

<b>CAPILANO UNIVERSITY COURSE OUTLINES</b>		
Term: <b>Fall 2015</b>	Course No.: <b>JAPN 100</b>	
Instructor: Language Associate:	Course Name: <b>Beginning Japanese I</b>	
Office: Email:	Section:	Credits: <b>4</b>
Office Hours:		

### **COURSE FORMAT**

Three hours of class time, one hour delivered through on-line activities or other activities (on-line learning and language workshop), one hour of conversation with a Language Associate and a 45 minute drop-in session of self-study at the Language Resource Centre (LRC, AR 117) for a 15 week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams.

### **COURSE PREREQUISITES**

None. Note: this is not a course for students with training or background in Japanese.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is designed to develop basic proficiency all areas of communication (speaking, listening, reading and writing) in Japanese through the study of vocabulary, grammar, and culture. An emphasis is placed on understanding modern Japanese language through aspects of Japanese culture so that students will develop language skills in a socio-culturally functional way.

### **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Comprehend and produce of Japanese writing systems; *Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji*;
- Demonstrate an understanding of simple discourse through oral comprehension;
- Practice speaking functions such as extending greetings, talking about oneself, talking/inquiring about others, as well as about simple things in everyday life and in one's surroundings;
- Write simple coherent sentences, using *Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji*;
- Demonstrate reading comprehension of simplified texts written in *Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji*;
- Demonstrate an understanding of basic rules of modern Japanese language.
- Demonstrate an understanding of cultural differences.

**COURSE WEBSITE**

<http://moodle.capilanou.ca> Moodle enrolment key will be given in class.

**REQUIRED TEXTS**

Banno, Eri, Y. Ohno, Y. Sakane, C. Shinagawa. *Genki: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese I*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Tokyo: The Japan Times, 2011. Print.

*Workbook to accompany Genki I. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.*

**COURSE CONTENT**

No	Month / Day	WK	TENTATIVE LECTURE SCHEDULE	LRC/weekly	Oral.(Friday)
1			<b>NO CLASS: Orientation</b> Orientation / Hiragana, Greetings		
2			Lesson 1: New Friends Lesson 1	<i>L1</i>	L1
3			Lesson 1 <b>HQ-i</b> Lesson 1 <b>VQ1</b>	<i>PT1</i>	L1
4			Lesson 2: Shopping <b>HQ-ii</b> Lesson 2	<i>L2</i>	L2
5			Lesson 2: <b>VQ2</b> Lesson 2:	<i>PT2</i>	L2
6			Lesson 3: The First Date <b>Midterm Exam</b>	L3	Oral test 1
7			Lesson 3 : The First Date Lesson 3:	<i>L3</i>	L3
8			Lesson 3: Lesson 3:	<i>PT3</i>	L3
9			Lesson 4 Making a Date Lesson 4:	L4	L4
10			Lesson 4 <b>Lesson 4</b>	L4	L4
11			NO CLASS: Remembrance Day Lesson 5: A Trip to Okinawa	<i>PT4</i>	L5
12			Lesson 5 Lesson 5	L5	L5
13			Lesson 5 <b>VQ5</b> <b>Presentation</b>	<i>L5</i>	Oral Test 2
14/15			Final exam period		

**Q** = quiz, **H** = hiragana, **Kat** = katakana, **V** = vocabulary, Arabic Numerals = Lesson No.  
**PT**= Practice Test

Please note that this schedule is subject to change and it is each student's responsibility to ensure they are aware of any changes announced in class.

## **COURSE ASSIGNMENTS**

Check the MOODLE instructions/due dates constantly.

### Workbook Exercises

Students are required to do exercises in the workbook that correspond to a lecture topic in order to confirm understanding of basic Japanese.

### Kanji

Practice each kanji section in the workbook then print off 5 kanji sheets per lesson and hand them in by the end of each lesson. Students must complete the corresponding kanji practice in the workbook at the time of each submission.

