

The University of Western Ontario
Department of Modern Languages and Literatures
JAPANESE FOR BEGINNERS
JAPANESE 1036 [Section 003]
Course Outline
Fall/Winter 2008-2009

1. Course Time and Room Number

Section 003: Mondays & Wednesdays 4:30 - 6:30 pm **Classroom** (TH4185)

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3. Course Aims

Welcome to Japanese 1036, the Japanese for Beginners! This course is designed to develop the acquisition of basic communicative ability in the four basic language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) in Japanese. The aim is to build overall Japanese-language competence by developing well-balanced grammatical accuracy, comprehension skill and fluency. It will also introduce the two Japanese character sets, *hiragana* and *katakana*, as well as 145 Chinese characters called *kanji*, putting an emphasis on the practical use of the language. A general knowledge of Japanese culture will be covered in the context of language learning. Please note that although this course is designed for students with no/little previous knowledge of Japanese, it is intended to be intensive and progresses at a fast pace.

4. Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, students demonstrate knowledge acquisition and skills in the following areas:

1) Listening and Speaking Skills: Students are expected to manage exchanging simple conversations in real-life settings such as expressing their background, schedules, preferences, desires and experiences using learned grammar patterns as well as conveying simple questions, invitations, offers and requests. They should also know the conjugation rules of nouns, verbs and adjectives, comparative and superlative forms, and the appropriate usage of particles, basic casual and polite forms.

2) Reading and Writing Skills: Students are expected to manage comprehending authentic texts such as a personal diary, letters, questionnaires, advertisements, short folk tales and uncomplicated instructions. Using the syllabic hiragana, katakana scripts and 145 kanji characters, they should be able to write a diary or short essay about themselves, a post card and a thank you letter using learned grammar patterns as well as a short story for the provided topics with appropriate usage of short or long forms.

5. Assignments

You will be evaluated based on all the daily/weekly assignments from the workbook, the textbook and CAN8 (see below).

* CAN8

As part of the course, **lab exercises and online recording** using the CAN8 system will be a part of your required assignments throughout the course. You are expected to individually complete the weekly lab assignments which is designed to help you develop listening and speaking skills at your own pace. You are also expected to **listen to the vocabulary of each chapter and be familiar with them prior to the start of each chapter.**

You can use CAN8 in the **Multi-Media Lab UC186 or UC188** or you may buy the software (\$3 each) from **UC187**, not individually but **in groups**, and download CAN8 on your own computer. hard drive so that you can access it from home (Note: CAN8 does not support Mac). **Please note that some lab assignments can be accessed only from UC186 and UC188.**

The hours for the Multi-Media Lab (UC186) are as follows:

Mondays-Thursdays: 8:30 am -10:00 pm
Fridays: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Please note that you need to have your valid UWO e-mail account to access CAN8. When you first log into CAN8, please use the password **PCWORD**. Once you are in the system, you should change your password.

6. WebCT-OWL

Also, as part of the course, you will have access to WebCT-OWL. This program enables you to access the assignment information and workbook answer keys. Please note that you need to have your valid UWO e-mail account to access WebCT-OWL as well.

How to log onto WebCT-OWL

- 1) Go to <http://webct.uwo.ca/>
- 2) Select 'the University of Western Ontario' box
- 3) Put your user name and password
- 4) Once logged on, open "Japanese 1036 – 2008-2009 Fall-Winter 003"

Adobe Reader & Japanese Fonts

In order to view the files on OWL properly, **it is necessary to have Adobe Reader** on your computer. Also, installing **Japanese Language software** on your computer is strongly recommended. Please select 'Downloads' on the Japanese 1036 home page on WebCT-OWL for the further instruction.

7. Course Grades

Attendance/Participation -----	10%
Assignments -----	15%
Mini Quizzes -----	5%
6 Review Quizzes -----	15%
2 Oral Quizzes -----	10%
Term Test (Lesson 1 to 6) -----	15%
Final Exam (Lesson 1 to 12) -----	30%

Please note that there will be **6 Review Quizzes** during the year.

