

Section: JPN F101 T01

CRN: 86434

Credits: 5

Class Meets: M/T/W/R/F 11:45 am -12:45 pm

Location: M/W/F at DUCK 354 and T/R at URARK 104

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Textbooks and Required materials:

Genki I: An Integrated Course in Japanese, 2006

Genki I: An Integrated Course in Japanese - Workbook, 2006

Genki I: Audio CD (2 CD set)

Pencils and pens in black and red

Course Description and Goals:

Japanese 101, a first half of a yearlong course, is designed to introduce the students to the basic spoken and written Japanese language. This course will enable the students to build a strong foundation for their skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing Japanese. Upon successful completion of this course, the students will be able perform simple "real life" tasks in Japanese, such as greetings, introductions, and other everyday interactions. All students are expected to learn reading and writing *Hiragana*, *Katakana*, and about 58 of frequently used *Kanji*.

There are no prerequisites for this course and students are expected to have no previous Japanese language study experiences. The activities in the class will include games, pair and group work, role-playing, and speech/dialogue presentations. This course will cover Lesson 1 to Lesson 6 of the Genki I textbook in this semester. The instructor will use Japanese for teaching whenever possible and students are encouraged to use their learned Japanese in the class.

Be prepared to study for this course! The Foreign Service Institute classifies Japanese as one of the most difficult and time consuming languages to master. Class time is only a small portion of your study time. In addition to the assigned homework (given almost daily), all students are expected to study independently using the textbook, the workbook, the accompanying language CDs, and Genki online website <http://genki.japantimes.co.jp>, etc. Thus, students are advised to allot at least two to three hours of study time everyday, and possibly more.

Free tutoring by advanced Japanese students will be available in the language lab (Gruening 609). Tutoring schedules and other details will be announced later.

Class Schedule

A detailed lesson schedule and vocabulary lists will be provided for each lesson. Please be aware that the schedules are tentative and subject to change.

Grading:

Grades will be determined by the percentage of the total points of the following five categories:

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| 1) | Attendance / Participation | 20% |
| 2) | Homework Assignments | 20% |
| 3) | Quizzes | 20% |
| 4) | Six Lesson Tests | 25% |
| 5) | Final Exam | 15% |

Grading Scale:

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| →A +: 98.0 -100 % | A: 93.0-97.9 % | A -: 90.0-92.9 % |
| →B +: 87.0-89.9 % | B: 83.0-86.9% | B -: 80.0-82.9 % |
| →C +: 77.0-79.9 % | C: 73.0-76.9 % | C -: 70.0-72.9 % |
| →D +: 67.0-69.9 % | D: 63.0-66.9 % | D -: 60.0-62.9 % |
| →F: below 60.0% | | |

Please be aware that you need to earn a C or above grade in this course in order to take the upper level Japanese course (JPN 102) next semester or in the future.

Attendance / Participation

You are expected to attend every class and participate in all activities in the classroom. Excessive tardiness will result in a failing grade. If you are more than 20 minutes late for the class, you will lose your attendance points for the day. If you miss class for any reason, it is YOUR responsibility to obtain any handouts or information about the missed class. Most homework and class notes will be available online through Blackboard <https://classes.uaf.edu/>

If you are required to participate in either (a) military or (b) UAF-sponsored activities that will cause you to miss class, you must notify your instructor as soon as possible of your absence. You must notify your instructor of all scheduled UAF-required absences for the semester (e.g., travel to athletic events) during the first week of classes.

If you are absent from 25 or more classes, you will automatically fail this course regardless of your test scores and performance in other areas.

Homework Assignments

Homework will include textbook readings, vocabulary lists, workbook assignments, homework handouts, and preparation for other special projects such as speech presentations.

(1) Make it a habit to listen to the language CD everyday. Familiarizing yourself with Japanese sounds is the best way to learn proper pronunciations.

