

**[Course Description]**

This course is designed for beginners or those who have only studied Japanese for a short time. Using the textbooks: "Understanding Basic Japanese Grammar" and "GENKI, I", we will provide you fundamental knowledge of Japanese vocabulary and grammar which is needed for basic communication in Japanese language.

You will be also required to learn how to apply your knowledge when discussing certain topics by learning the model speeches in another textbook; "NEJ, Vol.1". You will learn to handle questions and answers concerning each topic.

**[Class Goals]**

1. You will learn basic vocabulary and grammar for beginners of Japanese language.
2. You will learn how to use your acquired knowledge in real communication with Japanese people.

At the completion of this course, each student should be able to express him/herself on familiar topics or accomplish objectives in daily life using basic Japanese sentence structure and vocabulary.

**[Course Schedule]**

[ 1st- 4th Class]Unit 1 (Introducing Myself), Conversation Notes 1  
 [ 5th- 8th Class]Unit 2 (Introducing My Family)  
 [ 9th-12th Class]Unit 2, Conversation Notes 2  
 [13th-16th Class]Unit 3 (My Favorite Things)  
 [17th-20th Class]Unit 3, Conversation Notes 3, Midterm Essay 1  
 [21st-24th Class]Visitor Session 1, Review  
 [25th-28th Class]Midterm Exam, Unit 4 (My Everyday Life)  
 [29th-32nd Class]Unit 4, Conversation Notes 4  
 [33rd-36th Class]Field Trip  
 [37th-40th Class]Unit 5 (Friday Night) & Unit 6 (Going Out)  
 [41st-44th Class]Unit 5 & 6, Conversation Notes 5&6, Final Essay  
 [45th-48th Class]Additional Grammar and vocabulary  
 [49th-52nd Class]Additional Grammar and vocabulary, Visitor Session 2  
 [53rd-56th Class]Final Presentation, Final Exam  
 [57th-60th Class]Review

\* At the end of each unit, you will be required to make your personal conversation notes to talk about yourself. You will also be required to write your midterm and final essay as a summary of your learning.

\* We will have two Visitor Sessions which enable you to practice using what you have learned in the class.

\* Practice for situational and functional Japanese learning through role play will be also provided in the class.

\* Students are expected to be able to read and write all hiragana, katakana and some basic kanji by the end of this course.

\* Because UC Students will return home early, supplementary classes (Oct. 13) and a field trip (Nov. 17) will be assigned to all the students including ISP and KC students to make up for the missed classes.

**[Preparation for Class]**

1. Read the grammar explanation section in the textbooks before learning new grammar.  
(Approximate time required for your preparation is 1 hour per week)

**[Review of Class]**

1. Memorize words and review the grammar you learned in class.
2. Read aloud your conversation notes or essays.
3. Listen to the NEJ audio materials. <http://www.nej.9640.jp>  
(Approximate time required for your preparation is 3 hours per week)

**[Remarks for Class]**

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.

**[Texts]**

1. NEJ, Vol.1: A New Approach to Elementary Japanese (Kurosio Publishers)
2. Understanding Basic Japanese Grammar English edition with CD New Edition (ALC PRESS INC.)
3. GENKI, I (2nd Edition): An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese (The Japan Times)

**[Reference Books]**

N/A

**[Evaluation Criteria]**

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

**[Related URL]**

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**[Notes]**