Japanese I Syllabus

Course Overview



This two-semester beginning language course provides students with an opportunity to explore the basics of the language of study. Students will build a foundation of fundamental vocabulary and essential language structure. Students will gain the confidence to master basic conversational skills, including greetings and introductions, simple questions and answers, shopping and much more.

Course Prerequisites

None

Course Length

1 Semester (part B is another semester)

Required Text

None

Course Learning Outcomes

Unit 1: Language Basics

Lesson	Core Concepts	Grammar and Usage
Basic Sentences	People and common activities Third-person pronouns and plurals Definite and indefinite articles Singular, plural and gendered nouns Subject-verb agreement	Forming plurals Greetings and farewells
Everyday Items	Common foods Animals Everyday items Direct objects Negation Direct mixed-gendered "they" Question word: "what" Yes/no questions	Present progressive Negation
Colors and Sizes	Adjectives Colors and sizes Professions First-and second-person pronouns Nouns	Personal pronouns Adjectives
Clothing and Quantities	Numbers 1-6 Many household object and clothing words Question words: "who" and "how many"	Direct objects Quantity comparisons
Milestone	Each unit concludes with a Milestone, an interactive capstone activity that lets the learner practice key skills learned and apply new language knowledge in real-life situations.	

Unit 2: Greetings and Introductions

Lesson	Core Concepts	Grammar and Usage
Family Relationships	Family relationships Possessive pronouns Numbers 7-12	Compound subjects Family relationships

	People's ages Question words	
Around the House	Household words Rooms in the house Common appliances Prepositions Family relationships	Nouns Articles Prepositions Syllables
Making Acquaintances	Talk about self Identifying your country of origin Names of several cities and countries Words for city landmarks Greetings Question words	Personal pronouns Titles and addresses
Clothing	Colors Articles of clothing Adjectives to describe self Greetings Personal physical states	Descriptive Predicate adjectives
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ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTIONS

- **Rosetta Stone Activities** - These activities will be completed through the Rosetta Stone app or website. These activities include the following:
    - **Core Lesson** - The Core Lesson is the main activity that teaches language. The lesson includes a variety of exercises designed to introduce students to the new language content. Students will also practice speaking phrases presented throughout the lesson. These lessons build on each other and should be completed in order.
    - **Pronunciation** - Pronunciation activities break down new words presented in the core lesson to help students learn correct pronunciation. These activities help students feel at ease producing the sounds of the language, through lots of modeling by native speakers and plenty of prompted practice. The student's pronunciation is evaluated using Rosetta Stone's speech-recognition technology.

    - **Vocabulary** - Vocabulary activities focus student's study on new words they have learned in the corresponding Core Lesson through pictures and written or verbal cues.
    - **Grammar** - Grammar activities help students focus on the grammatical structures of the new language. These activities reinforce grammatical concepts using the words and phrases presented in the Core Lesson. Grammatical concepts may include article agreement, verb conjugations, sentence structure, and number/gender agreement.
    - **Writing** - Writing activities provide students with the opportunity to practice writing words or phrases learned in the Core Lesson. Students use Contextual Formations to write new language in response to conversational prompts. These activities include a keyboard for student use which includes any special characters needed for the language.
    - **Listening** - Listening activities reinforce the connection between spoken language and its meaning.
    - **Speaking** - Speaking activities use Rosetta Stone's speech-recognition technology to help students practice speaking the language. Students gain confidence expressing themselves through guided speech production, conversation practice in real-life scenarios, and feedback through speech-recognition technology.
    - **Review** - Review activities bring back key material from a lesson to help assess student learning.
    - **Milestone** - Milestone activities are presented at the end of each unit and are intended to give students the opportunity to use language acquired throughout the unit in a real-life conversational situation. Images place students in a story where they will watch events unfold from their point of view and be prompted to speak with the other characters.
- **Culture Projects** – When learning a new language, it is important to learn about the culture of those who speak that language. Cultural knowledge helps students learn a language on a deeper level by giving insight into cultural norms, social systems, values and customs. For each unit, students will complete a culture project related to the topics presented in the Rosetta Stone unit. Students are

given several topics to choose from for their project. Students research the topic and then choose a presentation option to demonstrate their learning.

- **Conversational Practice** – For each unit, students will need to schedule a time to meet with their course instructor to complete an conversational practice. The conversational practice is intended to give students an opportunity to use new language in a conversation with their instructor. In addition, this gives the instructor the opportunity to provide real-time corrections and give reinforcement to the student. Students will use the vocabulary and grammar learned in each unit in this conversation.
- **Current Events** – Students will complete one current events assignment per semester. Students will read through various news sources for current events related to countries that primarily speak the language being studied. Students will choose three different articles and provide a summary and personal reflection for each.

Personalization of the Course

This course provides many opportunities for students to explore and practice language learning. The course is designed to enable personalization if needed. Students will need to discuss personalization options with their instructor.

Grading Policy

High scores will be taken for each activity in the course. Students are expected to complete each assignment at Mastery level (80%) or higher.

Grades will be calculated by adding together the scores in each category and dividing by the total possible points for that category, then multiplying by the weight of the category.

Category Weights

- Rosetta Stone Activities = 60%
- Culture Projects = 25%

- Conversational Practice = 10%
- Current Events = 5%

Grade Scale:

Percentage	Letter Grade	GPA
95 - 100	A	4.0
90 - 94.9	A-	3.7
87 - 89.9	B+	3.3
83 - 86.9	B	3.0
80 - 82.9	B-	2.7

Course Navigation

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Technical Requirements

Prerequisite Skills

Before you begin, you should be able to:

- Complete basic operations with a word processing software.
- Complete basic operations with presentation software.
- Perform online research using various search engines.
- Communicate through email.

Contact Technical Support

1. Check the **technical support web page** to see if your issue is listed.

2. If your technical issue is not addressed on the technical support page then fill out a **support ticket**.