

JAPANESE 1
Elementary Japanese I
West Los Angeles College
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Japanese 1 (Section # 4269)

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Required Textbooks

1. Textbook: *Genki: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese I* (The Japan Times) 2011.
2. Workbook: *Genki: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese I* (The Japan Times) 2011.

Course Description

This is a 5 unit course on the fundamentals of modern Japanese. As we will be starting from the beginning, it is intended for those who have no or little previous background in Japanese. This course provides the fundamentals of the Japanese language with emphasis on communication skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing in Japanese. The Japanese syllabary for Hiragana, Katakana and basic Kanji are introduced. In addition, the course introduces the study of Japanese culture. More specifically by the end of this course you will be able to

Read: Read simple sentences and passages written in *hiragana*, *katakana*, and select *kanji*.

Write: Write using *hiragana* and *katakana* syllabaries and select *kanji*.

Listen: Understand simple face-to-face conversations in various settings.

Speak: Ask and answer simple questions on topics such as personal history and daily activities. Talk about both past and present events. Describe people and things using adjectives and state their location. Count and use numbers. Perform such tasks as introducing oneself, shopping, and, ordering in a restaurant.

Culture: Understand basic culture patterns, especially in regards to language, through exposure to pictures, videos and other materials

A large portion of class time will be spent in speaking practice so please come ready to participate and to perform the activities that are provided in class. Also, you can view and download class notes at www.etudes.org. Please visit the website to access classroom material as well as supplemental material. Your login ID is the first 2 letters of your first name + the first 2 letters of your last name + the last 5 digits of your Student ID Number. Your initial password is your Month and Day of birth.

Course Requirements

1. Attendance and Participation

As foreign language learning is not only the acquisition of knowledge but also the development of skills, it is essential that you attend class. A significant amount of class time will be spent practicing skills that you learn. Therefore, please come prepared to participate and speak Japanese. Attendance is part of your grade. Absences will result in not receiving attendance points. Tardiness and early departures will result in receiving partial attendance points.

2. Homework

Homework will be assigned from the workbook. It is due on the day listed on the syllabus. Late homework will be accepted for partial credit only.

3. Quizzes and Oral Presentations

There will be hiragana, katakana, and kanji quizzes. No make-ups. The 2 lowest grades will be dropped. There will also be 2 oral presentations.

4. Lessons Tests

We will be covering chapters 1-5. There will 4 lesson tests based on chapters 1-4. They will test grammar, vocabulary, listening comprehension, and reading and writing skills. If you are absent for a valid reason, one missed lesson test may be made up with permission of the teacher.

5. Final Examination

The final exam is comprehensive and mandatory.

Grading

Attendance and Participation	10%	A 90-100%
Homework	15%	B 80-89%
Quizzes and Oral Presentations	25%	C 70-79%
Lesson Tests	25%	D 60-69%
Final Examination	25%	F 0-59%

Student Learning Outcomes

Students who have completed their designated coursework in this class should expect to have gained competency in the following areas:

Communication: Effectively communicate thought in a clear, well-organized manner to persuade, inform, and convey ideas in academic, work, family and community settings
Listen with understanding to Japanese conversations. Respond meaningfully in personal and community situations.

Cultural Diversity: Respectfully engage with other cultures in an effort to understand them.
Interact sensitively and respectfully with the mores, beliefs, and traditions of Japanese culture.

Student Resources

Tutoring is available in the Learning Skills Center (HLRC). Please check for available hours. West Los Angeles College recognizes and welcomes its responsibility to provide an equal educational opportunity to all disabled individuals. The Office of Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) has been established to provide support services for all verified disabled students pursuing a college education. All services and equipment are provided free of charge to any qualifying disabled student. The Disabled Students Office is located in the Heldman Learning Resources Center 119. If you think or know that you have a learning or physical disability please visit or call them at 310-287-4450.