### Writing Assignment

During this course students are required to write compositions in-class or as homework in order to practice their understanding of Japanese structures.

**Note:** the self-study portion (4<sup>th</sup> hour) reflects the importance of daily effort and commitment, which are necessary in order to succeed in this course.

### Presentation

Students are required to do a presentation that will be presented orally in class. The details of this project will be announced in class.

### Oral Tests

**Two oral tests** in the conversation sessions are required to encourage and to confirm students' learning. The details will be announced in the conversation class. Note that the rules **Missed Exams** will be applied for the conversation sessions.

### Lab (Language Resource Centre)

Language labs provide the opportunity to further develop listening and pronunciation skills. Students must attend the Language Resource Centre (LRC in Arbutus 117) to complete assigned material (typically 45 min per week). The LRC will be open on a drop-in basis. Mark will be based on completion of weekly assignments.

### Conversation

During conversation classes you have the opportunity to practice speaking Japanese in small groups. Mistakes and risk-taking are a normal part of the learning process; you are therefore encouraged to participate to the best of your ability. Students will participate in a one hour conversation seminar on a weekly basis, during which oral exercises will be conducted based on lessons learned in the lecture.

### Attendance

Attendance in class is required. It is the student's responsibility to catch up on any material missed due to absence from class, including announcements, assigned reading/homework and handouts. Students are expected to adhere to class times so as not to disrupt the activity of the class.

## EVALUATION PROFILE

Final grades for the course will be computed based on the following schedule.

Quizzes (Hiragana, Katakana)	10%
Midterm examination	15%
Final Examination	28%
Conversation	11%
LRC (Listening Exams & Assignments)	11%
Presentation	10%
Assignments (Vocabulary Note, Writing, etc.)	10%
Attendance	5%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100%</b>

## GRADE PROFILE

Letter grades will be assigned according to the following guidelines:

<b>A+</b> 90 - 100%	<b>B+</b> 77 - 79%	<b>C+</b> 67 - 69%	<b>D</b> 50 - 59%
<b>A</b> 85 - 89%	<b>B</b> 73 - 76%	<b>C</b> 63 - 66%	<b>F</b> 0 - 49%
<b>A-</b> 80 - 84%	<b>B-</b> 70 - 72%	<b>C-</b> 60 - 62%	

Students should refer to the University Calendar for the effect of the above grades on grade point average.

## OPERATIONAL DETAILS

### University Policies

*Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Cheating and Plagiarism, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.*

### Attendance

Attendance in class, labs and conversation sessions are required. It is the student's responsibility to catch up on any material missed due to absence from class, including announcements, assigned reading/homework and handouts. Students are expected to adhere to class times so as not to disrupt the activity of the class.

### Missed Exams

If absent for an exam, the student will receive a grade of zero. Special arrangements can only be made in case of documented illness or severe personal crisis and **provided that the student contact the instructor on or before the due date**. In the case of illness proper medical documentation must be given. Make-up tests are given at the discretion of the instructor.

### Final Exams

There will be a final written exam during the final exam period, **December DD to December DD** (*this includes Saturday, December DD*). Students can expect to write exams at any time during this period. Individual exam times will not be rescheduled because of holidays, work, or other commitments. In addition, a final Oral/Aural Exam will also be given in the LRC and is tentatively scheduled on the first Monday of the Examination period.

### Incomplete Grades

Incomplete grades ("I") are given only when special arrangements have been agreed upon with the instructor **prior to the end of the semester**. Since "I" grades are granted only in exceptional circumstances (usually health problems), their occurrence is rare.

### Electronic Devices

No personal electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, calculators, electronic dictionaries, etc...) may be used without prior approval from the instructor.

### Cheating and Plagiarism

All forms of cheating, including plagiarism, (on examinations, quizzes, in-class work and/or assignments) will result in a mark of "0" at the instructor's discretion. A repeat of cheating/plagiarism in this course may result in an "F" letter grade for the course.

### Emergency Procedures

Students are expected to familiarize themselves with the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.