

COURSE SYLLABUS-Fall 2019

JAPANESE 01-565-101, 01/02

Department of Asian Languages and Cultures

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Textbooks:

- (1) *An Integrated Courses in Elementary Japanese “Genki” I*, 2nd edition
The Japan Times, 2011 ISBN 978-4-7890-1440-3 \$50⁰⁰
- (2) *“Genki” I: Workbook*, 2nd edition
The Japan Times, 2011. ISBN 978-4-7890-1441-0 \$24⁰⁰

Recommended Materials (Not required):

- (1) *Oxford Beginner's Japanese Dictionary*
Oxford University Press, 2007. ISBN 978-0199298525. \$15⁹⁵
- (2) *The Kodansha Kanji Learner's Dictionary: Revised and Expanded*
Kodansha, USA, 2013. ISBN 978-1-56836-407-0. \$45⁰⁰

Course Description:

- This course is designed for students who have no prior knowledge of the Japanese language to offer them opportunities to develop fundamental proficiency in modern Japanese at the elementary level. Our emphasis is on linguistic competency in four components; listening, speaking, reading and writing. In addition, students will gain the basic knowledge and understanding of Japanese culture. The instructor will introduce and explain new expressions and grammatical patterns, give students the opportunity to practice them, and help them learn to speak and perform correctly in a variety of cultural and social situations. This course will cover from Lesson 1 to 6 of “*Genki*” textbook.
- If you have learned Japanese at high school or at another college, you may not be able to earn credit for this course. Please talk to the instructor if you have learned Japanese in whatever setting before.

Course Objectives:

At the end of the course students will be expected to perform in all four skills—speaking, listening, reading and writing—at a basic level of proficiency. More precisely, students will be able to:

- read and write *hiragana*, *katakana*, and 58 *kanji*.
- speak and read with proper Japanese pronunciation and accent.
- understand basic Japanese sentence structures and the use of particles.
- introduce themselves and their family.
- use time expressions and numbers.
- describe actions, activities, and locations.
- state likes and dislikes.
- describe people and things with adjectives.
- ask and answer simple questions on familiar topics.
- handle simple tasks such as buying things, ordering a meal, and asking directions.
- interact with others by making a polite request, asking for permission, inviting to do something, offering assistance, etc.
- have basic understanding of Japan such as food, housing, holidays, festivals, and educational system.

Grading:	Regular, on-time attendance	4%
	Active Participation	5%
	Assignments	10%
	Reading	2%
	Composition	3%
	Quizzes: <i>hiragana/katakana</i>	3%
	vocab/ <i>kanji</i> etc.	12%
	End-of-Lesson Test	15%
	Oral Examination	11%
	Midterm Examination	15%
	Final Examination	20%

Letter grade will be given according to the following scale:

A: 90%≤ B+: 87%≤ B: 80%≤ C+: 77%≤ C: 70%≤ D: 60%≤ F: 60%>

- Attendance:**
- Regular on-time attendance is absolutely necessary. Three absences or more will negatively affect your grade. Every 3 instances of unexcused tardiness or early class departure (more than 5 minutes for either) will count as one absence. Missing a class for more than 40 minutes will be also considered one absence. Please be notified that 10 absences or more after the add period is over will not allow you to pass this course.
 - If you expect to miss classes, please e-mail your instructor or use the University website < <https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra/> > to indicate the date and reason for your absence. In cases such as a job interview, a conference, religious observance,

and other inevitable commitments, the student will be excused without penalty and will be allowed to make-up the work missed. You are responsible to provide notification to your instructor about necessary absences BEFORE the date of the engagement. Any other absences will be considered an unexcused absence.

- It is YOUR responsibility to keep up with what you have missed for any reason.
- If you are traveling from another campus to this class and are having difficulty getting to class on time, please let the instructor be aware of your situation.

Participation:

- Your participation in the Language Table, *Tadoku* program, and office hours will be also considered as a part of your active participation. By participating them five times or more combined, you will be given 2 extra percent. (However, 5% is the maximum for your participation grade.)
- A participating grade is given for active participation only, which includes coming to class prepared for the day's work. Write down the answers on the textbooks or on your personal notebook so that you can answer questions quickly and we can practice more interactive exercises in class. You are expected to work 1-1.5 Hours every day. Practice assigned materials until you are able to engage in interaction comfortably and smoothly. Use the Genki CD effectively. You should frequently review the materials of the preceding chapter for your improvement.
- In class we will use English for explanations/ questions as appropriately; otherwise we will use Japanese as much as possible. Do not say things in English that you could say in Japanese. You should make every effort to use Japanese as much as possible, both in and out of class.

Regular Assignments:

- Workbook assignments are regularly assigned. There will be additional assignments from time to time. Turn in written homework at the beginning of the class. Late homework will be accepted, however, there will be **50%** deduction from your points. Regular homework will be given from the workbook. Submit the pages assigned by the due date. The submission date should be followed by the schedule section of this syllabus. If some change may occur, the instructor will mention it in class.

Special Assignment:

1) Reading Assignment:

- During this semester, one reading assignment will be given. You are required to drop your recording on drop-box. Details will be announced in class.

2) Essays (Composition)

- You are required to submit one type-written essay. The title, format and other details will be explained in class.

Quizzes and Tests:

- Normally quizzes and tests are given at the beginning of the class. If you are late for class, you will not be given extra time. For make-up quizzes and tests without legitimate reasons, only **80%** of the regular points will be given. It is your responsibility to contact with the instructor for the missed quizzes and tests.

Midterm and Final Exam:

- The Midterm examination will be held in the regular class period (see schedule) The Final examination will be administered on the Date and Place assigned by the University. Please make any necessary arrangements so that you can take the exams on the day and time assigned to your section. All students must take the exams on date indicated. Both Midterm and Final exams are mandatory. No make-ups are given unless you have reason with a valid documentation.
- The Midterm and Final will have at least one (normally two) oral comprehension components. Therefore, it is very important that you work with audio materials and participate orally in class as much as possible.
- Oral test: Each student is assigned to conduct a face-to-face conversation with the instructor. Details will be explained in class.

Other policies:

- Please use a pencil and eraser, not a pen for all your work. Make your own folder. All handouts and workbook and other assignments should be filed neatly.
- The lesson will be given under the Japanese environment. Thus, you are not allowed to eat or drink in class. Do not use cell phone in class. Go to the bathroom before and after class.
- It is your responsibility to check Canvas site for any important messages, handouts and references. If you ever feel that you are fall behind, talk to the instructor as soon as possible.

Academic Integrity • Academic integrity is an extremely important issue. Students who copy other people's assignments, quizzes, tests, or examinations will not receive any credit. You must NOT give or receive answers to/from other students. For Rutgers Academic Integrity Policy (violations and sanctions), see <http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/academic-integrity-policy>

Recommended Websites:

- “Genki” online self-study room
<http://genki.japantimes.co.jp/self/self.en.html>
- Hiragana and Katakana practice website
<http://www.realkana.com/>
- Online flashcard program
<http://ankisrs.net/>
(Some users have made decks for “Genki”.)
<https://ankiweb.net/shared/decks/genki>
- Videos of skits about experience of an exchange student, Erin
<https://www.erin.ne.jp/en/>
- Online Japanese lessons
japanesepod101.com
- Tae Kim's Guide to Learning Japanese
<http://www.guidetojapanese.org/learn/>
- Vocab practice program
<http://quizlet.com>
- Japanese in Anime and Manga
<http://anime-manga.jp/>
- Japanese Language Proficiency Test
<http://www.jlpt.jp/>
- Marugoto e-learning
<https://www.marugoto.org/en/e-learning/>