

JPL 105: Elementary Japanese 105 (6 credits)

Course Description:

JPL 105 is designed to acquaint students with grammatical structures and vocabulary appropriate for beginning learners and aimed for students to reach the CEFR level A1.

Through a variety of classroom activities, students develop all four linguistic skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) as well as language knowledge such as grammar, vocabulary, and kanji. Students will learn to understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of the needs in daily life. The course will also introduce students to some fundamental Japanese socio-cultural concepts that will help them interpret the underlying meaning behind what is said and what is not said in their encounters with Japanese people on and off campus. The course covers Chapters 1 to 6 of the textbook "Genki I."

Course Objectives:

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

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.

(2) Students will learn how to read and write all hiragana, katakana, and 30-50 kanji characters.

Course Materials:

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

Grading Methods:

These items will be included in the grading. Details will be provided on the first day of the class.

- Attendance and Class Participation
- Homework Assignments
- Quizzes
- Lesson Test
- Presentation
- Final Examination
- Final Project