

JPL 220: Elementary Japanese 220 (6 credits)

Course Description:

JPL220 is designed to acquaint students with grammatical structures and vocabulary appropriate for the advanced beginning learners who have studied Japanese at the college level for approximately two semesters. Chapters 13 to 18 of “Genki”, Vol. II are covered in this course. Through a variety of communicative activities, students will learn how to express their own ideas and to use the language creatively both orally and in writing. Instruction is designed to strengthen students’ skill in all four areas: listening, speaking, reading and writing as well as cultural knowledge.

The classes are conducted primarily in Japanese. Students who have problems during the classes are strongly encouraged to consult with the instructor.

Course Objectives:

At the end of the course, successful students will be able to:

- handle various conversational situations, such as at the hotel, at the bank, at the beauty salon, and at the work place.
- understand additional Japanese grammar and its function to look for a job, to visit someone’s house, and to meet a boss politely.
- use the upper beginning level grammar patterns both in conversation and writing (e.g. potential verbs, volitional form and complex noun modifying sentences and polite form)
- read and write approximately 240 *kanji* characters
- understand Japanese culture and Japanese way of thinking
- pick up important information from various authentic materials

Course Materials:

- Textbook: Eri Banno and others. 2011. *An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Genki. Vol. II.* Second edition. The Japan Times.
- Workbook: Eri Banno and others. 2011. *An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Genki. Workbook II.* Second edition. The Japan Times.
- CD: on reserve in the library

The CDs contains dialogues, vocabulary (in Japanese and English), practice exercises—all found in the Dialogue and Grammar section of the textbook, as well as the conversations used for listening practice in the Workbook.

Grading Methods:

- 15% Attendance and Class Participation
- 20% Homework Assignments
- 50% Tests and Quizzes
- 15% Final Examination