

## California State University, Sacramento

### Japanese 1A: Elementary Japanese

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M: 11:00 - 11:50 am (EUR102 or MRP 2000-Lab)  
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Computer Labs: Teaching Lab (MRP 2000)  
Practice Lab (MRP 2002)
- Required Text/Material:**
1. Textbook: Eri Banno, *An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Genki. Vol. 1* (The Japan Times, 2002).  
Lesson 1 - 6
  2. Workbook: Eri Banno, *An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Genki. Vol. 1* (The Japan Times, 2002).  
Lesson 1 - 6
  3. Genki CD: Available at Practice Lab (MRP 2002) Bring a blank CD and request for a copy
  4. Japanese 1A on SacCT (<http://online.csus.edu/>)
- Recommended Material:**
- *A Dictionary of Basic Japanese Grammar* by Makino, Seiichi, and Michio Tsutsui (Tokyo: The Japan Times, 1992)
  - *Basic Kanji Book Vol. 1* by Kano, etc. (Bonjinsha co, 1992)

### Course Description

This course is the first semester of the first-year Japanese. The goal of this course is to develop further proficiency in the four language skills – listening, speaking, reading, and writing, and necessary cultural knowledge. Prerequisite: none. 5 units. Fall semester.

**Course Objectives (Student Learning Outcomes in Japanese)**

Students will be able to:

- Greet people in various settings
- Introduce themselves
- Ask people their names and what they do
- Buy things at a store
- Order food at a restaurant
- Ask and answer how much things cost
- Talk about their daily life and vacations
- Invite people, and accept or decline the invitation
- Ask and describe what things are
- Describe past events and habitual actions
- Ask and give permissions
- Talk about rules and regulations
- Give reason for doing/not doing something
- Count small items, date/time, age, people, money, books, cups, & page
- Recognize, read, and write hiragana ひらがな (46), katakana カタカナ (46), and kanji 漢字 (58) characters (a total of 145 kanji in JAPN 1A & 1B).
- Scan for the general meaning in authentic or semi-authentic materials (e.g. signs, directions, schedules, letters, and short essays)
- Produce simple text and documents (e.g. diary, letter, and short essays.)

Note: The comprehensive lists of grammar, function, and kanji are attached at the end of the syllabus.

**Method of Instruction**

This course is conducted in Japanese as much as possible. The method of instruction includes reading semi-authentic/authentic materials, showing visual media, lecturing/presenting, demonstrating, and conducting class and small group discussions. In Japanese 1A, Lesson 1 to Lesson 6 will be taught, and approximately two weeks will be spent on each lesson.

**Online Component**

The information, grades and materials related to this course will be posted on SacCT (<http://online.csus.edu/>). It is expected that you will log onto SacCT on a daily basis including Fridays, and work on online assignments. It is your responsibility to print out the daily schedule and homework, and study and review these materials.

## Evaluation

### **Grade Distribution**

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Percentage %</b>
Attendance	5%
Model Conversations	10%
Quizzes & Exercises	25%
Homework Assignments	20%
Test 1 / Test 2	10% / 10%
Test 3	15%
Project (Oral Skit)	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### **1. Attendance (5%)**

Your active participation in class is essential to improve your language skills, and thus you are expected to attend every class. Being late three times or leaving the class early three times counts as one absence. "Being late" means that a student comes to class after the instructor has started class. When you must leave the class early or you know you will be late for class, let the instructor know in advance.

If your absence is an excused one, you must submit **written proof** that explains why your absence was genuinely necessary. Some examples of legitimate excuses are: serious illness that requires doctor's visit, court order, religious holiday, family emergency, and job interviews. It will not count against your grade. When you have attended all classes without any late and leave early marks, you will be given "kaikin sho" (perfect attendance award), and an extra 2% will be added to your final score. If you miss more than two weeks of classes (8 sessions), you will not pass the course.

#### **2. Model Conversation Performance (10%)**

You will be asked to memorize short conversations and perform them in class at the beginning or end of the class. Your performance is graded as follows. There are three dialogues in each lesson (3 dialogues x 5 lessons = 15 dialogue performance).

The grading criteria is as follows:

2 points – excellent fluency, pronunciation and intonation with socio-cultural appropriateness

1 point – clearly prepared and fair performance, but weak in minor areas

0 point – present, but evidently unprepared, absent, or no performance

Note: One lowest Model Conversation Score will be omitted at the end of semester.

### **3. Quizzes & Exercises (25%)**

In each lesson, you will be given vocabulary, Kanji, and review quizzes through online and paper-and-pencil formats. The in-class quizzes will be given at the beginning of the class, and no extra time will be given for those who came late for class. It is your responsibility to complete the online exercises during the assigned period. If you miss a quiz, your score will be zero. There will be no make-up quizzes. In case of an excused absence, the missed quiz will not be included in the average. Three lowest quiz scores will be omitted at the end of the semester.

### **4. Homework Assignments (20%)**

Homework assignments will be mostly from Genki Workbook, but there will be other assignments such as internet searches. Make sure to check homework due dates in a lesson schedule on SacCT. Homework will be collected at the beginning of the class. The homework that was completed during the class or late/incomplete homework will not receive credit unless you had an excused absence. (Present written proof to the instructor to have an absence excused.) If you need help completing the assignments, work with the instructor and tutors.

