

【Course Description】

Prerequisite: Japanese 6 (or its equivalent)

This course is the first level of advanced Japanese. This course aims to enhance the ability to comprehend and produce advanced written materials, actively engage in discussions and exchange ideas, and skillfully express viewpoints while understanding others' perspectives. The course focuses on acquiring grammar and expression skills equivalent to JLPT* N1 and N2 while aiming to achieve CEFR** B2.1 level proficiency in the four language skills. The course includes speeches, discussions on social issues related to daily life, presentations, and project work. The course materials consist of packets prepared by the language faculty at Kansai Gaidai University. Students are expected to study and demonstrate the ability to read the kanji covered in the packets during the semester.

* The Japanese Language Proficiency Test

** The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

【Course Objectives】

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the meanings and usage of advanced-level (equivalent to JLPT N1/N2) grammar and vocabulary in Japanese, and be able to paraphrase and explain them in Japanese.
2. Report on academic topics, current issues, and social problems in Japanese, and express their opinions and thoughts with supporting evidence.
3. Engage in conversations naturally, using appropriate honorific expressions according to the context and situation.

【Class Schedule】

Please note that the schedule is subject to change. Please refer to the syllabus distributed by your instructor for the exact homework submission schedule.

	Class Content	After-class Homework
1	Orientation	Read the syllabus.
2	About Project Work Unit 1: Pre-task	Pre-task Sheet
3	Unit 1: Main Task : Vocab & Grammar かえって／あえて	Practice Sheet 1-1
4	Unit 1: Main Task : Grammar ～を～として／～かたわら／～がち	Practice Sheet 1-2
5	Unit 1: Main Task : Grammar ～をはじめ／N1 から N2 にかけて／～ものだ, Preparation for presentation ★Vocab Quiz	Practice Sheet 1-3
6	Unit 1: Post Task: Presentation	Presentation Script
7	Unit 1: Post Task: Presentation	Presentation Script
8	Project Work	Preparation for the first meeting
9	Unit 2: Pre-task	Pre-task Sheet

