

JAPN-101: ELEMENTARY JAPANESE I

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COCI Approval

N/A

SECTION A - Course Data Elements

CB04 Credit Status

Credit - Degree Applicable

Discipline

Minimum Qualifications	And/Or
Foreign Languages (Master's Degree)	

Subject Code

JAPN - Japanese

Course Number

101

Department

Japanese (JAPN)

Division

Language and Developmental Studies (LADS)

Full Course Title

Elementary Japanese I

Short Title

Elementary Japanese I

CB03 TOP Code

1108.00 - Japanese

CB08 Basic Skills Status

NBS - Not Basic Skills

CB09 SAM Code

E - Non-Occupational

Rationale

The course had not been updated in some time. Updates were made to the textbook and some methods of instruction, particularly for online delivery.

SECTION B - Course Description

Catalog Course Description

Introduction to the two basic writing systems of Japanese (hiragana and katakana), as well as approximately 30 kanji characters. Students will be introduced to the basic grammar and vocabulary of Japanese, as well as cultural information about daily life in Japan. The class will be conducted in both Japanese and English.

SECTION C - Conditions on Enrollment

Open Entry/Open Exit

No

Repeatability

Not Repeatable

Grading Options

Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass

Allow Audit

Yes

Requisites

SECTION D - Course Standards

Is this course variable unit?

No

Units

3.00

Lecture Hours

54.00

Outside of Class Hours

108

Total Contact Hours

54

Total Student Hours

162

Distance Education Approval

Is this course offered through Distance Education?

Yes

Online Delivery Methods

DE Modalities	Permanent or Emergency Only?
Entirely Online	Permanent
Hybrid	Permanent
Online with Proctored Exams	Permanent

SECTION E - Course Content

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:	
1.	Communicate basic information orally and in writing in Japanese as related to real life situations.
2.	Become familiar with some Japanese cultural traditions through the study of Japan's main historical events, literature, arts, contributions of prominent figures, and foreign travel.

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:	
1.	Write and read both the hiragana and katakana symbols, as well as approximately 30 kanji characters.
2.	Converse on topics such as daily activities, weather expressions, location, etc.

3. Understand basic cultural conventions.
4. Reach a basic knowledge of Japanese geography and history.

Course Content

1. Greetings, Introductions
2. Introduction to Japanese Writing System
3. Numbers up to 20
4. Telling time
5. Hiragana (parts 1, 2, and 3)
6. Daily activities
7. Likes and dislikes
8. Basic past events
9. Weather expressions
10. Numbers 21 and above
11. Introduction to Kanji
12. Katakana (parts 1, 2, and 3)
13. Asking about location
14. Some transition words

Methods of Instruction

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Types	Examples of learning activities
Activity	Grammar exercises, conversational.
Lecture	Content delivered both orally and in presentations utilizing text, image, charts, videos, etc.
Discussion	Pairing activities, conversational.

Instructor-Initiated Online Contact Types

Announcements/Bulletin Boards
 Chat Rooms
 Discussion Boards
 E-mail Communication
 Video or Teleconferencing

Student-Initiated Online Contact Types

Chat Rooms
 Discussions
 Group Work

Course design is accessible

Yes

Methods of Evaluation

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Types	Examples of classroom assessments
Performances	Compose a short skit with a partner on a topic related to the theme currently being studied (ex. a dialogue between a shopkeeper and a client about prices; inviting a friend out for an evening.)
Essays/Papers	Write a brief essay in which you discuss your daily routine from morning until night. Second short essay: describe your current habits and compare them with your habits when you were in high school. Suggested topics could include the type of classes you are taking, the activities that you do, the foods that you eat, etc.
Oral Presentations	Students create a PowerPoint presentation with images and narrate a tour around the campus or the city.

Quizzes	Vocabulary quizzes, grammar quizzes.
Exams/Tests	Final exam and midterm.

Assignments

Reading Assignments

Read a short paragraph about Japanese culture and take a comprehension quiz.

Writing Assignments

Compose a short skit with a partner on a topic related to the theme currently being studied.

Other Assignments

Individual chapter exams and one final exam.

Periodic quizzes on vocabulary, kanji, hiragana/katakana, etc.

Oral presentations.

SECTION F - Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Material Type

Textbook

Author

Banno, Eri. Ohno, Yutaka. Sakane, Yoko. Shinagawa, Chikako.

Title

Genki I: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese

Edition/Version

3rd

Publisher

The Japan Times

Year

2020

Material Type

Other required materials/supplies

Description

A Japanese-English dictionary is highly recommended, although an online, electronic dictionary would be acceptable as well.

Course Codes (Admin Only)

ASSIST Update

No

CB00 State ID

CCC000556064

CB10 Cooperative Work Experience Status

N - Is Not Part of a Cooperative Work Experience Education Program

CB11 Course Classification Status

Y - Credit Course

CB13 Special Class Status

N - The Course is Not an Approved Special Class

CB23 Funding Agency Category

Y - Not Applicable (Funding Not Used)

CB24 Program Course Status

Program Applicable

Allow Pass/No Pass

Yes

Only Pass/No Pass

No