

Japanese 21: Elementary Japanese Syllabus

Los Angeles Harbor College

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Course Title: Japanese 21 (section #3195)
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Textbook: Yookoso! An Invitation to Contemporary Japanese
by Yasu-hiko Tohsaku (3rd Edition) McGraw-Hill, 2006
Workbook: Workbook/Laboratory Manual McGraw-Hill, 2006

Course Description

This course develops the fundamentals of Japanese language proficiency in the four language skills: reading and writing (hiragana, katakana, and kanji), listening and speaking. In addition, students will gain introductory knowledge on Japanese culture, history and current lifestyles.

Student Learning Outcome (SLO): Upon completion of this course, students will be able to do the following in Japanese;

1. Reading and writing: master the Japanese script of 46 Hiragana (ひらがな) and 46 Katakana (カタカナ), learn 20 Kanji (漢字) including combinations and variations. Understand short narratives and messages within predictable and familiar contexts.
2. Listening: understand short narratives and messages within predictable and familiar contexts.
3. Speaking: interact in predictable common daily settings, using short memorized phrases and sentences in Japanese.
4. Cultural knowledge: identify the basic characteristics of modern and historical Japanese culture and daily practices through activities and lectures.

Grading

•You will earn points on the following:

Class attendance and participation	10 points x 15 times = 150 points
▲Homework	10 points x 7 times = 70 points
★Pop-up Hiragana/Katakana/Kanji test	20 points x 5 times = 100 points
★Chapter test	50 points x 5 times = 250 points
●Oral test	30 points x 3 times = 90 points
★Final project	40 points x 1 time = 40 points
★★Mid-term exam	150 points x 1 time = 150 points
★★Final exam	150 points x 1 time = 150 points

Total			1000 points
900 points and above	A		
800-899	B		
700-799	C		
600-699	D	below 599	F

Your Work

1. In-class Quizzes & Attendance

Attendance in class is mandatory and students leaving early or coming late will not receive full points for attendance.

In-class pop-up quizzes will be from the topic(s) that we discussed during class time. It is your responsibility to cover the materials that you missed. No make-up quizzes will be given.

2. Chapter Test and Examination

A total of 5 Chapter tests and a Mid-term and a Final exam are given. No make-up test or exams will be given.

3. Homework Assignments

A total of 7 homework assignments will be assigned. Homework will be primarily taken from the textbook and workbook. The contents of the homework assignments will be announced during class. Late submissions will be allowed within 2 weeks, and up to 2 times.

4. Oral test

A total of 3 oral tests are given besides the final project.

5. Final project

You can choose your topic from the following. You need to get an approval by November 24th:

- Japanese song presentation (transcribe and memorize one chorus of the lyrics)
- Japanese comic strip presentation (create comic strips which include at least 10 meaningful sentences in Japanese along with graphics)
- Japanese children book presentations (choose a story and memorize at least 10 sentences)
- Skit presentation (choose your partner and present. The contents should not be the same as the oral test materials)
- Students are also required to give evaluations on others' performances.

Instructional Methodologies

1. Lecture/discussion
2. Group activities including cooperative learning tasks, pair and small group work
3. Individual and group and /or presentation and skits
4. Picture cards of action, skit, situation, and letters cards of Hiragana
5. Video movies or audio materials

Additional Information

1. Plagiarism is not acceptable. Any form of plagiarism will not be tolerated. You will be removed from the class and assigned a grade of an "F."
2. Any disruptive behavior, such as talking, eating, or drinking in class, listening to music, using cell phone including texting are not acceptable.
3. Read Student Handbook and Planner regarding LAHC General College Policies and Instructional & Student Service.
4. It is your responsibility to drop the class officially. Do not assume that the instructor will drop you automatically.
 - Last day to drop without receiving a "W" is September 24, 2009
 - Last day to drop with a "W" is November 19, 2009
5. No pets, no friends are allowed in the classroom.
6. If you do not take the final exam, you will receive an "F."
7. To receive a passing grade of C, you need to have an average of at least 70%.

Emergency Policy and Scale

Please take note of the safety features in and around the classroom. Also study the posted evacuation routines. The most direct route of egress may not be the safest. Similarly, running out of the building during the earthquakes may be dangerous. During a strong earthquake the recommended response is to duck-cover-hold until the shaking stops. Follow the guidance of your instructor. Your cooperation during emergencies can minimize the possibility of injury to yourself and others.

Tentative Course Schedule

Please note: I reserve the right to modify this as student needs dictate.

Week 1	9/1 Introduction: course overview, syllabus distribution, introduction The Japanese writing system: p.14, 26,42,56, 70	
Week 2	9/8 Getting Started Part 1: Meeting Others and Introducing Yourself pp.2-7 Everyday Greetings p. 7, Classroom expressions pp. 10-12 ●Oral Test 1 Group#1 (until Oct 6) Number 1-10/ Name cards Hiragana: あ、い、う、え、お、か、き、く、け、こ ▲HW 1 due workbook pp.5-10	
Week 3	9/15 Getting Started Part 2: Numbers up to 20 ●Oral Test 1 Group #2 Telephone number p.20 Asking what time it is p.20 Hiragana: さ、し、す、せ、そ、た、ち、つ、て、と ▲HW 2 due workbook pp.28-31/pp.88-90	
Week 4	9/22 Getting Started Part 2: Asking what something is pp.24-25 ●Oral Test 1 Group #3 Hiragana な、に、ぬ、ね、の、は、ひ、ふ、へ、ほ ★ Chapter test 1: Getting started Part 1/2	
Week 5	9/29 Getting Started Part 3: Talking about daily activities pp.33-38 ● Oral Test 1 Group #4 ▲ HW 3 due Hiragana: ま、み、む、め、も、や、ゆ、よ ★Pop-up quiz 1	
Week 6	10/6 Getting Started Part 3: Talking about likes and dislikes pp.39-42 ● Oral Test 1 Group #5 Hiragana :ら、り、る、れ、ろ、わ、を ★Chapter test 2: Getting started Part 2/3	
Week 7	10/13 Part 4: Talking about activities and events in the past ▲HW 4 due pp.42-45 Katakana (#1): The Japanese writing system (4) ★ Pop-up quiz 2	
Week 8	10/20 Part 5: Asking location pp.61-69 ★★Mid term exam ●Oral test 2	
Week 9	10/27 Chapter 1: Classmates Vocabulary and grammar 1A: pp.81-89 Grammar (1) Identification: the copula です ★Chapter test 3: Getting started Part 4/5 (2) Possessive particle の	
Week 10	11/3 Chapter 1: Vocabulary and grammar 1B: personal information ▲ HW 5 due pp.90-100 ★Pop-up quiz 3	
Week 11	11/10 Chapter 1: Grammar (3): Personal pronouns and demonstratives ▲HW 6 due pp.101-105 Vocabulary and grammar 1C: pp.101-105 ★ Pop-up quiz 4 Kanji 漢字 (#1)	
Week 12	11/17 Chapter 1: Grammar (4) Asking questions: pp. 108-113 ●Oral test 3 Language skills p.114 ★Chapter test 4: Chapter 1 Kanji 漢字 (#2)	
Week 13	11/24 Chapter 1: Grammar (5) Vocabulary for an interaction: pp. 120-12 ▲ HW 7 due ★ Pop-up quiz 5 ★ Final Project Approval Due Kanji 漢字 (#3)	
Week 14	12/1 ★Final Project Presentation ★Chapter test 5: Getting Started-Chapter 1	
Week 15	12/8 Review for Final Exam	
Week 16	12/15 ---- ★★Final Exam----	
Please note: The class schedule may be modified verbally.		