

**Term:** Fall 2015

**Instructor:** Satomi Li

**Class room:** Murray Hall 114

**When:** Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 11:30a.m.-12:50p.m.

**Rutgers University**  
**Japanese 02-565-101 section 02**

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**Required textbook:**

(1) *An Integrated Courses in Elementary Japanese "Genki" I*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

The Japan Times, 2011. ISBN 978-4-7890-1440-3. \$50<sup>00</sup>

(2) *"Genki" I: Workbook*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

The Japan Times, 2011. ISBN 978-4-7890-1441-0 \$24<sup>00</sup>

**Recommended Materials(NOT REQUIRED):**

(1) *Oxford Beginner's Japanese Dictionary*

Oxford University Press, 2006. ISBN 978-0199298525. \$15<sup>95</sup>

(2) *The Kodansha Kanji Learner's Dictionary: Revised and Expanded*

Kodansha, USA, 2013. ISBN 978-1-56836-407-0. \$45<sup>00</sup>

## 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 I*” textbook.

If you have learned Japanese for two years or more at high school or other college, you cannot earn credit for this course. Please talk to the instructor if you have learned Japanese in at another university.

## 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	2%
Assignments	10%
Reading (recording)	2%
Composition	3%
Quizzes: <i>hiragana/katakana</i>	3%
<i>vocab/kanji</i> etc.	14%
End-of-Lesson Test	17%
Oral Examination	6%
Midterm Examination	17%
Final Examination	22%

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 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.

**Lateness:**

Late arrivals disrupt the class. A delay of more than 10 minutes for three times counts as an absence. Also, you are expected to stay till the end of every class. Leaving early is not permitted unless you have a very special reason and you inform your teacher at the beginning of class.

**Homework:**

Homework is assigned every class. They are listed on the tentative schedule, but will have extra assignment occasionally apart from the ones listed on the schedule. An absence is absolutely not considered an excuse for not knowing your assignment. If you are absent, contact a classmate (your assigned partner) as soon as possible to find out about what was done in class and about the assignment.

Homework assignments include written, oral and listening assignments. They must be legible and tidy. They must be written in pencil. Use eraser if necessary (DO NOT CROSS OUT). You must also show improvement by not repeating the same mistakes over and over. All written homework is due on the day assigned and will not be accepted late unless there are exceptional circumstances. Improvement is a very important part of the course and you are required to actively work on it. After your homework has been given back to you from your teacher, you must spend some time looking at your teacher's indications and comments, and make the requested corrections.

**Attached Audio CD-ROMs and the textbook website:**

In order to succeed in language acquisition, it is vital for you to be exposed to the language as much as you can. The textbooks comes with CD-ROM and their own website that enables you to practice with dialogues, vocabulary, drills, and the reading from the Reading section. Try to use it every day. This will help a lot to get the language along with the classwork. Also, in order to complete homework assignment, you need to listen to audio CD-ROM that comes with the workbook. Use them as much as you can and be successful in learning Japanese!

**Essays:**

There will be one essay assignments during the semester. You will be asked to write a one-page composition. The due date is December 4<sup>th</sup>, and other details will be explained in class.

**Recording your Reading exam:**

There will be two reading exams that you will record your own reading and drop at the drop box in Sakai. The first due date is Oct.26<sup>th</sup> and the second due date is Nov.30<sup>th</sup>. Other details will be explained in class.

**Quizzes:**

There will be one kanji-quiz and one vocab-quiz every chapter. (See the attached tentative schedule.) Also, there will be one hiragana-quiz and one katakana-quiz during the semester. No make-ups will be allowed if you miss with not valid reason. (You will not get 100 % of the points that you earned for the makeup). Also, you won't have extra time for quiz if you come late for class.

**Lesson-Test:**

There will be a test at the end of every chapter, except 2 chapters. (See the attached tentative schedule.) You will not get extra time if you are late for class. No make-ups will be allowed unless you have a valid reason. (You will not get 100 % of the points that you earned for the make up). If you think you have a valid reason, please notify your teacher as soon as you can in advance.

**Oral Exam:**

You will have an oral exam as a part of Final exam at the end of the semester. (Separate date from Final exam. See the tentative schedule). Detail will be announced in class.

**Midterm/Final exam:**

The midterm exam will be held during the regular class hours whereas the final will be after the regular class hours. You must take them on the day it scheduled. (See the attached tentative schedule for the dates.) The final exam has a **written** and an **oral** test to see your overall communicative abilities. Details will be explained in class.

**Project (create your script & Act out!):**

You will have one project due toward the end of the course. Detail will be announced in class.

**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/academicintegrity-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 (Some users have created decks for “Genki”.)  
<http://ankisrs.net/>
- Videos of skits about experience of an exchange student, Erin  
<https://www.erin.ne.jp/en/>

- 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/>