

San José State University

College of Humanities and the Arts/Department of World Languages & Literatures

JPN1A, Elementary Japanese, Section 3, Spring 2018

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Class Days/Time:	MWF from 10:30 am to 11:40 am
Classroom:	BBC 120
Prerequisites:	No prior study of Japanese
GE/SJSU Studies Category:	GE Letters C2

MYSJSU Messaging

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on [Canvas Learning Management System course login website](http://sjsu.instructure.com) at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>. You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through [MySJSU](http://my.sjsu.edu) at <http://my.sjsu.edu> (or other communication system as indicated by the instructor) to learn of any updates.

Course Description

This course is Elementary Japanese that covers the contents of *Genki I* textbook lessons 1-5. The course aims to develop four Japanese language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) in three modes of communication (interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational). The course will provide you with the basic skills and knowledge to engage with Japanese social and cultural communities.

GE Learning Outcomes (GELO)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

GELO 1: recognize how significant works illuminate enduring human concerns.

Throughout the course, students are introduced to noteworthy cultural creations that have contributed to Japanese culture, and trained to analyze the cultural aspects and diversity through readings, presentations and in-class assignments.

GELO2: respond to such works by writing both research-based critical analyses and personal responses.

Students will analyze the cultural differences between Japan and the US in terms of the accomplishments of and issues related to diverse cultures, and write 3 compositions (140-200 words each) in Japanese. This assignment will be based on reading Japanese passages in the textbook *Genki*, and also incorporating critical and/or reference materials derived from library and online research. Writing assignments are assessed in grammar, style, and content, as well as comprehensiveness in the use of research techniques and materials. The students are expected to demonstrate ability to find resources either online or in a library.

GELO3: write clearly and effectively.

Students write extensively throughout the course through homework assignments, in-class work, and written exams totaling the equivalent of more than 1000 words. In addition, students write 3 compositions totaling the equivalent of 500 words after reading passages on Japanese self-introduction, daily routines and postcards. They are guided through the revision process by the instructor and their peers. Final product will be assessed in terms of vocabulary variety, structural variety, accuracy, organization, fulfillment of the topic, and socio-cultural appropriateness.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

CLO1. Understand and use Japanese language at a novice level of proficiency as defined by the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines for speaking and listening.

http://www.actfl.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/public/ACTFLProficiencyGuidelines2012_FINAL.pdf

CLO2. Read short passages and write short compositions using hiragana, katakana and 43 kanji characters.

CLO3. Obtain solid knowledge of Japanese grammar, the usages and culture for accuracy and appropriateness.

Required Textbook and Workbooks

GENKI I with a CD (from Lesson 1 to Lesson 5), by Eri Bando et al., The Japan Times, 2011 (ISBN: 4-7890-1440-3).

GENKI Workbook I The Japan Times (ISBN: 4-7890-1441-0).

Handy Katakana Workbook, by Y.M. Shimazu, Pearson Custom.

Course Requirements and Assignments

Percentage	LOs assessed
Homework: 25% [Workbook (5): 20% & Kana workbook (2): 5%]	CLO1, 2, 3 GELO 1, 2 and 3
Kanji quizzes (L3, L4, L5): 10%	CLO2
Lesson quizzes (L1, L2, L4): 15%	CLO2
Oral quizzes (2): 10%	CLO1, 2, 3,
GE Writing assignments (3): 15%	CLO2, 3, GELO 1, 2 and 3
Midterm exam (L1-L3): 10%	CLO2, 3, GELO 3
Final exam (L1-L5): 15%	CLO2, 3, GELO 3

Final Examination

5/21 (M) 9:45-12:00 BBC 120

Writing and listening test based on the textbook, workbook, and classroom activities.

Grading Information and Determination of Grades

100 - 97 A+	96 - 93 A	92 - 90 A-
89 - 88 B+	87 - 83 B	82 - 80 B-
79 - 77 C+	76 - 73 C	72 - 70 C-
69 - 67 D+	66 - 63 D	62 - 60 D-
59 - 0 F		

The final grade will be determined by the accumulation of the grade of all the assignments, quizzes and exams outlined under “Course Requirements and Assignments.”

