

**JAPANESE 121
ELEMENTARY JAPANESE**

BULLETIN INFORMATION

JAPA 121 - Elementary Japanese (4 credit hours)

Course Description:

Grammar and practical vocabulary necessary for fundamental communication skills. Assumes no prior experience in the language.

SAMPLE COURSE OVERVIEW

JAPA 121 is a comprehensive elementary Japanese language course designed for beginners to develop the four main language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing). The aim is to cultivate overall basic Japanese language proficiency. Upon successful completion of this course, students will have basic Japanese language proficiency to be able to converse, to understand written basic texts and to write simple sentences in certain topics/situations using necessary skills and knowledge of the language.

ITEMIZED LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of Japanese 121, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate use of basic greetings
2. Exchange basic information such as name, place of birth, occupation
3. Exchange information using basic numbers such as age, time, telephone number
4. Perform simple shopping conversation by asking prices and ordering food and drink items on a menu
5. Describe simple daily activities using time and day expressions
6. Tell simple information such as what to do, when and where to go; make an invitation and an appointment or accept an invitation
7. Exchange simple location information such as where a person is and where things are
8. Describe events or activities in the past using expressions for the day, week, month, year, etc.
9. Propose an activity to a partner
10. Describe familiar people, things, and events and activities in the past
11. Demonstrate elementary understanding of Japanese culture including greetings, manners, food, daily life, and holidays
12. Employ hiragana, katakana, and about 40 kanji characters.

SAMPLE REQUIRED TEXTS/SUGGESTED READINGS/MATERIALS

1. *“Genki 1, an integrated course in elementary Japanese, Second Edition”* by Eri Banno and others, The Japan Times, March 2011

2. *“Genki 1 Workbook, Second Edition”* by Eri Banno and others, The Japan Times, March 2011

SAMPLE ASSIGNMENTS AND/OR EXAMS

1. **Assignments**
2. **Quizzes**
3. **Mid-term exam**
4. **Final exam**
5. **Class performance, assignments & attendance**
 - a. This course will introduce students to the Japanese language and culture by focusing on four essential skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students will gain confidence and proficiency in specific communicative tasks and will develop a basic understanding of the structure of the Japanese language and the culture of the Japanese people, with an emphasis on using language in its cultural context. Students are encouraged to minimize the usage of English while doing practices/exercises and activities in the class. Major emphasis will be placed on drilling practices/exercises and performing interactive activities during lessons, and in order to do so, each student is expected to prepare for the scheduled part of the textbook as follows:
 - a. Go over the vocabulary section by reading the assigned part of the textbook and listening to the corresponding part of the CD, and become familiar with the vocabulary
 - b. Read and understand the “Grammar” and “Expression Notes” sections from the textbook.
 - c. Listen to the dialogues on the CD and memorize them.
 - d. Review and repeat the “Practice” section as much as possible. Repetition is an important key to language learning.

SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE WITH TIMELINE OF TOPICS, READINGS/ASSIGNMENTS, EXAMS/PROJECTS

- Class 1:** Class Orientation
- Class 2:** Greetings +Hiragana あ, か, さ, た (WBp117-118)
- Class 3:** Lab1: Hiragana な, は, (WBp119) + voiced & unvoiced sounds
Lab Quiz 0 (not graded) : Hiragana あ, か, さ, た
- Class 4:** L.1-1 Greeting expressions
1-WBp13

