

【Course Description】

Prerequisite: Japanese 5 (or its equivalent)

This course is intended for students who have completed one or two semesters of intermediate-level Japanese. The objective of this course is to actively engage in conversations, participate in reading/writing activities on various everyday topics, and effectively communicate opinions and information. The course focuses on acquiring grammar and expression skills equivalent to JLPT* N2 and N3 while aiming to achieve CEFR** B1.2 proficiency in the four language skills. The course includes presentations, discussions on everyday life topics, studying TV drama materials, and mastering the ability to explain information through charts and graphs. The course materials consist of packets prepared by the language faculty at Kansai Gaidai University.

* 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 intermediate-level (JLPT N2/N3) grammar and vocabulary in Japanese, and use them effectively in everyday conversations at a speech level appropriate for different situations.
2. Understand Japanese encountered in various mediums such as TV programs, movies, websites, newspapers, and magazines, and engage in conversations discussing their contents.
3. Express their opinions and provide explanations in discussions and presentations on topics related to their everyday life.
4. Explain and present everyday topics using charts and graphs.

【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 ①	Review the materials.
2	Review ②	Review the materials.
3	★Review Test (Placement Test 2)	Read the syllabus.
4	How to conduct class discussions	Preparation of new vocabulary and sentence patterns for Unit 1
5	Unit 1: Grammar (Sentence Patterns Part 1) ～とおり (に) / ～といえば、～ / ～たびに	Homework 1-1
6	Unit 1: Grammar (Sentence Patterns Part 2) ～というわけだ / Noun、Noun といった Noun / ～たびに	Homework 1-2

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	Class Content	After-class Homework
7	Unit 1: Vocabulary and expressions ★Vocab Quiz 1	Homework 1-3
8	Unit 1: Main Dialogues ★Kanji Quiz 1	Preparation of new vocabulary and sentence patterns for Unit 2
9	Unit 2: Grammar (Sentence Patterns Part 1) ～によって／～にとって／～だけに (なおさら)	Homework 2-1
10	Unit 2: Grammar (Sentence Patterns Part 2) ～ことに／～ずに、～／～がきっかけで	Homework 2-2
11	Unit 2: Vocabulary and expressions ★Vocab Quiz 2	Homework 2-3
12	Unit 2: Main Dialogues ★Kanji Quiz 2	Prepare for Class Discussion 1.
13	Class Discussion 1 (For Units 1 & 2)	Review of Units 1 & 2
14	Review of Units 1 & 2	Review of Units 1 & 2
15	★Unit Test 1 (Units 1 & 2)	Preparation of new vocabulary and sentence patterns for Unit 3
16	Unit 3: Grammar (Sentence Patterns Part 1) ～から すると・すれば・したら／Noun のことだから／～ようがない	Homework 3-1
17	Unit 3: Grammar (Sentence Patterns Part 2) ～ないことはない／～どころか～さえ～ない／V-short + 以上	Homework 3-2
18	Unit 3: Vocabulary and expressions ★Vocab Quiz 3	Homework 3-3
19	Unit 3: Main Dialogues ★Kanji Quiz 3	Preparation of new vocabulary and sentence patterns for Unit 4
20	Unit 4: Grammar (Sentence Patterns Part 1) Noun + 次第だ／X にしろ Y にしろ／～わりに (は)	Homework 4-1
21	Unit 4: Grammar (Sentence Patterns Part 2) それにしても／～ような {気・感じ} がする／～とは限らない	Homework 4-2
22	Unit 4: Vocabulary and expressions ★Vocab Quiz 4	Homework 4-3
23	Unit 4: Main Dialogues ★Kanji Quiz 4	Prepare for Class Discussion 2.
24	Class Discussion 2 (For Units 3 & 4)	Review of Units 3 & 4
25	Review of Units 3 & 4	Review of Units 3 & 4
26	★Unit Test 2 (Units 3 & 4)	Preparation of new vocabulary and sentence patterns for Unit 5
27	Class activity (Kansai-ben) & Conversation practice with Japanese students	Preparation of new vocabulary and sentence patterns for Unit 5
28	Unit 5: Grammar (Sentence Patterns Part 1) ～ならともかく／(Small matter) + くらい／～ばいいというものではない	Homework 5-1
29	Unit 5: Grammar (Sentence Patterns Part 2) 表やグラフを説明するための様々な表現	Homework 5-2
30	Unit 5: Vocabulary and expressions ★Vocab Quiz 5	Homework 5-3
31	Unit 5: Main Dialogues ★Kanji Quiz 5	Preparation of new vocabulary and sentence patterns for Unit 6
32	Unit 6: Grammar (Sentence Patterns Part 1) ～ずにはいられない／～をはじめ～や～など／～傾向 {に・が} ある	Homework 6-1
33	Unit 6: Grammar (Sentence Patterns Part 2)	Homework 6-2
34	Unit 6: Vocabulary and expressions ★Vocab Quiz 6	Homework 6-3
35	Unit 6: Main Dialogues ★Kanji Quiz 6	Prepare for Class Discussion 3.
36	Class Discussion 3 (For Units 5 & 6)	Prepare for Class Discussion 3.
37	Class Discussion 3 (For Units 5 & 6)	Preparation of new vocabulary and sentence patterns for Unit 7
38	Unit 7: Japanese TV drama (Casual Speech Part 1): Sound Changes	Homework 7-1
39	Unit 7: Japanese TV drama (Casual Speech Part 2): Particle Omissions, Aizuchi, etc.	Homework 7-2

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	Class Content	After-class Homework
40	Unit 7: Japanese TV drama (Vocabulary and expressions) ★Vocab Quiz 7	Homework 7-3
41	Unit 7: Japanese TV drama (Script Dictation) ★Kanji Quiz 7	Review of Units 5-7
42	Review of Units 5-7	Prepare for the final oral exam.
43	★Final Oral Exam Day 1	Prepare for the final oral exam.
44	★Final Oral Exam Day 2	Review of Units 5-7
45	Class Activity & Consultation	Review of Units 5-7

【Textbook】

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

【Learning Assessments】

Homework: 15%

Quizzes: 10%

Presentation: 10%

Unit Tests (two times): 30%

Final Exam: 30%

Class Performance: 5%

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 30% deduction if submitted before the next class starts. If submitted in or after the next class, more points will be deducted. Also, there will be a deduction if homework is incomplete, or if homework does not reflect your mastery of the subject.

Quizzes: There are seven vocabulary quizzes and seven kanji quizzes. The lowest score on each of the vocab and kanji quizzes will be dropped in calculating the final grade. There will be no make-ups for missed quizzes.

Presentation: Research the topic of your chosen unit by comparing Japan with your own country. Make a PowerPoint presentation and give your presentation. Think of your own discussion points and discuss them with the class.

Unit Tests: There will be a unit test after Units 1 and 2 and after Units 3 and 4, respectively. These tests are for listening comprehension, new vocabulary, and review of new sentence patterns. You do not have to be able to write the kanji for the new words, but you must learn how to read them.

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

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Performance in Class Discussion: During discussion class, class performance points will be given to those who ask questions, express opinions, or make comments in class. Extra points will be given to those who speak up more than five times. No points will be given if no comments are made. There will be a deduction if your active participation is not reflected in performance, such as using a smartphone, chatting in English with classmates, or leaving the classroom too often.

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		