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	Class Content	After-class Homework
10	Unit 2: Main Task : Vocab & Grammar ~も~ば~も/~ものがある	Practice Sheet 2-1
11	Unit 2: Main Task : Grammar ~の上 ^{うえ} では/~向 ^む け/~を問 ^と わず	Practice Sheet 2-2
12	Unit 2: Main Task : Grammar ~にあ ^あ た ^た つて/~にそ ^そ つて/~が ^が て ^て ら、 Preparation for presentation ★Vocab Quiz	Practice Sheet 2-3
13	Unit 2: Post Task: Presentation	Presentation Script
14	Unit 2: Post Task: Presentation	Presentation Script
15	Review for Unit Test 1	Review for Unit Test 1
16	★Unit Test 1 (Units 1 & 2)	Review for Unit Test 1
17	Project work : Prep for interviews	Preparation for the interview
18	Project work : Interviews	Preparation for the interview
19	Unit 3: Pre-task	Pre-task Sheet
20	Unit 3: Main Task : Vocab & Grammar ~と ^と ころ/~あ ^あ ま ^ま り	Practice Sheet 3-1
21	Unit 3: Main Task : Grammar ~わ ^わ けにはい ^い か ^か ない/~に ^に 反 ^{はん} して/ ~に ^に 対 ^{たい} して	Practice Sheet 3-2
22	Unit 3: Main Task : Grammar ~上 ^{うえ} で/~に ^に 応 ^{おう} じて/~て ^て 以 ^い 来 ^{らい} 、 Preparation for presentation ★Vocab Quiz	Practice Sheet 3-3
23	Unit 3: Post Task: Presentation	Presentation Script
24	Unit 3: Post Task: Presentation	Presentation Script
25	★Project Work (Oral Interview)	Preparation for the oral interview
26	Project Work : Preparing articles & presentation	Preparation for the article & the presentation
27	Unit 4: Pre-task	Pre-task Sheet
28	Unit 4: Main Task : Vocab & Grammar ~に ^に 基 ^き づ ^づ いて/ ~と ^と は ^は 比 ^ひ べ ^べ もの ^{もの} に ^に な ^な ら ^ら ない	Practice Sheet 4-1
29	Unit 4 Main Task : Grammar ~こ ^こ と ^と か ^か ら/~上 ^{うえ} に/~N1 な ^な り N2 な ^な り	Practice Sheet 4-2
30	Unit 4: Main Task : Grammar し ^し か ^か も/~さ ^さ ら ^ら に/~接 ^{せつ} 続 ^{ぞく} 表 ^{ひょう} 現 ^{げん} 、 Preparation for presentation ★Vocab Quiz	Practice Sheet 4-3
31	Unit 4: Post Task: Presentation	Presentation Script
32	Unit 4: Post Task: Presentation	Presentation Script
33	Review for Unit Test 2	Review for Unit Test 2
34	★Unit Test 2 (Units 3 & 4)	Review for Unit Test 2
35	Project Work : Preparing articles & presentation	Preparation for the article & the presentation
36	Unit 5: Pre-task	Pre-task Sheet
37	Unit 5: Main Task : Vocab & Grammar ~が ^が ゆ ^ゆ え/~た ^た と ^と こ ^こ ろ ^ろ で	Practice Sheet 5-1
38	Unit 5: Main Task : Grammar ~に ^に お ^お い ^い て/~を ^を め ^め ぐる/~と ^と か	Practice Sheet 5-2
39	Unit 5: Main Task : Grammar ~の ^の み ^み な ^な ら ^ら ず/~V だ ^だ け ^け で ^で は ^は す ^す ま ^ま い ^い / ~と ^と い ^い う ^う もの、Preparation for presentation ★Vocab Quiz	Practice Sheet 5-3
40	Unit 5: Post Task: Presentation	Presentation Script
41	Unit 5: Post Task: Presentation	Presentation Script
42	Prep for presentation and review for Final Exam Oral Interview	Preparation for the article & the presentation
43	Project work Presentation	Preparation for the article & the presentation
44	★Final Oral Interview	Preparation for the oral interview
45	Review for Final Exam	Review for the final exam

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【Textbook】

Course packets prepared by the faculty members of Kansai Gaidai University
(to be distributed in class)

【Learning Assessments】

Homework: 10%
Portfolio: 5%
Presentations: 10%
Quizzes: 10%
Unit Tests: 20%
Project Work: 15%
Final Exam: 30%

Homework: The course schedule includes homework due dates. Read it carefully and submit your homework. Homework is accepted at the beginning of the class. After that, it will be considered “late”. For a late submission, there will be a 50% deduction if submitted before the next class starts. If submitted in or after the next class, no points will be awarded. Also, there will be a deduction if homework is incomplete, or if homework does not reflect your mastery of the subject.

Portfolio: You will be asked to make your own portfolio to keep your record of learning Japanese.

Presentations: In each unit, you will be asked to give a short presentation related to the topic of the lesson.

Quizzes: You will have a vocabulary quiz for each unit. No make-up quiz is allowed.

Unit Tests: There will be two unit tests throughout the semester to assess your understanding of the lesson material. Each Unit test will consist of sections on grammar, reading, writing, listening, and kanji readings. Specific details for each section will be provided in class.

Project Work: You will participate in a project with other classmates. A project is a real life task, which will require you to have interviews, writing articles, giving presentations, etc. in Japanese. To complete the task is a requirement to complete this course. Details will be provided in class.

Final Exam: A cumulative final exam will be scheduled during the final week. Details will be provided in class.

Grading Scales

A+: 100-97	A: 96-93	A-: 92-90
B+: 89-87	B: 86-83	B-: 82-80
C+: 79-77	C: 76-73	C-: 72-70
D+: 69-67	D: 66-63	D-: 62-60
F: 59-0		