

2023 Spring Semester Home-Based ASP Course Descriptions

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Japanese Level 1 (5 credits)

The first level of Japanese for beginners who have no formal training in the language. This course aims mainly at the development of speaking and listening skills, but also writing in hiragana, katakana and basic kanji. Approximately 300 vocabulary words will be introduced. At the end of the course, successful students will be able to function in Japanese in everyday situations such as making requests, stating reasons, describing things, etc. Also, approximately 40 kanji will be introduced. This course will cover Lessons 1 through 6 of Genki I, third edition.

Japanese Level 2 (5 credits)

The second level of elementary Japanese. At the end of the course, students are expected to be able to adequately handle everyday conversation to meet basic communication needs in Japanese, including expressing opinions, and talking about experiences and giving advice. Also, approximately 70 kanji will be introduced. This course will cover Lessons 6 through 12 of Genki I, third edition.

Japanese Level 3 (5 credits)

The third level of elementary Japanese. Students will continue to develop their Japanese from the foundational skills established in the elementary level courses. The course focuses on extensive speaking and listening practice, introducing vocabulary, grammar and expressions. At the end of the course, students are expected to be able to adequately handle everyday conversation in Japanese, including saying what you can or cannot do, explaining about people or things in detail, apologizing, talking about hopes and wishes, and conveying hearsay. Also, approximately 90 kanji will be introduced. This course will cover Lessons 13 through 18 of Genki II third edition.

Japanese Level 4 (5 credits)

The fourth level of elementary Japanese. New students must pass a placement test in order to enroll. This course aims mainly to develop speaking and listening skills, but part of the class time is spent on practicing kanji characters. At the end of the course, successful students will have developed the skills of using various expressions needed in various situations commonly encountered in Japanese daily life, including honorific and humble expressions. Also, approximately 100 kanji will be introduced. This course will cover Lessons 18 through 23 of Genki II third edition.

Online Presentation Skills & Video Production (3 credits)

In this class, we'll explore why/how presentation visuals are so powerful and you'll learn how you can become a more skilled and creative visual communicator through both online presentations and high-quality videos.

Also, based on research from the cognitive sciences, combined with principles from the world of the Zen arts, graphic design and visual communications, students will explore popular myths about what is an effective presentation and examine effective alternatives and approaches for designing and delivering better online presentations and videos.

Globalization, Culture and Identity in East Asia (3 credits)

Contemporary discussions of globalization will be put into historical perspective in this unique course, through an examination of the interactions of East Asian states have with each other and the rest of the world. Specifically, it focuses on how globalization affects the formation of culture and identity in East Asian nations. Students will examine the different ways in which East Asian communities interact and exchange ideas and culture and material goods. This course will also examine how different modes such as travel and tourism and globalizing forms of popular culture contribute to identity formation in East Asian nations.