

【Course Description】

Prerequisite: Japanese 4 (or its equivalent)

This course is designed for students who have completed their studies using comprehensive beginner textbooks such as 'Genki' and are ready to progress to the first level of intermediate Japanese. This course aims to develop fundamental communication skills that empower individuals to express their opinions and construct simple sentences on everyday topics. The course focuses on acquiring grammar and expression skills equivalent to JLPT* N3 while aiming to achieve CEFR** B1.1 level proficiency in the four language skills. The course includes various activities such as mini-speeches, video projects, and interactions with local students at our university. The course materials consist of packets prepared by the language faculty at Kansai Gaidai University. Students are expected to recognize approximately 300 kanji characters before the course and demonstrate the ability to read the kanji from the textbook 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. Effectively use intermediate-level (equivalent to JLPT N3) grammar and vocabulary in everyday conversations.
2. Express their opinions and desires to others in everyday conversations on relatively simple topics.
3. Demonstrate the ability to appropriately use casual and formal speech styles based on the 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, Review of JPN4 (1)	• Review the grammar points from JPN4 (1).
2	Review of JPN4 (2)	• Review the grammar points from JPN4 (2).
3	Review of JPN4 (3) ★Review Test	• Review the grammar points from JPN4 (3).
4	Unit 0: Characteristics of casual Japanese conversation, Info. session for mini-speech	• Review the characteristics of casual conversations in Japanese. • Prepare for the upcoming mini-speech. • Prepare for Vocab Quiz 1.
5	Unit 1: Introduction, Grammar 1 ～だけじゃなくて～も／～ということだ ★Vocab Quiz 1	• Work on Grammar Exercise Sheet 1-1. • Prepare for the upcoming mini-speech.

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6	Unit 1: Grammar 2 ～ことになる／～ことになっている／～まま	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Grammar Exercise Sheet 1-2. • Prepare for Kanji Quiz 1. • Prepare for the upcoming mini-speech.
7	Unit 1: Grammar 3 ～てくる／～ていく ★Kanji Quiz 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Grammar Exercise Sheet 1-3. • Prepare for the upcoming mini-speech.
8	Unit 1: Reading, Dialogues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the reading passage and dialogues of Unit 1. • Prepare for the upcoming mini-speech.
9	Mini-speech (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for the upcoming mini-speech. • Review the entire content of Unit 1.
10	Mini-speech (2), Info. session for Video Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for Vocab Quiz 2. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
11	Unit 2: Introduction, Grammar 1 ～っけ？／～しかない ★Vocab Quiz 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Grammar Exercise Sheet 2-1. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
12	Unit 2: Grammar 2 ～んだって／～っぽい	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Grammar Exercise Sheet 2-2. • Prepare for Kanji Quiz 2. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
13	Unit 2: Grammar 3 ～ばかり／～うちに ★Kanji Quiz 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Grammar Exercise Sheet 2-3. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
14	Unit 2: Reading, Dialogues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the reading passage and dialogues of Unit 2. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
15	Units 1 & 2: Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for Unit Test 1.
16	Units 1 & 2: Review ★Unit Test 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
17	Class Activity (TBA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for Vocab Quiz 3. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
18	Unit 3: Introduction, Grammar 1 ～ {くらい・ほど} ／～ば～ほど ★Vocab Quiz 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Grammar Exercise Sheet 3-1. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
19	Unit 3: Grammar 2 どんなに～ても／～としたら	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Grammar Exercise Sheet 3-2. • Prepare for Kanji Quiz 3. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
20	Unit 3: Grammar 3 ～ところだ／～ほど～ない ★Kanji Quiz 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Grammar Exercise Sheet 3-3. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
21	Unit 3: Reading, Dialogues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the reading passage and dialogues of Unit 3. • Prepare for Vocab Quiz 4. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
22	Unit 4: Introduction, Grammar 1 命令形 <small>めいれいけい</small> imperative forms of verbs／～としても ★Vocab Quiz 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Grammar Exercise Sheet 4-1. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
23	Unit 4: Grammar 2 ～め／～ようになる	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Grammar Exercise Sheet 4-2. • Prepare for Kanji Quiz 4. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
24	Unit 4: Grammar 3 ～なんて／～てたまらない／～てしょうがない ★Kanji Quiz 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Grammar Exercise Sheet 4-3. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
25	Unit 4: Reading, Dialogues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the reading passage and dialogues of Unit 4. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
26	Units 3 & 4: Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for Unit Test 2
27	Units 3 & 4: Review ★Unit Test 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for the upcoming video project.

