

2021 Summer Session First Steps in Japanese

Objective This course is designed for students who has no knowledge of Japanese language. It aims at developing survival-level of oral communication skills in Japanese. The emphasis is put on mastery of basic grammar and expressions of Japanese and effective oral communication skills. By the end of this course, students should be able to communicate in simple everyday situations. Because this is a short and intensive course, we do not practice reading and writing of Japanese (Hiragana, Katakana, and Kanji) in class. In the textbook, Japanese phrases are written in alphabets.

This course is not for these students:

- students who have a little or some knowledge of Japanese and want to improve their skills
- students who want to learn reading and writing of Japanese (Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji)

Textbook: Sun Academy NIHONGO Center., *Nihongo Daijobu! Book 1: Elementary Japanese through Practical Tasks* きょうから話せる! にほんご だいじょうぶ Book1
(required) The Japan Times (ISBN-10: 4789015890, ISBN-13: 978-4789015899)

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Grading:	Attendance & Class performance	20%	A: 90 – 100
	Homework (recording of your voice)	20%	B: 80 – 89
	Online quizzes	10%	C: 70 – 79
	Unit tests	30%	D: 60 – 69
	Final oral test	20%	F: 0 – 59
	Total	100 %	

Class Time: June 14 (Mon) – July 1 (Thu), 2021
19:10 - 20:50 (Japan Time) Synchronous via Zoom

- 1) Students are expected to attend the class synchronously (19:10 – 20:50, Japan Time) every day and actively participate in class activities. This is an intensive course, so attendance is very important. Language learning is a cumulative process and your success depends on how much you study each day. Missing even one class will affect your subsequent study, especially in the intensive course.
- 2) Be punctual and do not leave in the middle of the class without legitimate reasons. This will distract your instructor and classmates.
- 3) There will be no make-ups for any quiz without legitimate reasons. The lowest one score will be dropped at the end of the course.

- 4) Students must take all unit tests and final oral test as scheduled. There will be no make-ups unless your instructor is informed of a legitimate reason.
- 5) Homework will be given every day. Listen to audio files and practice speaking as many times as you want. Then, record your speaking voice and submit the audio file. You must submit each assignment before the class on the due date in order to receive a full credit.
- 6) No eating during the class including chewing gum and candy because you need to speak. Drinks are OK.

Course Schedule (subject to change)

	Date	Class Activity (19:10 - 20:50, Japan Time)	Homework/ Quiz
Week1	6/14 (Mon)	Unit 1 (Nice to meet you.)	HW/Quiz1
	6/15 (Tue)	Unit 1 (Nice to meet you.)	HW/Quiz 2
	6/16 (Wed)	Unit 2 (What is this?)	HW/Quiz 3
	6/17 (Thu)	Unit 2 (What is this?)	HW/Quiz 4
	6/18 (Fri)	Unit 3 (What time is it?)	HW/Quiz 5
Week2	6/21 (Mon)	Unit 3 (What time is it?)	HW/Quiz 6
	6/22 (Tue)	Unit 4 (Shopping strategies)	HW/Quiz 7
	6/23 (Wed)	Unit 4 (Shopping strategies)	HW/Quiz 8
	6/24 (Thu)	Unit 5 (I am going to Okinawa)	HW/Quiz 9
	6/25 (Fri)	Unit 5 (I am going to Okinawa)	HW/Quiz 10
Week3	6/28 (Mon)	Unit 6 (telephone strategy)	HW/Quiz 11
	6/29 (Tue)	Unit 6 (telephone strategy)	HW/Quiz 12
	6/30 (Wed)	Unit 7 (Thank you for the meal)	HW/Quiz 13
	7/1 (Thu)	Final Oral Test	