

【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 かえて／あえて	Practice Sheet 1-1
4	Unit 1: Main Task : Grammar ～を～として／～かたわら／～がち ★ Vocab Quiz	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	Presentation Script
6	Unit 1: Post Task: Presentation	Presentation Script
7	Unit 1: Post Task: Presentation	Preparation for the first meeting

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	Class Content	After-class Homework
8	Project Work	Pre-task Sheet
9	Unit 2: Pre-task	Practice Sheet 2-1
10	Unit 2: Main Task : Vocab & Grammar ～ ^む 向け／～ものがある～／も～ば～も	Practice Sheet 2-2
11	Unit 2: Main Task : Grammar ～を ^と 問わず／～がてら／～ ^{たい} に対して／～あまり★ Vocab Quiz	Practice Sheet 2-3
12	Unit 2: Main Task : Grammar～に ^{はん} 反して／～に ^{おう} 応じて／～ところ Preparation for presentation ★ Vocab Quiz	Presentation Script
13	Unit 2: Post Task: Presentation	Presentation Script
14	Unit 2: Post Task: Presentation	Review for Unit Test 1
15	Review for Unit Test 1	Review for Unit Test 1
16	★ Unit Test 1 (Units 1 & 2)	Preparation for the interview
17	Project Work : Prep for interviews	Preparation for the interview
18	Project Work : Interviews	Pre-task Sheet
19	Unit 3: Pre-task	Practice Sheet 3-1
20	Unit 3: Main Task : Vocab & Grammar ～ ^{いらい} て以来／～にあたり／	Practice Sheet 3-2
21	Unit 3: Main Task : Grammar ～に ^う そって／～わけにはいかない ★ Vocab Quiz	Practice Sheet 3-3
22	Unit 3: Main Task : Grammar ～ ^う の上では／～ ^う 上で／ Preparation for presentation ★ Vocab Quiz	Presentation Script
23	Unit 3: Post Task: Presentation	Presentation Script
24	Unit 3: Post Task: Presentation	Preparation for the oral interview
25	★ Project Work (Oral Interview)	Preparation for the article & the presentation
26	Project Work : Preparing articles & presentation	Pre-task Sheet
27	Unit 4: Pre-task	Practice Sheet 4-1
28	Unit 4: Main Task : Vocab & Grammar ～ ^う 上に／～ ^う っぱなし／～に ^{もと} 基づいて	Practice Sheet 4-2
29	Unit 4 Main Task : Grammar ～とは ^{くら} 比べものにならない／～ことから ／N1 なり N2 なり ★ Vocab Quiz	Practice Sheet 4-3
30	Unit 4: Main Task : Grammar しかも／さらに／ ^{せつぞくひょうげん} 接続表現。 Preparation for presentation ★ Vocab Quiz	Presentation Script
31	Unit 4: Post Task: Presentation	Presentation Script
32	Unit 4: Post Task: Presentation	Review for Unit Test 2
33	Review for Unit Test 2	Review for Unit Test 2
34	★ Unit Test 2 (Units 3 & 4)	Preparation for the article & the presentation
35	Project Work : Preparing articles & presentation	Pre-task Sheet
36	Unit 5: Pre-task	Practice Sheet 5-1
37	Unit 5: Main Task : Vocab & Grammar ～とか／～がゆえ／～た ^{ところ} で	Practice Sheet 5-2
38	Unit 5: Main Task : Grammar ～において／～をめぐる／～のみならず ★ Vocab Quiz	Practice Sheet 5-3
39	Unit 5: Main Task : Grammar V だけではすまない／～というもの、 Preparation for presentation ★ Vocab Quiz	Presentation Script
40	Unit 5: Post Task: Presentation	Presentation Script
41	Unit 5: Post Task: Presentation	Preparation for the article & the presentation
42	Prep for presentation and review for Final Exam Oral Interview	Preparation for the article & the presentation
43	Project work Presentation	Preparation for the oral interview

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	Class Content	After-class Homework
44	★ Final Oral Interview	Review for the Final Exam
45	Review for Final Exam	Review for the Final Exam

【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: 10%
Final Exam: 30%
Class Performance: 5%

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 two vocabulary quizzes 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

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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		