



Nanchang University
JAPN21: Elementary Japanese
(Last Updated in Jan. 2025)

Credit: 4

Contact Hours

This course is composed of 24 lecture sessions, 3 tutorial sessions and 9 office contact hours. Each lecture session takes 2 contact hours in length; each tutorial session takes 3 contact hours in length; There will be a Q-A review session (3 contact hours) and Final Exam (3 contact hours) at the end of this term. This course has 72 contact hours in total.

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. After completing this course, you can:

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.

Note: This Syllabus is subject to change based on the needs of the class.

Required Material

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

•Participation and Presentation	10%
•Group situational dialogue	20%
•2 Papers	20%
•Quizzes	10%
•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 contact hours in length. At the end of this term, there will be a Q-A review session(3 contact hours) and Final Exam (3 contact hours).

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

Class 1:

Introduction to Elementary Japanese

Numbers

Homework 1

Class 2:

Time and Telephone Numbers

Question Sentences

Relevant expressions about Location

Class 3:

Verb Conjugation

Noun & Verb

Verbs with Places

Homework 2

Class 4:

Time References

Suggestion

Frequency Adverbs

Presentation

Class 5:

Expressions whether an item exists

Describing Where Things Are

Group situational dialogue # 1

Class 6:

Past tense(Noun)

Verb Conjugation(Past Tense)

Past Tense(Verbs)

Time & Particles



Paper 1

Class 7:

Adjectives Conjugation(Present Tense)

Adjectives(Present Tense)

Class 8:

Adjectives Conjugation(Present and Past Tense)

Adjectives(Past Tense)

Adjectives & Noun

Quiz 1

Class 9:

Te-form

Te-form(Continuation)

Describing Two Activities

Homework 3

Class 10:

Te-form

Actions in Process

Result of a Change

Describing People

Group situational dialogue # 2

Class 11:

Te-forms for Joining Sentences

Verb Stem

Counting People

Class 12:

Short Forms(Present Tense)

Short Forms(Informal Speech)

Quotations

Homework 4

Class 13:

Midterms

Class 14:

Past Tense Short Forms

Past Tense Short Forms(Informal Speech)

Quotations



Qualifying Nouns with Verbs
Group situational dialogue # 3

Class 15:
Comparison between Two Items
Comparison among Three or more Items
Adjectives/Noun

Class 16:
Noun A & Noun B
Relevant expressions
Quiz 2

Class 17:
Hiragana(Dots/Circles)

Class 18:
Hiragana(Double Consonants/Long Vowels)

Class 19:
Hiragana(Double Consonants/Long Vowels)(Continuation)
Paper 2

Class 20:
Katakana
Group situational dialogue # 4

Class 21:
Kanji Practice
Presentation

Class 22:
Katakana,Kanji Practice(Continuation)

Class 23:
Appreciation of a Japanese movie(Elementary level)

Class 24:
Class Review

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

Nanchang 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.