

**JPL 125: Elementary Japanese 125 (6 credits)**

**Course Description:**

JPL125 is designed to acquaint students with grammatical structures and vocabulary appropriate for beginning learners who have studied Japanese at the college level for approximately one semester (ca. 55 hours). The last six chapters of *“Genki”, Vol.I* 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 classroom activities, students will learn how to express their own ideas and to use the language creatively both orally and in writing.

Expected preparation for the course includes abilities 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.

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 approximately 150 kanji characters.
- Understand basic Japanese grammar and its function necessary to talk and ask about their everyday routine, describe basic characteristics of people and things, make comparisons, describe one’s plans, hopes, and aspirations, explain reasons, talk about past experiences, and make inquiries and requests appropriately.

**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