

Morito Institute of Global Higher Education
Elementary Japanese A-1 & B-1, A-2 & B-2 / 日本語初級 / Basic Japanese I & II
2024 Spring
日本語(にほんご) レベル2 Course Syllabus

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Class Schedule

*A-1 on Tuesday and B-1 on Thursday are ONE SET (1st Term).

Students are required to register for both A-1 & B-1 together.

*A-2 on Tuesday and B-2 on Thursday are also ONE SET (2nd Term).

Students are required to register for both A-2 & B-2 together.

*It is strongly recommended that students take (A-1 & B-1) + (A-2 & B-2) all together.

<1st Term & 2nd Term Elementary Japanese A-1, A-2>

Tuesday A-1, A-2 (Tsunematsu) 12:50-14:20 Room K216

Tuesday A-1, A-2 (Tsunematsu) 14:35-16:05 Room K216

<1st Term & 2nd Term Elementary Japanese B-1, B-2>

Thursday B-1, B-2 (Uemura) 12:50-14:20 Room K115

Thursday B-1, B-2 (Uemura) 14:35-16:05 Room K115

Aim of the Course

This course aims to develop the Japanese language skills to be able to express themselves in various situations in social interactions. Students learn various kinds of sentence patterns, expressions, vocabularies, and acquire the pre-intermediate competence in spoken and written Japanese. This will enable students to develop communicative skills and further develop confidence in their use of Japanese in actual situations.

Textbook

Please purchase the following textbooks.

1. 「A New Approach to Elementary Japanese (NEJ), Vol.2」 (Kuroshio Publishers)

(「テーマで学ぶ基礎日本語」 Vol.2)

*The textbooks for the course are available at University Co-op (だいがくせいきょう 大学生協) .

Attendance

- Students who wish to complete this subject must attend the classes and perform all prescribed exercises. Students who do not attend the classes to the satisfaction of the teaching staff may not be given credit for this subject. If a student is absent due to illness, they should notify the teaching staff and consult us regarding the missed work as soon as

possible. When you send an email, please send it to a lecturer in charge of this course. If a student fails to inform us of the work to be missed prior to classes, the student is to assume responsibility for it.

Course Schedule

V = Vocabulary Quiz

*The numbers (e.g. U13, 14, 15) indicates the Unit numbers for Vocabulary Quiz (v).

*Regarding the vocabulary quiz, please read the information on p. 3.

< 1st Term: April 8~June 5, 2nd Term: June 6~August 1 >

	Tuesdays (A class)	Thursdays (B class)	Homework Deadline
	4/9 [Term 1 Starts]	4/11	Homework - 1
Week 1	Orientation	(Orientation)	Review
Homework	Review: Introductory Japanese	Review: Introductory Japanese	
	4/16	4/18	Homework - 2
Week 2	Unit 13 Narrative 1 / Grammar Points	Unit 13 - Narrative 2	GPS & WPS Unit 13 [Deadline: April 23]
Homework		GPS, WPS	
	4/23	4/25	Homework - 3
Week 3	Unit 14 Narrative 1 / Grammar Points	Unit 14 - Narrative 2 & 3	GPS & WPS Unit 14 [Deadline: April 30]
Homework		GPS, WPS	
	4/30 (No Class)	5/2	
Week 4	Substution Day for Monday Classes	Unit 15 - Narrative 1 / Grammar Points	
Homework			
	5/7	5/9	Homework - 4
Week 5	Unit 15 - Narrative 2 / Oral Presentation (One minute speech)	Unit 16 - Narrative A / Grammar Points	Essay, GPS&WPS Unit 15 [Deadline: May 9 / May 14]
Homework	Essay	GPS, WPS	
	5/14	5/16	Homework - 5
Week 6	Unit 16 - Narrative B, C / Vocab Q (U13, 14, 15, 16)	Unit 17 - Narrative 1 / Grammar Points	GPS&WPS Unit 16 [Deadline: May 21]
Homework		GPS, WPS	
	5/21	5/23	Homework - 6
Week 7	Unit 17 - Narrative 2,3 / Oral Presentation (One minute speech)	Unit 18 - Narrative 1 / Grammar Points	Essay, GPS&WPS Unit 17 [Deadline: My 23/ May 28]
Homework	Essay	GPS, WPS	
	5/28	5/30	Homework - 7
Week 8	Unit 18 - Narrative 2 & 3	Review	GPS&WPS Unit 18 [Deadline: June 4]
Homework		GPS, WPS	
	6/4 [End of Term 1]	6/6 [Term 2 Starts]	Homework - 8
Week 9	Final Examination [Term 1]	Unit 19 - Narrative 1 / Grammar Points	Review
Homework			
	6/11	6/13	Homework - 9
Week 10	Unit 19 - Narrative 2 / Vocab Q (U17, 18, 19)	Unit 20 - Narrative 1 / Grammar Points	GPS&WPS Unit 19 [Deadline: June 18]
Homework		GPS, WPS	
	6/18	6/20	Homework - 10
Week 11	Supplementary Unit - Narrative A (1&2) / Grammar Points	Unit 20 - Narrative 2 & 3	GPS&WPS Unit 20 [Deadline: June 25]
Homework		GPS, WPS	
	6/25	6/27	Homework - 11
Week 12	Unit 21 - Narrative 1 / Grammar Points Oral Presentation (One minute speech)	Unit 21 - Narrative 2 & 3	Essay, GPS&WPS Unit 21 [Deadline: June 27 / July 2]
Homework	Essay	GPS, WPS	
	7/2	7/4	Homework - 12
Week 13	Unit 22 - Narrative 1 / Grammar Points	Unit 22 - Narrative 2	GPS&WPS Unit 22 [Deadline: July 9]
Homework		GPS, WPS	
	7/9	7/11	Homework - 13
Week 14	Unit 23 - Narrative 1 / Grammar Points / Vocab Q (U20, 21, 22)	Unit 23 - Narrative 2	GPS&WPS Unit 23 [Deadline: July 16]
Homework		GPS, WPS	
	7/16	7/18 (Monday Class)	Homework - 14
Week 15	Unit 24 - Narrative 1 / Grammar Points Oral Presentation (One minute speech)	Substution Day for Monday Classes	Essay Unit 23 [Deadline: July 18]
Homework	Essay	GPS, WPS	
	7/23	7/25	Homework - 15
Week 16	Unit 24 - Narrative 2	Supplementary Unit - Narrative B (1&2)	GPS&WPS Unit 24 [Deadline: July 30]
Homework		GPS, WPS	
	7/30	8/1 [End of Term 2]	
Homework		Final Examination [Term 2] 14:20	12:50-

