

JAPANESE 1

【Course Description】

This is an elementary level course in Japanese for beginners who have no formal training in the language. This course aims to provide a basic foundation that will enable students to acquire and develop language skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Japanese. Approximately 300 vocabulary words will be introduced. This course will cover Lesson 1 through Lesson 6 of Genki I Third edition, which is equivalent to CEFR** A1.1 level proficiency (speaking).

* The Japanese Language Proficiency Test

** The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

【Course Objectives】

By the end of the course, students should be able to achieve the following objectives:

1. Students will be able to read and write Japanese letters (Hiragana and Katakana).
2. Students will be able to speak in Japanese using vocabulary (approx. 300 basic nouns, verbs, adjectives, and expressions).
3. Students will be able to function in everyday situations such as making requests, stating reasons, describing things, etc. in Japanese.

【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, Greetings	Read the Syllabus.
2	Lesson 1: XはYです	Workbook p. 16
3	Lesson 1: Question Sentences ★Vocab Quiz	Workbook p. 17
4	Lesson 1: Noun1 の Noun2	Workbook p. 18
5	Lesson 1: Review ★Hiragana Quiz	Workbook pp. 19-22 Prepare for Lesson Test.
6	Lesson 1: ★Lesson Test	Review Lesson Test.
7	Lesson 2: これ/それ/あれ/どれ, この/その/あの/どの+ Noun ★Vocab Quiz	Workbook pp. 25-27
8	Lesson 2: ここ/そこ/あそこ/どこ, だれの Noun	Workbook p. 28
9	Lesson 2: Noun も, Noun じゃないです	Workbook p. 29
10	Lesson 2: ~ね/~よ	Workbook p. 30
11	Lesson 2: Review ★Katakana Quiz	Workbook p. 31
12	Lessons 2: Review	Prepare for Lesson Test.
13	Lessons 2: ★Lesson Test	Review Lesson Test.
14	Lesson 3: Verb Conjugation, Verb Types and the "Present Tense" ★Vocab Quiz	Workbook pp. 32-34

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	Class Content	After-class Homework
15	Lesson 3: Particles, Time References	Workbook p. 35
16	Lesson 3: ～ませんか, Frequency Adverbs	Workbook pp. 36-37
17	Lesson 3: Word Order, The Topic Particle は	Workbook p. 38
18	Lesson 3: Review	Workbook pp. 39-40
19	Lesson 3: Review	Prepare for Lesson Test.
20	Lesson 3: ★Lesson Test	Review Lesson Test. Prepare for Oral Test.
21	★Oral Test 1	Prepare for Oral Test.
22	★Oral Test 1	Review Oral Test.
23	Lesson 4: X があります/います, Describing Where Things Are ★Vocab Quiz	Workbook pp. 41-42
24	Lesson 4: Past Tense of です, Past Tense of Verbs	Workbook pp. 43-45
25	Lesson 4: も, いちじかん	Workbook pp. 46-47
26	Lesson 4: たくさん, と	Workbook p. 48
27	Lesson 4: Review	Workbook p. 49
28	Lesson 4: Review	Prepare for Lesson Test.
29	Lesson 4: ★Lesson Test	Review Lesson Test.
30	Lesson 5: Adjectives (Present Tense), Adjectives (Past Tense) ★Vocab Quiz	Workbook pp. 50-53
31	Lesson 5: Adjectives (Noun Modification), すき (な) /きらい (な)	Workbook pp. 54-55
32	Lesson 5: ～ましょう/～ましょうか	Workbook p. 56
33	Lesson 5: Counting	Workbook p. 57
34	Lesson 5: Review	Workbook p. 58
35	Lesson 5: Review	Prepare for Lesson Test.
36	Lesson 5: ★Lesson Test	Review Lesson Test.
37	Lesson 6: Te-form, ～てください ★Vocab Quiz	Workbook pp. 59-62
38	Lesson 6: Describing Two Activities	Workbook p. 63
39	Lesson 6: ～てもいいです, ～てはいけません	Workbook pp. 64-65
40	Lesson 6: ～から, ～ましょうか (Offering Assistance)	Workbook p. 66
41	Lesson 6: Review	Workbook p. 67
42	Lesson 6: Review	Workbook p. 68 Prepare for Oral Test.
43	★Oral Test 2	Prepare for Oral Test.
44	★Oral Test 2	Review Oral Test.
45	Semester Review	Prepare for the final exam.

【Textbook】

- Genki: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese, vol. I, 3rd edition, The Japan Times [ISBN: 978-4-7890-1730-5]
- Genki Workbook, vol. I, 3rd edition, The Japan Times [ISBN: 978-4-7890-1731-2]

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【Learning Assessments】

Homework: 15%

Quizzes: 15%

Lesson Tests: 25%

Oral Tests: 10%

Final Exam: 30%

Class Performance: 5%

Homework/performance: 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.

Quizzes: The two lowest quiz scores will be dropped in calculating the final grade. There will be no make-ups for missed quizzes.

Lesson Tests: There will be a total of five lesson tests. The lowest test score will be dropped in calculating the final grade. Details will be provided in class.

Oral Tests: There will be a total of two oral tests. Details will be provided in class.

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

Class Performance: Active participation in class is essential for creating a productive learning environment. Please refrain from activities that might hinder your engagement, such as using smartphones or engaging in unnecessary conversations with classmates. If you don't actively participate, your "class participation" evaluation may be negatively affected. Additionally, tardiness or absence can also impact your participation in class, as it reduces the time you spend engaged in the learning process. Please be mindful of this.

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		