8. Textbook and Workbook

- i) *Genki I: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese*
Banno, E., Ohno, Y., Sakane, Y. & Shinagawa, C. (1999)
Tokyo, Japan: The Japan Times.
- ii) *Genki I: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese: Workbook*
Banno, E., Ohno, Y., Sakane, Y. & Shinagawa, C. (1999)
Tokyo, Japan: The Japan Times.

(The textbook and the workbook are available from the UWO bookstore - UCC Lower Level)

iii) There is a \$5 photocopying charge for this course, which will be collected at the beginning of the year. It will be non-refundable after September 12th, 2008.

9. Annual Event

There is an annual Ontario Japanese Speech Contest held at the University of Toronto, usually on the first Saturday in March. UWO can select up to two candidates for this exciting event. If you are interested, please consult your instructor by the end of the first term.

10. Student Responsibility

a) Attendance and Participation

- i. Active participation (i.e., in classroom activities, in answering instructor's questions, in volunteering to present in class) is strongly encouraged and will be considered for the final grade.
- ii. Lateness will be reflected in your final participation mark. If you arrive **after** the attendance is taken, you will be marked late. **Every three lates will be counted as one absence.**
- iii. If you miss a class due to a legitimate reason, remember to bring some documentation (i.e., doctor's note) **within one week** from the day you were absent, otherwise you will be marked as absent. Please note that it is your responsibility to inform the instructor about your absence well in advance unless it is an emergency such as an accident or sickness.
- iv. If you must leave the class early for a legitimate reason (e.g., doctor's appointment), please notify the instructor before the class starts.
- v. If you miss a class, please contact one of your classmates to find out what you missed that day. If you cannot get the information from your classmate, then contact the instructor as soon as possible. This must be done **before** the next class.

b) Quizzes

If you miss a quiz due to illness, you must write the make-up **before** the quiz is returned to the rest of the class. **It is your responsibility to contact the instructor to arrange the make-up quiz.** If you miss a quiz for no legitimate reason, you will **NOT** be allowed to sit the make-up quiz. Please note that some marks will be automatically deducted according to the reason.

c) Assignments

- i. Students are expected to listen to the dialogue and the vocabulary list in each chapter on a daily basis. **It is important for you to be familiar with the new dialogue and the vocabulary as well as the new grammatical patterns in advance of each lesson.**
- ii. Assignments are to be handed in **at the beginning of the class.**
- iii. Late submission of assignments will cause some deduction of marks and will **NOT** be accepted if they are **more than two classes late.** Any other late assignments will **NOT** be accepted unless they are accompanied by a doctor's note, or if there is a legitimate reason for the delay of submission.
- iv. **Please make sure to read more detailed information regarding assignments on OWL (formerly WebCT) before the next class.**

11. Scholastic Offences

Please note that the student should be aware of the content of the University Calendar which deals with scholastic offences. Any misconduct (cheating, plagiarism, etc.) will be dealt with immediately in accordance with actions specified in the University calendar.

Prerequisite: None.

Antirequisite: Jap 030, 033a/b, 034a/b, the former Japanese 002, 003a/b, 004a/b, 006, 036, the former International and Comparative Studies 006. Those students with Grade 12U Japanese or OAC Japanese must consult the Department before registering for this course.

Please Note: You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites (or have special permission from your Dean to waive the prerequisite) and that you have not taken an antirequisite course. If you are not eligible for the course, you may be removed from it at any time, and it will be deleted from your record. In addition, you will receive no adjustment to your fees. These decisions cannot be appealed.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is a major academic offense (see Scholastic Offense Policy in the Western Academic Calendar). Plagiarism is the inclusion of someone else's **verbatim** or **paraphrased** text in one's own written work without immediate reference. Verbatim text must be surrounded by quotation marks or indented if it is longer than four lines. A reference must follow right after borrowed material (usually the author's name and page number). Without immediate reference to borrowed material, a list of sources at the end of a written assignment does not protect a writer against the possible charge of plagiarism. The University of Western Ontario uses a plagiarism-checking site called Turnitin.com.

Absenteeism: Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments must apply to the Academic Counseling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department.