### **5. Exams (35% total)**

There will be three examinations:

- Test 1: Lessons 1 & 2 (10%)
- Test 2: Lessons 3 & 4 (10%)
- Test 3: Lessons 5 & 6 (15%)

Each exam consists of the following sections: listening, grammar, writing, reading, oral performance, and conducting research on Japanese culture online. There is no make-up exam unless you have special circumstances.

### **6. Skit Presentation (5%)**

At the end of this semester, you will create a skit presentation (2-3 minutes) with your partner, utilizing what has been taught in this course. The use of drawings, photos, handouts, or other visuals is encouraged. More detailed information will follow.

### ***Extra Credit Opportunities***

Extra credit will be given if you choose to do the following:

- Attending tutoring sessions (See "Tutorial Sessions Sheet")
- Journal on daily life (Consult with the instructor)
- Others (attending cultural events, etc.)

**Grading Criteria**

Scaled Score	Letter Equivalent
93.0 – 100%	A
89.0 – 92.9%	A-
86.0 – 88.9%	B+
83.0 – 85.9%	B
79.0 – 82.9%	B-
76.0 – 78.9%	C+
73.0 – 75.9%	C
69.0 – 72.9%	C-
66.0 – 68.9%	D+
60.0 – 65.9%	D
0 - 59.9%	F

Note: To progress to JAPN 1B, a grade of C- or better needs to be earned.

**Grading Policy**

Read Grading Policy: (<http://www.csus.edu/umannual/acad/UMG05150.htm>)

**Incompletes:** These are discouraged and will not be issued except in cases where a student has made previous arrangements with the professor. An incomplete grade means a portion of the requirements usually completed during one term remains to be completed and evaluated. Must be completed within a year or it is counted as an F.

**Unauthorized withdrawal** indicates that a student did not officially withdraw from a course but failed to complete it. An unauthorized withdrawal is charged as a failing grade in GPA calculation.

**University Policies****Academic Honesty**

The principles of truth and honesty are recognized as fundamental to a community of scholars and teachers. California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) expects that both faculty and students will honor these principles, and in so doing, will protect the integrity of academic work and student grades. Please read [Academic Honesty and Procedures](http://www.csus.edu/umannual/AcademicHonestyPolicyandProcedures.htm) (<http://www.csus.edu/umannual/AcademicHonestyPolicyandProcedures.htm>)

**Reasonable Accommodation Policy**

If you have a disability and require accommodations, you need to provide disability documentation to Services for Students with Disabilities (SSWD). For more information please visit the SSWD website (<http://www.csus.edu/sswd/>). They are located in Lassen Hall 1008 and can be contacted by phone at (916) 278-6955 (Voice) (916) 278-7239 (TDD only) or via email at [sswd@csus.edu](mailto:sswd@csus.edu).

In addition, please discuss your accommodation needs with the instructor after class or during the office hours early in the semester.

**Add/Drop Policy**

The Add/Drop policy will be followed as detailed in the CSUS 2009-10 Class Schedule. Check Change of Schedule in Late Registration (<http://www.csus.edu/schedule/Fall2009Spring2010/change.stm>). Drops during the last three weeks of class will not be accepted for any reason.

**Useful Websites**

- Usagi-chan's Website: <http://www.csus.edu/indiv/s/sheaa/projects/genki/>
- Genki Online Self-Study Resources: <http://genki.japantimes.co.jp/self/self.en.html>
- Genki Dialogue Intonation Guide: <http://genki.japantimes.co.jp/reso/onchou.html>  
(Download "Oncho\_genki1.pdf" at the bottom of the page.)
- Online Learning Resource for CSUS Students:  
<http://www.csus.edu/indiv/m/masuyama/Courses/links.html>

**Computing and Japanese**

Set up your computer for reading and writing in Japanese. You can use multi-lingual fonts on XP and OS. For more information, go to [Usagi-chan's Website](#) (see above).

**Japanese 1A: Course Schedule (Tentative)**

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>W1</b>	8/31 Greeting	9/1 Hiragana	2 Hiragana	3 Hiragana
<b>W2</b>	7 (Labor Day) No Class	8 <b>Lesson 1</b>	9	10 Lab
<b>W3</b>	14 Lab	15	16	17 Lab
<b>W4</b>	21 <b>Lesson 2</b> Lab	22	23	24 Lab
<b>W5</b>	28 Lab	29	30	10/1 Lab
<b>W6</b>	5 Lab <b>Test 1</b> (oral/culture)	6 <b>Test 1</b> (written/listening)	7 <b>Lesson 3</b>	8 Lab
<b>W7</b>	12 Lab	13	14	15 Lab
<b>W8</b>	19 Lab	20	21 <b>Lesson 4</b>	22 Lab
<b>W9</b>	26 Lab	27	28	29 Lab
<b>W10</b>	11/2 Lab	3	4 <b>Test 2</b> (written)	5 <b>Test 2</b> (oral/culture/ listening)
<b>W11</b>	9 Lab <b>Lesson 5</b>	10	11 (Veterans' Day) No Class	12
<b>W12</b>	16 Lab	17 presentation	18 presentation	19
<b>W13</b>	23 Lab	24 <b>Lesson 6</b> presentation	25 presentation	26 (Thanksgiving) No Class
<b>W14</b>	30 Lab	12/1 presentation	2 Presentation	3
<b>W15</b>	7 Lab <b>Test 3</b> (culture/web)	8 presentation	9 presentation	10 (Last Day) presentation
<b>Finals</b>				