



## Hunan University

### JAPN 21: Elementary Japanese

**Professor:** To be announced

**Total contact hours:** 54 hours

**Credit:** 4

#### ***Course Description***

This course will introduce elementary Japanese language learning. It covers various topics focusing on Japanese grammar, vocabulary, and kanji. In this course, various exercises will be designated to enhance your language skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing, for instance, listening comprehension and questions, group situational dialogue, weekly writing and relevant translations and so forth.

#### ***Course Objectives***

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

- 1) communicate with others in Japanese in your daily life;
- 2) master the basic ability to listen, speak, read, write and translate;
- 3) continue the upper level's learning in Japanese smoothly.

#### ***Required Textbook***

Genki: an Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese(2nd Edition)

Author: Eri Banno, Yutaka Ohno, Yoko Sakane, Chikako Shinagawa, Kyoko Tokashiki,

Publisher: The Japan Times

Publication Date: February, 2011

#### ***Grading***

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| ● Attendance     | 10% |
| ● Presentation   | 10% |
| ● Weekly Writing | 20% |
| ● Group Work     | 20% |
| ● Midterm        | 20% |
| ● Final Exam     | 20% |



A+ 96-100	A 90-95	A- 85-89
B+ 82-84	B 78-81	B- 75-77
C+ 71-74	C 66-70	C- 62-65
D 60-61	F < 60	

### ***Course Schedule***

The course has 24 class sessions in total. All sessions are 2 hours and 15 minutes in length.

Note: the course outline and required readings are subject to change.

Class 1:

Introduction to Elementary Japanese  
Numbers

Class 2:

Time and Telephone Numbers  
Question Sentences  
Relevant expressions about Location

Class 3:

Verb Conjugation  
Noun & Verb  
Verbs with Places  
Presentation

Class 4:

Time References  
Suggestion  
Frequency Adverbs  
Group work

Class 5:

Expressions whether an item exists  
Describing Where Things Are  
Weekly Writing

Class 6:

Past tense(Noun)  
Verb Conjugation(Past Tense)  
Past Tense(Verbs)  
Time & Particles



Class 7:

Adjectives Conjugation(Present Tense)

Adjectives(Present Tense)

Group work

Class 8:

Adjectives Conjugation(Present and Past Tense)

Adjectives(Past Tense)

Adjectives & Noun

Class 9:

Te-form

Te-form(Continuation)

Describing Two Activities

Class 10:

Te-form

Actions in Process

Result of a Change

Describing People

Weekly Writing

Class 11:

Te-forms for Joining Sentences

Verb Stem

Counting People

Class 12:

Short Forms(Present Tense)

Short Forms(Informal Speech)

Quotations

Group work

Class 13:

Midterm

Class 14:

Past Tense Short Forms

Past Tense Short Forms(Informal Speech)

Quotations

Qualifying Nouns with Verbs



Class 15:

Comparison between Two Items

Comparison among Three or more Items

Adjectives/Noun

Weekly Writing

Class 16:

Noun A & Noun B

Relevant expressions

Class 17:

Hiragana(Dots/Circles)

Group work

Class 18:

Hiragana(Double Consonants/Long Vowels)

Class 19:

Hiragana(Double Consonants/Long Vowels)(Continuation)

Class 20:

Katakana

Presentation

Class 21:

Kanji Practice

Class 22:

Katakana, Kanji Practice(Continuation)

Weekly Wiring

Class 23:

Review

Class 24:

Final Exam

### ***Attending Policy***

Regular and prompt attendance is required. Under ordinary circumstances, you may miss two times without penalty. Each absence over this number will lower your course grade by a third of a letter and missing more than five classes may lead to a failing grade in the course. Arriving late and/or leaving before the end of the class period are equivalent to absences.



## ***Policy on “Late Withdrawals”***

In accordance with university policy, appeals for late withdrawal will be approved ONLY in case of medical emergency and similar crises.

## ***Academic Honesty***

Hunan University expects all students to do their own work. Instructors will fail assignments that show evidence of plagiarism or other forms of cheating, and will also report the student's name to the University administration. A student reported to the University for cheating is placed on disciplinary probation; a student reported twice is suspended or expelled.

## ***General Expectations:***

Students are expected to:

- Attend all classes and be responsible for all materials covered in class and otherwise assigned;
- Complete the day's required reading and assignments before class;
- Review the previous day's notes before class and make notes about questions you have about the previous class or the day's reading;
- Participate in class discussions and complete required written work on time;
- Refrain from texting, phoning or engaging in computer activities unrelated to class during the class period;
- While class participation is welcome, even required, you are expected to refrain from private conversations during the class period.

## ***Special Needs or Assistance***

Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.