

Basic Japanese I (Spring)

Instructor: Prof. Yuriko Ishino

Required (1st yr.) / Japanese / non-credit

The objective of this course is to provide students the opportunity to learn oral communication skills in everyday situations around the university. Students will learn the basic vocabulary and essential conversations for, but not limited to, greeting, introducing themselves and shopping. Students will also gain the basic Japanese reading and writing skills in Hiragana and Katakana.

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

- introduce themselves in Japanese
- comprehend essential daily conversations and respond to them in Japanese
- understand basic Japanese vocabulary and grammar
- read and write some sentences in Hiragana and Katakana

Course Plan:

- No.1, 2 Introduction: Greeting and introducing yourself
- No.3, 4 Asking “What/ Whose is this?”: Demonstratives
- No.5, 6 Asking and telling time, schedule: Numbers (1)
- No.7, 8 Asking and telling prices: Numbers (2)
- No.9, 10 Talking about motion: Motion verbs (1)
- No.11,12 Talking about motion: Motion verbs (2)
- No.13,14 Using public transportation systems
- No.15,16 Asking if someone is in the office: Existence verb (1)
- No.17,18 Making various phone calls
- No.19,20 Talking about food and drinks: Action verbs (1)
- No.21,22 Talking about food and drinks: Action verbs (2)
- No.23,24 Making and accepting invitations
- No.25,26 Expressing various daily activities (1)
- No.27,28 Expressing various daily activities (2)
- No.29,30 Review

*Hiragana(No. 1-10) and Katakana(No. 11-20) are also taught in each class.

Method of Evaluation:

Attendance, class participation and quizzes

Textbooks:

AOTS(ed.), *Hitoride Manaberu Hiragana Katakana: Self-Study Kana Workbook -Learning Through Listening and Writing-*, 3A Corporation, 2000

The Japan Times, “*Nihongo Daijobu!: Elementary Japanese through Practical Tasks, Book 1*”, Sun Academy NIHONGO Center, 2015

Instructor’s own materials will be provided.

Reference Books:

Minna no Nihongo Shokyuu I, 2nd Edition: Translation & Grammar Notes in English, 3A Corporation, 2012

Lecturer's Comments to Students:

The course will be taught mainly in Japanese and students will be encouraged to speak in Japanese during the class.