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	Class Content	After-class Homework
28	Class Activity (TBA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for Vocab Quiz 5. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
29	Unit 5: Introduction, Grammar 1 ～ようにする／～ようにしている／～わけがない ★Vocab Quiz 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Grammar Exercise Sheet 5-1. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
30	Unit 5: Grammar 2 ～からといって、～わけじゃない／～ぐらい	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Grammar Exercise Sheet 5-2. • Prepare for Kanji Quiz 5. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
31	Unit 5: Grammar 3 ～ほうだ／～ように言う ★Kanji Quiz 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Grammar Exercise Sheet 5-3. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
32	Unit 5: Reading, Dialogues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the reading passage and dialogues of Unit 5. • Prepare for Vocab Quiz 6. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
33	Unit 6: Introduction, Grammar 1 ～くせに／～だけで／～だけ {では・じゃ} ～ない ★Vocab Quiz 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Grammar Exercise Sheet 6-1. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
34	Unit 6: Grammar 2 ～というより／～せいで	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Grammar Exercise Sheet 6-2. • Prepare for Kanji Quiz 6. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
35	Unit 6: Grammar 3 ～おかげで／～なら～たらどうですか ★Kanji Quiz 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Grammar Exercise Sheet 6-3. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
36	Unit 6: Reading, Dialogues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the reading passage and dialogues of Unit 6. • Prepare for the upcoming video project.
37	Units 5 & 6: Review	• Prepare for Unit Test 3
38	Units 5 & 6: Review ★Unit Test 3	• Prepare for the upcoming video project.
39	Class Activity (TBA)	• Prepare for the upcoming video project.
40	Video Project Viewing Party 1	• Prepare for the final exam.
41	Video Project Viewing Party 2	• Prepare for the final exam.
42	Review of Units 1-3	• Prepare for the final exam.
43	Review of Units 4-6	• Prepare for the final exam.
44	Review, Final Exam (Oral) 1	• Prepare for the final exam.
45	Review, Final Exam (Oral) 2	• Prepare for the final exam.

【Textbook】

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

【Learning Assessments】

Homework: 20%

Quizzes: 5%

Video Project: 8%

Mini-speech: 2%

Unit Tests: 30%

Final Exam: 30%

Class Performance: 5%

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Homework: Please carefully check the course schedule and make sure to submit your homework on time at the beginning of each class. If you submit your homework late but before the next class starts, there will be a 50% deduction in points. However, if you submit it during or after the next class, you won't receive any points. Additionally, keep in mind that incomplete or unsatisfactory homework may also lead to point deductions.

Quizzes: There will be a total of 12 quizzes, specifically consisting of one vocabulary quiz and one kanji quiz for each of the six units. Please note that there will be no make-up quizzes for missed assessments under any circumstances, except when you provide an email attachment with a photo of a diagnosis certificate or receipt confirming your hospital visit on the same day. However, to accommodate unforeseen circumstances, the two lowest quiz scores will be dropped when calculating the final grade.

Video Project: You will have the opportunity to showcase your knowledge through a video project, applying what you've learned during the semester. Further details about the project will be provided in class.

Mini-speech: You will present a mini-speech in class. Specifics about the mini-speeches will be announced in class.

Unit Tests: There will be a total of three unit tests this semester, with one unit test for review after every two units. Details will be provided in class. If you are unable to take the exam at the scheduled time, you may still take it with a 20% penalty. However, this penalty will not apply if you provide an email attachment with a photo of a diagnosis certificate or a receipt confirming your hospital visit on the same day.

Final Exam: A comprehensive final exam covering the entire course content will be scheduled for the last week of the semester. Specific details about the final exam will be shared 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		