

**HUNTER COLLEGE, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
PROGRAM IN JAPANESE STUDIES**

Note: For a current syllabus, contact the instructor in the current semester. Syllabus is subject to change.

JPN 101 – BEGINNING JAPANESE I – 初級日本語

Course Description:

Students will be introduced to reading, writing, and speaking modern Japanese. The first of two Japanese syllabaries, Hiragana, will be taught; as well as a brief introduction to Kanji, Chinese characters. The fundamentals of grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary, and conversation will be established.

Course Requirements:

- **Attendance** is strictly monitored. No more than 3 absences are permitted before being penalized.
- **Homework** is assigned regularly. Please refer to the class schedule for weekly assignments.
- **Chapter Quizzes** focus primarily on the grammar points covered in the current chapter.
- **Kanji and Listening Quizzes** are taken after Chapter Quizzes and focus on the study of Chinese characters with an additional dictation and translation component as well.
- **Vocabulary Quizzes** are administered during the first five minutes of most classes.
- **Midterm Presentations** are group skits, consisting of 2-3 students. Perfect memorization is expected.
- **Final Exam** will cover material from the entire semester; focusing on grammar, reading, and writing.

Required Readings:

Genki I: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese [2nd edition], by The Japan Times, 2011
Genki I: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Workbook [2nd edition], published by The Japan Times, 2011
A Dictionary of Japanese Particles by Sue A. Kawashima, published by Kodansha, 1999

Method of Evaluation:

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| 1. Attendance and Participation ... 15% | 5. Chapter Quizzes ... 10% |
| 2. Homework ... 15% | 6. Kanji and Listening Quizzes ... 7% and 3% |
| 3. Midterm Presentations ... 15% | 7. Vocabulary Quizzes ... 5% |
| 4. Final Exam ... 25% | 8. Lab Hours (8 Hours Minimum) ... 5% |

Sample Course Schedule:

Classes generally meet twice or three times a week. Course content is broken into weekly blocks for the sake of this sample syllabus.

	Content	Homework Due Dates (workbook)
Week One	First class: syllabus, overview, Hiragana intro. Hiragana あ-と, greetings	
Week Two	Hiragana な-よ, X <input type="checkbox"/> は Y です, <input type="checkbox"/> か? Hiragana ら-ん, てんてん, まる, small や, ゆ, よ	117-118 119-120
Week Three	Small つ, Long vowels #, time, nationality, grade, age, major, etc.	121-122 123, 11-12
Week Four	Hiragana QUIZ, <input type="checkbox"/> の, Xは Q-word ですか? Chapter #1 QUIZ, Katakana intro, Big numbers	13-14 15-16, CD17-18 & Lab
Week Five	これ, この N, ここ, だれの N <input type="checkbox"/> も, N じゃないです, <input type="checkbox"/> ね, <input type="checkbox"/> よ	20 21-22
Week Six	Chapter #2 QUIZ, 漢字, Verb groups Verbs (polite/casual), <input type="checkbox"/> を, <input type="checkbox"/> で	23-24, CD25 & Lab 漢 129-130
Week Seven	<input type="checkbox"/> に/へ, <input type="checkbox"/> に V ませんか, Frequency adverbs, <input type="checkbox"/> は	27-28 29-30, Midterm Script
Week Eight	Chapter #3 QUIZ, Location words Place に X <input type="checkbox"/> があります, Xは Place です	31-32, CD33-34 & Lab 漢 131-132
Week Nine	Past tense, <input type="checkbox"/> も Midterm skit presentations	36
Week Ten	#じかん, たくさん, N <input type="checkbox"/> と <input type="checkbox"/> N Chapter #4 QUIZ, V ましょう(か)	37-38, 40
Week Eleven	い-Adjectives (present, past) な-Adjectives (present, past), (大)すき/きれい	漢 133-134 CD 51-52 & Lab
Week Twelve	Degree adverbs, V ましょう(か), #まい Chapter #5 QUIZ, て form Song♪	46, 47-48, 49-50 漢 135-136
Week Thirteen	V1 て V2, V てください て form QUIZ, Final exam review #1	54, 55-56 57, 60
Week Fourteen	Last class. Final exam reviews #2, #3	
Finals Week	Final Exam	がんばって! ☺