No retaking of any assignments, quizzes or exams is allowed under any circumstances. No individual extra credit work is given to make up for the grade.

- **Homework:** 20% will be deducted per class day for late submission of the homework assignments. No credit will be given one week after the due date.
- **Kanji Quizzes:** No make-up or rescheduled quizzes will be given under any circumstances. The lowest mark among your Kanji quizzes will not be counted toward your final grade.
- **Lesson Quizzes and Oral Quizzes:** A make-up lesson/oral quiz may be given **only if** you inform the instructor of your absence **before** the quiz begins.
- **Mid-term Exam and Final Exam:** A make-up exam may be given **only if** you inform the instructor of your absence **before** the exam begins. Students are required to submit a legitimate document for a make-up mid-term or final exam.

Classroom Protocol

- Water is acceptable; however, no other beverages or foods are allowed during class.
- Keep your cell phone silent in your backpack.
- Taking hand-written notes are strongly encouraged. Cell phones are not allowed to view class materials and to take notes during class unless given explicit permission.
- Please respect your classmates' efforts.
- Work collaboratively with your classmates.
- Attend class regularly and punctually.

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>”

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The schedule is subject to change with fair notice through Canvas.

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	1/24 (W)	Orientation
1	1/26 (F)	L 1
2	1/29 (M)	L 1
2	1/31 (W)	L 1
2	2/1 (F)	L 1
3	2/5 (M)	L 1
3	2/7 (W)	L 1 Homework due (<i>Hiragana Worksheets #2-3, 5-6, 8-9, 11-12, 14-15, 17-18, 20-21</i>)
3	2/9 (F)	L 1
4	2/12 (M)	L 1 / L 2 Homework due (<i>Genki Workbook pp.11-19 & 117-123</i>)
4	2/14 (W)	L 2
4	2/16 (F)	L 2
5	2/19 (M)	L 2 Lesson Quiz 1 (Lesson 1)
5	2/21 (W)	L 2
5	2/23 (F)	L 2 Homework due (<i>Katakana WS #2-3, 5-6, 8-9, 11-12, 14-15, 17-18, 20, 26</i>)
6	2/26 (M)	L 2 Homework due (<i>Genki Workbook pp.20-26 & 124-128</i>)
6	2/28 (W)	L 2 / L 3
6	3/2 (F)	GE Composition 1
7	3/5 (M)	L 3 Lesson Quiz 2 (Lesson 2)
7	3/7 (W)	L 3
7	3/9 (F)	L 3
8	3/12 (M)	L 3 Oral Quiz 1 script due
8	3/14 (W)	L 3 Kanji Quiz 1 (Lesson 3)
8	3/16 (F)	L 3 Homework due (<i>Genki Workbook pp.27-35 & 129-130</i>)
9	3/19 (M)	Oral quiz 1 / Review (L1-L3)
9	3/21 (W)	L 3
9	3/23 (F)	Midterm Exam (L1-L3)

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
10	4/2 (M)	L 4
10	4/4 (W)	L 4
10	4/6 (F)	GE Composition 2
11	4/9 (M)	L 4
11	4/11 (W)	L 4
11	4/13 (F)	Personal holiday
12	4/16 (M)	L 4 Kanji Quiz 2 (Lesson 4)
12	4/18 (W)	L 4 Homework due (<i>Genki Workbook</i> pp.36-44 & 131-132)
12	4/20 (F)	L 4 / L 5
13	4/23 (M)	L 5
13	4/25 (W)	L 5 Lesson Quiz 3 (Lesson 4)
13	4/27 (F)	L 5
14	4/30 (M)	L 5 Kanji Quiz 3 (Lesson 5)
14	5/2 (W)	L 5 Oral Quiz 2 script due
14	5/4 (F)	L 5 Homework due (<i>Genki Workbook</i> pp.45-53 & 133-134)
15	5/7 (M)	L 5
15	5/9 (W)	Oral quiz 2 / Review (L1-L5)
15	5/11 (F)	Oral quiz 2 / Review (L1-L5)
16	5/14 (M)	GE Composition 3
Final Exam	5/21 (M)	Final Exam (L1-L5): 9:45 am-12:00 pm BBC 120