

Western University
Japanese 1036: Japanese for Beginners
Section 001
Fall/Winter 2021-22
Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-5:30, SSC 3028

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Course Description

This course aims to 1) build the acquisition of basic Japanese-language ability by developing the grammatical accuracy, comprehension, and communicative ability in the four basic language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) in Japanese and 2) encourage awareness and enhance general knowledge of Japanese culture raised both in and outside the context of language learning.

Antirequisite(s)

Grade 12U Japanese

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Exchange simple conversations in real-life situations (expressing their background, schedule, preferences, appearance, personality, hearsay, etc.) using basic grammar patterns.
2. Convey simple questions, invitations, offers, requests, and the responses respectively.
3. Comprehend authentic texts (a personal diary, postcards and letters, questionnaires, advertisements, and uncomplicated instructions, etc.).
4. Write a diary, a short essay about themselves, a postcard/letter, and a short story from the provided topics with appropriate usage of the syllabic hiragana, katakana, and kanji.
5. Appropriate usage of the basic casual and polite forms, use of particles, conjugation rules of nouns, verbs, and adjectives in the tense (present/past) and the aspect (affirmative/negative).
6. Carry out communication with cultural appropriateness by taking into account the factors such as the proper time, place, and occasions.

Textbook

Nakama 1: Japanese Communication Culture Context, 3rd Edition.

⇒ <https://bookstore.uwo.ca/product/cebcodeid35828>

Evaluation

Vocabulary Quiz

There will be seven vocabulary quizzes in this class. These quizzes will account for 14% of the final grade in total. Each quiz will be administered during the first 10 minutes of class. Unless appropriate documentation is provided, missing quizzes will be graded as a zero.

Chapter Exam

There will be eight lesson exams in this class. These exams will account for 40% of the final grade in total. Each exam will be based on the materials covered in the course. The exact format of each exam will be discussed in class. Unless appropriate documentation is provided, missing exams will be graded as a zero.

Conversation

There will be four conversation tasks in this class. These exams will account for 16% of the final grade in total. These exams will provide students opportunities to use Japanese as a conversational tool. The exact format of each exam will be discussed in class. Unless appropriate documentation is provided, missing exams will be graded as a zero.

Final Exam

There will be one final exam, and students are expected to be familiar with all the materials covered in the course. The final exam is worth 30% of the final grade and will be held during the April Exam Period (TBD). The exact format of the final exam will be discussed later in the term.

Overall Evaluation Breakdown	
Quiz (2 x 7)	14
Conversation (4 x 4)	16
Chapter Exam (5 x 8)	40
Final Exam (30 x 1)	30
Total	100

How to Contact Me

I will be available to respond to questions regarding the course during office hours. I also check my e-mail regularly and will do my best to reply within 48 hours.

How to get important information

Sakai OWL (<http://owl.uwo.ca>) will be used to post course information, content, reminders, and important instructions regarding deadlines, expectations, requirements, etc. It is expected that students check OWL regularly to ensure to keep up to date on new and revised course content.

Tentative Course Schedule

Introduction	9-Sep-21				
Chapter 1	14-Sep-21	16-Sep-21	21-Sep-21 Quiz	23-Sep-21	28-Sep-21 Exam
Chapter 2	30-Sep-21	5-Oct-21	7-Oct-21 Quiz	12-Oct-21	14-Oct-21 Exam
Chapter 3	19-Oct-21	21-Oct-21	26-Oct-21 Quiz	28-Oct-21	9-Nov-21 Exam
Conversation	11-Nov-21				
Chapter 3.5	16-Nov-21	18-Nov-21	23-Nov-21 Exam		
Chapter 4	25-Nov-21	30-Nov-21	2-Dec-21 Quiz	7-Dec-21	4-Jan-22 Exam
Conversation	6-Jan-22				
Chapter 5	11-Jan-22	13-Jan-22	18-Jan-22 Quiz	20-Jan-22	25-Jan-22 Exam
Conversation	27-Jan-22				
Chapter 6	1-Feb-22	3-Feb-22	8-Feb-22 Quiz	10-Feb-22	15-Feb-22 Exam
Chapter 7	1-Mar-22	6-Mar-22	8-Mar-22 Quiz	13-Mar-22	15-Mar-22 Exam
Conversation	20-Mar-22				
Final Exam Review	22-Mar-22				
Mock Exam	29-Mar-22				
Final Exam	TBA				