

BEGINNING JAPANESE I

Course: JAPA 1410
Semester: Fall 2009
Days & Time: M&W→12:30—1:30, T&Th→3:40—4:40
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Course Description:

JAPA 1410 introduces elementary communication skills, basic Japanese writing system, and Japanese culture. This course is designed for students who never studied Japanese in academic environment. This course will emphasize and encourage the use of Japanese language through the four skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing). Students will also develop basic awareness of cultural connections and contrasts, the geography of the target countries and sociolinguistic conventions. Emphasis will be placed on learning Japanese writing system (both *hiragana* and *katakana*) as well as the Chinese characters (*kanji*) and reading them.

Prerequisite:

None

Course Objectives:

- 1) Acquire basic communicative skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing Japanese. The skills you learn from this course will enable you to engage in simple yet useful Japanese conversations, read and understand basic written Japanese and feel comfortable using hiragana, katakana and some kanji,
- 2) Acquire a foundation of Japanese grammar and vocabulary upon which future mastery of Japanese will be based,
- 3) Learn about Japanese culture and people and
- 4) Develop interest in Japanese language and culture.

Textbooks:

GENKI An Integrated Course In Elementary Japanese I. Eri Ban'no et al.

GENKI An Integrated Course In Elementary Japanese. Workbook I. Eri Ban'no et al.

English-Japanese and Japanese English dictionary

Grading System:

Lesson Exams 40%

Final Exam	15%
Quizzes	15%
Oral Exams	05%
Homework	15 %
<u>Attendance</u>	<u>10%</u>
TOTAL	100%

Rules and Requirements:

1. Exams:

The dates for the exams are indicated in the attached class schedule. They will be administered during class time, and in the classroom. Keeping up with the daily classroom materials and homework is the best way to prepare for these exams. It should be noted that **NO MAKEUP EXAM** be given if you do not show up on the day of exam without instructor's consent. If you need to be absent on the day of exam, you must obtain permission from the instructor (from Dr. Moriuchi) before the exam date. In the case of emergency (the most unusual of circumstances), you have to show the proof. (You must **take makeup exam within one week from the original exam date**).

2. Preview and Review (the key for your success)

Read assigned materials before coming to the class.
Review the textbook and other materials daily.

3. Homework:

You have to complete homework since it is a review of classroom activities and is a good way to ensure grade points. Homework is **due at the beginning of each class**. Homework completed during class will not be accepted. Late homework will be accepted with **50% penalty on next class meeting**. **NO MAKEUP HOMEWORK** will be given.

4. Quizzes:

Quizzes will be given throughout the semester. They will be administered at the beginning of each class. You have to be in the class on time to take the quizzes. If you are late for the class, you might not have enough time to complete the quiz. Therefore, make sure you will be in class on time. Quizzes will be over on vocabulary, Hiragana, Katakana, Kanji, etc. Quizzes will be announced (on the schedule) and unannounced (surprise quiz). **NO MAKEUP QUIZ** will be given without proper evidence for the excuse.

5. Oral Exam:

One exam will be given at the end of the semester. More information for the oral quiz will be announced later in the semester.

6. Final Exam:

A comprehensive final exam will be given during the final week.

7. Attendance:

Because of the cumulative nature of language learning, it is essential that students keep up with course work on a daily basis. Therefore, students are required to attend all the classes and to prepare for the class according to the daily schedule. Absence will not excuse a student in any way from the responsibility for course materials. Another words, students are responsible for all the material covered and assignments in class whether they are in the class or not. "I was not in the classroom." is not an acceptable excuse.

Leaving classes prior to class dismissal without instructor's approval will be counted as an absence. If you cannot attend the class, notify your instructor as soon as possible. Only in **RARE emergency cases**

(e.g., funerals with the announcement, car accidents with a written note from the police, sickness with a written note from the doctor), students will be allowed to make up the work missed during their absences.

You are expected to be in class every day and be prepared for grammar discussions and drills. The material that will be covered in each session is indicated in the attached schedule.

Students are required to attend the class everyday; however, the first three absences will not be penalized. The attendance grade (10%) will be reduced by two percent from the fourth absence. **This rule will be applied on any absences you may have.** * Three late attendances** will be counted as one absence. Students having a record of perfect attendance (no absences) will have two points added to their final grade.

* Exceptions--have to miss the class to represent TX State. This requires director's letter with the TX State University letterhead.

--a business trip. This needs evidence to support your trip is required by your job.

** If you are late 16 minutes you will be considered as an absence.

8. Withdrawal:

Please talk to the instructor (Dr. Moriuchi) before you drop this class (before you take any action). In any case, if you stop attending this class, it is your responsibility to drop the course officially. Failure of doing so could result in an "F" for the final grade.

9. No food policy:

No foods, no drinks, no chewing gums (drops) may not be consumed in the classroom. If you bring drinks to the class, make sure to keep the lid on, do not spill and kept away from you during the class. If you have medical conditions require such items, talk to the instructor before the class.

10. Cell Phone, Computer and Recording Device:

No cell phones are allowed in the classroom. Do not place your cell phone on the desk during the class. Turn off your phone before you enter the classroom. Often students' attention is on the phone rather than the lectures. Please remember, students need to pay 100% attention on the lecture, not who called (you!). If your cell phone rings during the class, you will lose 5 points from your exam score. If you have to receive phone call, ask for a permission to receive the call before the class start (but not everyday or every so often). It is allowed only on rare occasions.

Your computer may not be "ON" and you may not leave the computer open during the class.

You may not record the lecture.

11. Special Needs:

Students with special needs (as documented by the Office of Disability Services) should **identify themselves at the beginning of the term**. Necessary academic adjustments and auxiliary aids to facilitate their participation and performance in the classroom will be provided as much as possible.

12. Academic Dishonesty:

University policies on plagiarism and other types of academic dishonesty are described in the University's official student handbook pp66-67. All students should be familiar with these policies. Copies of the handbook are available from the Office of the Dean of Students, LBJSC 5.9.1.

13. Disruptive behavior:

Please respect other students in the class and school properties. In the classroom, you may not be loud and annoy your classmate by talking all the time. Please sit straight and leave your legs on the floor not on the desk. You must sit facing to the front of the classroom. ** more on this behavior

14. Freedom of Expression:

In any classroom situation that includes discussion and critical thinking, there are bound to be many differing viewpoints. These differences enhance the learning experience and create an atmosphere where students and instructors will be encouraged to think and learn. On sensitive and volatile topics, students may sometimes disagree not only with each other but also with the instructor. It is expected that faculty and students will respect the views of others when expressed in classroom discussions.

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