

【Course Aim】

The aim of this course is for students to acquire four skills of Japanese at an elementary level. At the completion of this course, each student should be able to express him/herself on familiar topics using basic Japanese sentence structure and vocabulary. Students are also expected to be able to read and write all hiragana, katakana and some basic kanji by the end of this course.

【Contents of Course】

This course is designed for beginners or those who have only studied Japanese for a short time. We will cover six units of "NEJ: A New Approach to Elementary Japanese, Vol.1", which focuses on theme-based instruction. We will help you understand and learn the "mastertexts" which include all the grammar points and vocabulary items to be learned in each unit. You will also learn to handle questions and answers concerning the text. At the end of each unit, you will be required to write your own personal narrative using the mastertexts as models, and learn to be able to use it.

【Course Schedule】

【 1st- 4th Class】Unit 1
【 5th- 8th Class】Unit 2
【 9th-12th Class】Unit 2, Unit 3
【13th-16th Class】Unit 3
【17th-20th Class】(Sat., Oct. 15) Unit 3, Review
【21st-24th Class】Review, Preparation for Activity 1, Midterm exam
【25th-28th Class】Preparation for Activity 1, Activity 1, Unit4
【29th-32nd Class】Unit 4
【33rd-36th Class】Unit 5 (Sat., Nov. 19) Field Trip
【37th-40th Class】(Sat., Nov. 19) Field Trip
【41st-44th Class】Unit 5, Unit 6
【45th-48th Class】Unit 6
【49th-52nd Class】Unit 6, Preparation for Activity 2
【53rd-56th Class】Preparation for Activity 2, Activity 2, Review
【57th-60th Class】Review, Final exam

* Because UC Students will return home early, supplementary classes (Oct. 15) and a field trip (Nov. 19) will be assigned to make up for the missed classes.

* Students are required to attend the class regularly and participate in all class activities.

* No credit will be given to those who miss more than 1/3 or more of all the classes.

* The schedule and course content may be adjusted depending on the circumstances.

【Preparation / Advice】

1. Checking the meaning of the new words in a dictionary or by using the "Vocabulary" section at the end of the textbook. 2. Listening to the audio materials to familiarize yourself with Japanese pronunciation for each personal narrative.
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【Texts】

NEJ: A New Approach to Elementary Japanese, Vol.1 (Kurosio Publishers) *The textbook will be lent to each of you in the

【Reference】

N/A

【Grading】

Participation in the Class Activities 20%, Assignments 10%, Quizzes(Vocabulary, Grammar, Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji) 20%, Essay Writing 15%, Midterm exam (written) 15%, Final exam(written & oral) 20% (TOTAL 100%)

【Other】

Quizzes and assignments will be given in almost every class to make your learning more effective. Since we put emphasis on oral communication in our class activities, it is essential to familiarize yourself with the unit by preparing for the quizzes or doing assignments before and after each class.

【URL】

<http://www.nei.9640.jp>