(2) It will be assumed that you've read the assigned textbook pages prior to the class. You may have a difficulty understanding and participating in the class activities if you don't read the assigned pages.

(3) Most handouts are due at the beginning of the next class unless otherwise noted.

(4) An oral assignment/test will be given for each lesson. It may include presenting short speeches in the class, performing certain tasks in front of the instructor, or reading-aloud simple stories. Details will be announced later in the class.

(5) Vocabulary lists and workbook pages are assigned daily, but will be collected on the day of the lesson test. For workbook assignments, you are required to follow the steps given below in order to earn full credit. **Not following the directions will result in partial/no credits.**

Instruction for completing workbook pages

- a. Complete an assigned workbook page(s) daily according to the lesson schedule using **pencil or black pen.**
- b. Download workbook answers online through Blackboard (<http://classes.uaf.edu>) and correct your answers using a **red** pen. Do not erase your initial answers. If your answers are correct, indicate this clearly with **a check or "ok" in red.**
- c. Tear and staple assigned pages, and turn it in on the day of the lesson test.

** Full credit will be given to the pages completed AND properly corrected. Half credit will be given if pages were completed but not properly corrected. Partial credit (less than half) or no credit will be given if the pages were incomplete or answers are obviously copied.*

I am aware that you could just copy the answers directly from Blackboard, but doing so will not help you to learn the required materials, so you would only be cheating yourself. Keep in mind that daily quizzes are often based on the homework assignments.

(6) Late homework will be accepted until the day of the lesson test, **but only half points will be credited.**

(7) Additional and optional study materials are available online through the EReserve site (<http://eres.uaf.edu/>). ERes password: _____. Blackboard website (<http://classes.uaf.edu/>) also has some study materials to help your independent study.

Quizzes

There will be a quiz at the beginning of each class unless otherwise noted. There will be no make-ups given for quizzes and no extra time will be given to students who come in late.

Lesson Tests

There will be six lesson tests throughout the semester. No make-up tests will be given. However, if you must miss a lesson test, talk to the instructor **in advance.** Depending on the reason, it may be possible to make other arrangements.

Final Exam

The final exam will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 10:15 am -12:15 pm at DUCK 354.

Disabilities Services:

Disability Services, a program of the Center for Health and Counseling, provides services for UAF students with disabilities to ensure equal access to educational opportunities. Services are free of charge and available to any student who qualifies as a person with a disability.

To discuss eligibility and available services, call the Center for Health and Counseling at (907) 474-7043 or TTY (907) 474-7045 and schedule an appointment with the coordinator of Disability Services. Students who prefer to meet at the Downtown Center can schedule an appointment through Student Assistance in Room 210 or by calling (907) 474- 1151.

Plagiarism/Academic integrity

Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses and may result in failure on exams, papers, projects, or courses. For more information, please refer to the Student Code of Conduct section in the Academics and Regulations section of the UAF catalog.

Important Dates to Note

The last day for 100 % refund of tuition and fees is Friday, September 11.

The last day for student-initiated and faculty-initiated dropping of a course without it appearing on student academic records is Friday, September 18. This is also the last day for 50% refund of tuition (no fees refunded).

The last day for student-initiated and faculty-initiated withdrawals (W grade will appear on transcript) is Friday, Oct. 30.

Last day of instruction Monday, Dec. 14.

Final Exam Wednesday, Dec. 16. 10:15 am -12:15 pm at DUCK 354

TVC Student Assistance Center

The Student Assistance Center provides services that contribute to a successful learning experience and transition to a career. Services are available by appointment and on a walk-in basis. Staff at the center recognizes the unique concerns of adult and returning students. Services include pre-admission advising, academic assessment and placement advising, financial aid information and application, and assistance with choosing a major. Ongoing academic advising, degree planning and course selection are available.

For more information, contact Student Assistance, UAF Tanana Valley Campus Center, 604 Barnette Street, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701, telephone (907) 455-2851, or visit online at www.tvc.uaf.edu/stuassist.html.