***Please be careful with the substitution class dates.**

***Summer Break:** August 2, 2024~September 30, 2024.

*This schedule can be changed. When the schedule is to be changed, it will be announced in advance.

* **It is recommended that students study the lesson before the class.** This will make the understanding of the lesson quicker and efficient.

***Please be careful with the registration day for Japanese language courses. After this date, students cannot register for Japanese language courses.**

Assessment

● Attendance	25%	25%
● One-minute Speech	10%	10%
● Vocabulary Quiz	20%	20%
● Assignments (WPS, GPS Essay)	25%	25%
● Final Exam (Term 1)	20%	
● Final Exam (Term 2)		20%
TOTAL	[Term 1] 100%	[Term 2] 100%

**Note:

- Regarding attendance, absence from the class **up till 4 times (2 classes for A-1, and 2 classes for B-1)** will be uncounted in the evaluation.
- According to the rule of Hiroshima University, **if a student missed one third of the classes, she/he is not eligible to obtain credit from the course.**
- **The lowest score will be dropped from the total of Vocab Quiz** in the evaluation.

One-minute Speech

Each student is expected to **make a short speech (one-minute) one or twice** in the class (depending on the registered number of students). Students can choose one or two topics from the **essay assignments**. You can also select topics from followings: **my hobby, what I like about Japan, my future dream, new cultural experiences in Japan, Japanese term and concept that interest me, what I miss about my country.** The date for the speech is listed in the course schedule.

Vocabulary Quiz

Vocabulary Quiz is to be held. Please refer to the schedule on Page2. The basic rule is **there is no make-up for the missed quiz** unless you have a special reason and contact the teaching staff prior to the class. In vocabulary quiz, in some questions your knowledge about the grammar in the designated lessons is required in answering the questions.

Assignments

Some assignments will be handed out in the class. Here are the rules regarding the assignments. **As a rule, late assignment will not be accepted from the perspective of fairness in assessing it.**

- (1) **Assignment via Moodle:** required to be submitted via moodle by the deadline.
- **(2) Paper format assignment : required to be submitted at the beginning of the class,** and students are not allowed to work on the assignment during the class. If a student works

on the assignment during the class, the assignment will NOT be accepted.

- **Please do NOT put the late homework in the mailbox** attached to the office door of the lecturers' office. Even if you put the late homework in the mailbox, the late homework will not be marked and counted for the assignments for fairness.
- **Essay: You are required to write a short essay (A4 1 page, approx. 500 words) and submit it. One minute speech is to be conducted based on your Essay assignment.**
- When you missed the class, please contact your classmates and find out the important information you might have missed.
- You are expected to continue your study on the covered chapters by yourself on the days when you have no Japanese class.

Final Exam [Term 1]

- We will announce you the format of the exam a few weeks in advance.

Final Exam [Term 2]

- We will announce you the format of the exam a few weeks in advance.

Plagiarism

Please be reminded that plagiarism is a serious offence in university study. Except where group work is specified, **assignments should be completed individually rather than in collaboration with other students or student supporters.** Assignments that are found to be the product of plagiarism in any way will be failed, and no mark will be awarded for that assignment. In serious or repeated cases, plagiarism may lead to expulsion from the university. Please be reminded that assistance of a native speaker at elementary level Japanese can be easily detected.

Contact with the staff

- Students may face difficulties and problems with studying Japanese, and they might need help. The issues can be questions regarding Japanese language, or need for advice about study techniques. The lecturer is very happy to help you, but will not know your problems unless you express it. When you need help, please consult with the teacher. Please don't wait till the problems become overwhelming and out of control!
- The lecturer has set office hours for students, and this is announced on the office door. If students cannot visit the office during the office hours, you can make an appointment.

Efficient Way of Studying Japanese: Advice on Language Acquisition

It is impossible to prepare for a language test overnight. For acquisition of a foreign language you need to study every day and continuously make efforts.

- **It is very important to study the lesson before you attend the class. This will help you tremendously to study Japanese efficiently.**
- If you come to the class without studying the lesson, it will make you frustrated, and furthermore, it will take double the amount of time to review it later and digest the material.
- Please take the class as a place where you review the lesson, make sure your correct understanding of the material, and use it in actual interactions so that you can effectively use what you are learning in actual settings.
- Please use your study time and limited class time in an effective way.