UWO's Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness (<https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm>)
Downloadable Student Medical Certificate (SMC): <https://studentservices.uwo.ca> under the Medical Documentation heading

*** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your instructor!**

*** I hope your Japanese learning experience will be rewarding and enjoyable!**

1036 <Section 003> Tentative Schedule: Fall 2008

Sep 8 M		Introduction / Greetings Hiragana I – Reading	Oct 27 M	MQ L4-V	Lesson 4: Pr – I, II
10 W	MQ Hiragana- Reading	Hiragana I – Writing Hiragana II – Reading	29 W	MQ L4-K	Lesson 4: Pr – III, IV, V
15 M	MQ Hiragana- Writing I	Hiragana II – Writing Lesson 1: Pr – I (1)	Nov 3 M	MQ L4-Gr	Lesson 4: Pr – VI, VII Lesson 5: Kanji
17 W	MQ Hiragana- Writing II	Lesson 1: Pr – I (2), II	5 W	MQ L5-V	Lesson 5: Pr – I, II
22 M	MQ L1-V	Lesson 1: Pr – III, IV, V	10 M	MQ L5-K	Lesson 5: Pr – III, IV, V
24 W		Lesson 1: Pr – VI, VII Katakana – Reading	12 W		Lesson 4 & 5 Review Quiz Lesson 6: Kanji
29 M	MQ Katakana- Reading	Katakana I & II – Writing Katakana – Rules	17 M	MQ L6-V	Lesson 6: Pr – I
Oct 1 W		Lesson 1 Review Quiz Lesson 2: Pr – I	19 W	MQ L6-K	Lesson 6: Pr – II, III
6 M	MQ Katakana- Writing	Lesson 2: Pr – II, III	24 M	MQ L6-Gr	Review
8 W	MQ L2-V&Gr	Lesson 2: Pr – IV, V Lesson 3: Kanji	26 W		Term Test (L1 – L6)
13 M		No Class	Dec 1 M		Lesson 6: Pr – IV, V, VI
15 W	MQ L3-V	Lesson 3: Pr – I, II	3 W		Oral Quiz 1
20 M	MQ L3-K	Lesson 3: Pr – III, IV, V			
22 W		Lesson 2 & 3 Review Quiz Lesson 4: Kanji			

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Jan 5 M		Lesson 7: Kanji Lesson 7: Pr – I	Mar 2 M	MQ L10-K	Lesson 10: Pr – III, IV, V
7 W	MQ L7-V	Lesson 7: Pr – II, III	4 W	MQ L10-Gr	Lesson 10: Pr – VI, VII
12 M	MQ L7-K	Lesson 7: Pr – IV, V	9 M	MQ L11-V	Lesson 11: Kanji Lesson 11: Pr – I
14 W	MQ L7-Gr	Lesson 7: Pr – VI, VII Lesson 8: Kanji	11 W	MQ L11-K	Lesson 11: Pr – II, III
19 M	MQ L8-V	Lesson 8: Pr – I, II	16 M		Oral Quiz 2
21 W		Lesson 8: Pr – III, IV, V	18 W		Oral Quiz 2
26 M	MQ L8-K	Lesson 8: Pr – VI, VII, VIII	23 M	MQ L11-Gr	Lesson 11: Pr - IV, V
28 W	MQ L8-Gr	Lesson 8: Pr – IX Lesson 9: Kanji	25 W	MQ L12-V	Lesson 12: Kanji Lesson 12: Pr – I
Feb 2 M		Lesson 7 & 8 Review Quiz	30 M	MQ L12-K	Lesson 12: Pr – II, III
4 W	MQ L9-V	Lesson 9: Pr – I, II	Apr 1 W	MQ L12-Gr	Lesson 12: Pr – IV, V
9 M	MQ L9-K	Lesson 9: Pr – III, IV	6 M		Lesson 10 & 11 Review Quiz Lesson 12: Pr – VI, VII
11 W	MQ L9-Gr	Lesson 9: Pr – V, VI	8 W		Review
Feb 16 ~ 20		Reading Week	TBA		Final Exam
23 M		Lesson 9 Review Quiz Lesson 10: Kanji			
25 W	MQ L10-V	Lesson 10: Pr – I, II			

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