West Los Angeles College Policy on Student Conduct

A student enrolling in one of the Los Angeles Community Colleges may rightfully expect that the faculty and administrators of the Colleges will maintain an environment in which there is freedom to learn. This requires that there be appropriate conditions and opportunities in the classroom and on the campus. As members of the college community, students should be encouraged to develop the capacity for critical judgment, to engage in the sustained and independent search for truth, and to exercise their rights to free inquiry and free speech in a responsible, non-violent manner. In the furtherance of the students' interest in free inquiry and the search for truth, it is also important that students be able to hear the views of non-students and engage in the free exchange of ideas with non-students. All persons shall respect and obey civil and criminal law, and shall be subject to legal penalties for violation of laws of the city, county, state and nation. All persons shall respect and obey the rules, regulations and policies of the Los Angeles Community College District. Conduct in all of the Los Angeles Community Colleges must conform to District and college rules and regulations. Violations of such rules and regulations may result in disciplinary action depending on the individual's status as student, faculty, staff or visitor. Students shall refrain from Academic dishonesty, such as cheating, plagiarizing, or knowingly furnishing false information to the College. When there is evidence of academic dishonesty, the instructor may issue the student a zero or "F" on that particular assignment or test. The instructor may also initiate student discipline

DAILY SCHEDULE

May be subject to change

Day	Lesson	Lesson Content	Homework	Tests & Quizzes
M 8/31	1	Pronunciation Expressions Self-Introduction Hiragana あーこ		
W 9/2	1	Vocab X wa Y desu Numbers Hiragana さーと	p. 11,12	
M 9/7	Labor Day No Class			
W 9/9	1	Yes / No questions What Questions Hiragana なーほ	p. 117-118	
M 9/14	1	time, telephone Hiragana まーよ		
W 9/16	1	Age, Particle の Dialogue 1, 2 Hiragana らーん	p. 119-120 HW1	Hiragana Quiz あーそ
M 9/21	1	Review の Vocabulary Lesson 2 Big numbers Voiced Consonants Hiragana small や, ゆ、よ Reading 291F	HW2 p. 17-18	
W 9/23	2	Review Chapter 1 Prices Reading 292-3 Double consonants Long Vowels	p.121-122	Oral Presentation #1
M 9/28	2	これ、それ、あれ、どれ Prices	p. 123 p. 13-14 Do All Homework In Hiragana	Test Lesson 1
W 9/30	2	この、その、あの、どの ここ、そこ、あそこ Video Erin Katakana アーコ	p. 15-16 p. 19-20	Hiragana Quiz たーほ
M 10/5	2	だれの Particle も Katakana サート	p. 21-22	

Day	Lesson	Lesson Content	Homework	Tests & Quizzes
W 10/7	2	じゃないです ね、よ Dialogue 1, 2 Katakana ナーホ	p. 124	Hiragana Quiz まーん
M 10/12	2	Review Lesson 2 Katakana マーヨ	p. 23-24 p. 25	
W 10/14	3	Vocab Lesson 3 Verb Conjugation Katakana ラーン Special Katakana Reading 294	p. 125-126	Test Lesson 2
M 10/19	3	Particle を	p. 127-128	Hiragana Quiz All
W 10/21	3	Particle で Particle に、へ	p. 27-28	
M 10/26	3	Time Reference Invitation		Katakana Quiz アーン
W 10/28	3	Adverbs Dialogue 1, 2 Kanji Lesson 3	p. 29-30	
M 11/2	3	Review Lesson 3 Vocabulary Lesson 4 あります・います Reading p. 301	p. 31-32 p. 33-34	Katakana Quiz ターホ
W 11/4	4	Location Particle と with , and Reading 300	p. 129 – 130 p. 35-36	Test Lesson 3
M 11/9	4	Past Tense of Nouns Dates		
W 11/11	VETERANS DAY NO CLASS			
M 11/16	4	Past Tense of Verbs じかん Kanji Lesson 4 Dialogue 1,2	p. 37-38	Katakana マーン
W 11/18	4	Particle も Dialogue 3 Reading p. 305	p. 39-40	

Day	Lesson	Lesson Content	Homework	Tests & Quizzes
M 11/23	4,5	Review Chapter 4 Vocab Chapter 5	p. 41-42 p. 43-44	Kanji Quiz Lesson 3
W 11/25	5	Adjectives Present Tense	p. 131-132	Test Lesson 4
M 11/30	5	Adjectives Past Tense Adjective + noun Kanji Chapter 5	p. 45-46	
W 12/2	5	すき・きれい —ましょう Dialogue 1 Reading p. 308	p. 47-48 p. 133-134	Kanji Quiz Lesson 4
M 12/7	5	Review Lesson 5 Dialogue 3 Reading p. 309	p. 49-50 p. 51-52 p.53	
W 12/9		REVIEW FOR FINAL		Oral Presentation #2
M 12/14	FINAL EXAMINATION			

Last day to add or audit class

Friday, September 11

Last day to drop classes without mark on transcript

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Last day to drop classes without fees

Friday, September 11

Last day to drop classes with a “W”

Friday, November 20