speech [~といえど も]	Read pp. 7-8. Complete pp. 12-13.
Lecture 5	Lesson 1 Presentation	Read the handout.
Lecture 6	Lesson 2 Dialogs 1 [~さえ~ば] & 2 [~にかぎらず]	Read pp. 21-22 & 25-26. Complete pp. 30-31.
Lecture 7	Lesson 2 Dialogs 3 [~におうじた] & 4	Read pp. 23-24 & 26. Complete pp. 31-33.
Lecture 8	Lesson 2 Quiz/Speech [~にしたが	Read pp. 27-29. Complete pp. 31-35.

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Lecture 9	Lesson 2 Debate	Read the handout.
Lecture 10	Review/Unit Test (LL1-2)	Review LL1-2.
Lecture 11	Lesson 3 Dialog 1 [~にこたえて]	Read pp. 41 & 45. Complete pp. 50-52.
Lecture 12	Lesson 3 Dialogs 2 [~ないではすまない] & 3 [~をとわず]	Read pp. 41-44 & 45-46. Complete pp. 52-53.
Lecture 13	Lesson 3 Quiz/Speech [~ところを]	Read pp. 47-49. Complete pp. 53-55.
Lecture 14	Lesson 3 Presentation	Read the handout.
Lecture 15	Lesson 4 Dialogs 1 [~をもって] & 2 [~にかかわる]	Read pp. 65-66 & 68-69. Complete pp. 74-76.
Lecture 16	Lesson 4 Dialogs 3 [~なり] & 4 [~ かたわら]	Read pp. 66-67 & 69-70. Complete pp. 76-78.
Lecture 17	Lesson 4 Quiz/Speech	Read pp. 71-73.
Lecture 18	Lesson 4 Debate	Read the handout.
Lecture 19	Lesson 5 Dialogs 1 [~てたまらない] & 2 [~とは]	Read pp. 83-85 & 87-88. Complete pp. 92-94.
Lecture 20	Lesson 5 Quiz/Dialog 4 [~がち]	Read pp. 86 & 88. Complete pp. 94-95.
Lecture 21	Review	Review LL1-5.
Lecture 22	Review/Midterm Oral Exam	Read the handout.
Lecture 23	Review/Midterm Written Exam	Review LL1-5.
Lecture 24	Explanation	Read the handout.
Lecture 25	Scripts 1-1 [~てん] & 1-2 [~ (ん) ですって]	Complete pp. 1-7 & 9-16.
Lecture 26	Script 1-3 [どうせ]	Complete pp. 19-24.
Lecture 27	Scene 1 Quiz	Read pp. 8, 17-18 & 25.
Lecture 28	Scene 1 Presentation	Read the handout.
Lecture 29	Scripts 2-1 [~たって] & 2-2 [~かねない]	Complete pp. 27-35 & 37-45.
Lecture 30	Script 2-3 [~ようともしない]	Complete pp. 47-53.
Lecture 31	Scene 2 Quiz	Read pp. 36, 46 & 54.
Lecture 32	Review/Unit Test (Scenes 1-2)	Review Scenes 1-2.
Lecture 33	Scripts 3-1 [~せいだ] & 3-2 [よく ~]	Complete pp. 55-61 & 65-72.
Lecture 34	Script 3-3 [~わけ (が) ない]	Complete pp. 75-81.
Lecture 35	Scene 3 Quiz	Read pp. 62-63, 73 & 82.
Lecture 36	Scene 3 Debate	Read the handout.
Lecture 37	Scripts 4-1 [~というか~というか] & 4-2 [つい]	Complete pp. 83-89 & 91-98.
Lecture 38	Scene 4 Quiz	Read pp. 90 & 99-100.
Lecture 39	Scripts 5-1 [~てたまるか] & 5-2 [た とえ~]	Complete pp. 101-106 & 109-115.
Lecture 40	Script 5-3	Complete pp. 119-124.
Lecture 41	Scene 5 Quiz	Read pp. 107, 116-117 & 125-126.
Lecture 42	Scene 5 Presentation	Read the handout.
Lecture 43	Scene 5 Presentation	Read the handout.
Lecture 44	Review/Final Oral Exam	Read the handout.
Lecture 45	Review	Review Scenes 1-5.

The Final Written Exam will be given during the Final Exam week.

【Textbooks/Reading Materials】 Kansai Gaidai original textbooks

Section 4

[Learning Assessments/Grading Rubric]

Final Exam 30%
Midterm Exam 20%
Unit Tests 20%
Presentations/Debates 20%
Quizzes 10%

Your final grade will be dropped 0.5% for each absence. In addition, 0.2% will be deducted from your final grade, each time you are late for class. When you come to class more than 25 minutes late, it will be considered to be an absence, and your final grade will be dropped 0.5%.