- Class 5:** L.1-2 Time
2-WBp14
- Class 6:** Lab 2: Hiragana ま, や, ら, わ, ん
(WBp121) + double consonants & long vowels
Lab Quiz 1: Hiragana な, は + voiced & unvoiced sounds
- Class 7:** L.1-3 Age
4-WBp16
- Class 8:** L.1-4 Japanese names
5-WBp17
- Class 9:** L.1-5
6-WBp18
- Class 10:** Lab3: Hiragana - all rules, small tsu, glides (TBp.290-293, WBp122-123)
Lab Quiz 2: Hiragana ま, や, ら, わ, ん + double consonants & long vowels
- Class 11:** L.1-6
7-WBp19
- Class 12:** L.1-7 + Katakana ア (WBp124)
Quiz 1: Greeting + L.1
- Class 13:** L.2-1 + Katakana カ (WBp124)
8-WBp20
- Class 14:** Lab 4: Katakana サ, タ, ナ, ハ
(WBp125-126) + voiced & unvoiced sounds, long vowels
Lab Quiz 3: Hiragana - all rules, small tsu, glides + Katakana ア, カ
- Class 15:** L.2-2 Expressions in the classroom
9-WBp21
- Class 16:** L.2-3
10-WBp22
- Class 17:** L.2-4
11-WBp23
- Class 18:** Lab 5: Katakana マ, ヤ (WBp127) + small tsu, glides
Lab Quiz 4: Katakana サ, タ, ナ, ハ + voiced & unvoiced sounds, long vowels

- Class 19:** L.2-5 Shopping
12-WBp24
- Class 20:** L.2-6
13-WBp25
- Class 21:** L.2-7
14-WBp26
- Class 22:** Lab 6: Katakana ラ, ワ, シ (WBp128) + small アイウエオ
Lab Quiz 5: Katakana マ, ヤ + small tsu, glides
- Class 23:** L.2-8
15-TBA
- Class 24:** L.2-9
16-TBA
- Class 25:** L.3-1 Making a date Quiz 2: L.2 (grammar & vocab)
17-WBp27
- Class 26:** Lab 7: L.3 Kanji-1 (TBp298, 001-008)
Lab Quiz 6: Katakana ラ, ワ, シ + small アイウエオ
- Class 27:** L.3-2 Japanese Hours
18-WBp28

- Semester Midpoint

- Class 28:** L.3-3 Verbs
19-WBp29
- Class 29:** L.3-4
20-WBp30
- Class 30:** Lab 8: L.3 Kanji-2 (TBp299, 009-015)
Lab Quiz 7: L.3 Kanji-1 (TBp298, 001-008)
- Class 31:** L.3-5
21-WBp31 • 32

- Class 32:** L.3-6
22-WBp33
- Class 33:** Lab 9: L.4 Kanji-1 (TBp302, 016-023)
Lab Quiz 8: L.3 Kanji-2 (TBp299, 009-015)
- Class 34:** L.3-7
23-WBp34 ▪ 35
- Class 35:** L.3-8
Quiz 3: L.3 (grammar & vocab)
- Class 36:** Mid-term Exam: Greeting, L.1 - L.3
- Class 37:** Lab 10: L.4 Kanji-2 (TBp303, 024-029)
Lab Quiz 9: L.4 Kanji-1 (TBp302, 016-023)
- Class 38:** L.4-1 Describing where things are
24-WBp36
- Class 39:** L.4-2 Past tense of verbs
25-WBp37
- Class 40:** L.4-3
26-WBp38
- Class 41:** L.4-4
27-WBp39
- Class 42:** L.4-5
28-WBp40
- Class 43:** L.4-6
29-WBp41
- Class 44:** Lab 11: L.5 Kanji-1 (TBp306, 030-037)
Lab Quiz 10: L.4 Kanji-2 (TBp303, 024-029)
- Class 45:** L.4-7
30-WBp42
- Class 46:** L.4-8
Quiz 4: L.4 (grammar & vocab)

31-WBp43

Class 47: L.5-1 Japanese festivals
32-WBp44

Class 48: Lab 12: L.5 Kanji-2 (TBp307, 038-043)
Lab Quiz 11: L.5 Kanji-1 (TBp306, 030-037)

Class 49: L.5-2 Counting
33-WBp45

Class 50: Lab 13: Review - hiragana, katakana and kanji
No Lab Quiz

Class 51: L.5-3
34-WBp46 ▪ 47

Class 52: L.5-4
35-WBp48 ▪ 49

Class 53: L.5-5
36-WBp50 ▪ 51

Class 55: Lab 14: Review – TBp308-311
Lab Quiz 13: All of L.5 kanji (not graded)

Class 56: L.5-6
37-WBp52 ▪ 53

Class 57: L.5-7
Quiz 5: L.5 (grammar & vocab)

Final Exam according to University exam schedule