

JPL 120: Elementary Japanese 120 (6 credits)

Course Description:

JPL 120 is designed to acquaint students with grammatical structures and vocabulary appropriate for beginning learners. The first six chapters of "*Genki*", *Vol.1* will be covered in this course. Instruction will focus on the development of all four skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) and cultural knowledge. 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.

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, the successful students will be able to:

- Read and write all Hiragana and Katakana, and approximately 60 kanji characters.
- Understand basic Japanese grammar and its function necessary to greet, introduce themselves, talk and ask about their everyday routine, describe basic characteristics of people and things, talk and ask about one's preference, suggest plans, make requests, give and deny permission, explain reasons and offer assistance.

Course Materials:

- Textbook: Eri Banno and others. 2011. *An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Genki. Vol. I.* Second edition. The Japan Times.
 - Workbook: Eri Banno and others. 2011. *An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Genki. Workbook I.* 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