First-Year Japanese II (Second Quarter)
University of California, Santa Barbara

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
To develop communicative skills based on the fundamentals of grammar, vocabulary and conversational expressions. Students will acquire 1) speaking and listening proficiency to carry out simple everyday conversation, 2) reading skills to understand short, simple written materials and 3) writing skills to be able to write short letters, messages and memos using appropriate Hiragana and Katakana scripts and about 115 Chinese characters (43 from J1 & 72 from J2).

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CLASS MEETINGS (MONDAY - FRIDAY):
1. 8:00 - 8:50 [BREAK : 10 MIN.] at EMBAR 1108
2. 9:00 - 9:50 [BREAK : 10 MIN.] at EMBAR 1108
3. 10:00 - 11:00 [BREAK : 20 MIN.] at EMBAR 1108
4. 11:20 - 12:20 at EMBAR 1108

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK and WORKBOOK (available at the UCSB bookstore):
げんき Genki I: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese
げんき Genki I: Workbook

AUDIO MATERIAL:
Audio CDs to accompany Genki are available at:
1. Language Lab, Kerr Hall #2160 (CDs have been uploaded onto the computers)

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:
• Attending class everyday and actively participating in classroom activities
• Reading grammar explanations in advance
• Memorizing and orally practicing vocabulary
• Reviewing what you have learned
• Coming to class well-prepared (as this is an intensive, course, this is absolutely essential).

GRADING:
1. Daily class attendance 13%
2. Homework 23%
3. Quizzes 20%
4. Mid-Term Exam 10%
5. Oral Performance 5%
6. Oral Interview 5%
7. Final Exam 24%

Total 100%
Policies:

1. Attendance
   • Your first 4 absences (i.e. 4 missed classes) will not be counted against your grade regardless of reason.
   • Absence from 10 or more classes will automatically reduce the highest possible final grade to C-.
   • Absence from 20 or more classes result in a grade of F.
   • 3 late arrivals to class or leaving early count as one absence.
   • When you have to be absent from class, please let your teacher know by E-mail or phone (in advance).
   • If you miss a class meeting, please pick up handouts before the next class. You will find them in the box marked "1st year Japanese" by the door of HSSB#2233 (TA Office).

2. Homework Submission
   • Leave homework on the instructor's desk in the classroom at the beginning of class.
   • Homework will not be accepted after the first session.
   • No late submission of homework will be accepted. If you are absent, please ask your classmate to turn it in for you, or send scanned homework to your instructor through e-mail.
   • Please write the homework # and your name on top of each page of each homework assignment.
   • Your first three missed homework assignments will not be counted against your grade.

3. Quizzes
   • No make-up quizzes will be given.
   • Your lowest quiz score will be disregarded.

4. Oral Examinations (Performance and Interview)
   • No make-up will be given.
   • Oral examinations will be given on the day designated on the schedule.

5. Written Examinations (Mid-term Exam & Final Exam)
   • No make-up will be given.
   • The final examination must be taken on the scheduled date and time in the regular classroom. July 31 (Friday), 9:00AM-12:00PM in EMBAR 1108

6. Grading
   • This course can be taken for a letter grade only. Auditing is not allowed.
   • You must receive a C or above in Japanese 2 in order to continue into Japanese 3.

Japanese Classroom Decorum and Etiquette:

1. The otōban will begin and end class according to the cultural mores practiced in the Japanese classroom:

   Beginning: きりつ、きをつけ、れい。おはようございます。ちゃくせき。
   今日は ～月～日、～曜日です。みなさん、がんばりましょう。

   End: きりつ、きをつけ、れい、じゃあ また あした。¹

2. When you come in late, please apologize to the teacher:
   「おくれて、すみません。」("I'm sorry to be late.")

3. When you must excuse yourself from class, ask for permission:
   「(Verb-て-form +もいいですか。)"May I do such and such?")
   i.e. おてあらいに行ってもいいですか。"May I go to the restroom?"

4. Turn off your cell phone during class. Refrain from eating food, chewing gum, or drinking during class.

5. Please humbly acknowledge yourself when you exit the presence of a teacher:
   「しつれいします。」("I will commit the rudeness (of leaving the classroom).

¹ When the next class meeting falls on a day other than the next, please substitute accordingly. i.e. じゃあ、また月曜日.
TEACHING METHODOLOGY AND OTHER DISCLAIMERS:

As class time is limited and invaluable to everyone, it is the instructor’s responsibility to keep the class moving as quickly and efficiently as possible. If a student is not prepared to answer the instructor’s question in a timely manner, the instructor will not necessarily wait for the student to respond.

During oral practice in class or in the instructor’s office, the instructor will continually correct a student’s errors in pronunciation and grammar usage. This is to encourage proficient acquisition of pronunciation and grammar at the formative stages of language learning.

Making errors should not be a chagrining experience. The classroom should be an environment conducive to friendly dialogue and language practice. In other words, be respectful to your classmates.

Plagiarism: Students found plagiarizing and/or cheating will be reported to the Judicial Affairs Office for investigation. Collusion, or claiming another person’s work as your own is considered a form of plagiarism. Students who are unclear about what constitutes plagiarism should consult me.

USEFUL WEB SITES AND INFORMATION:

1. Japanese language program web site
e-Japanese  (http://www.eastasian.ucsb.edu/projects/ejapanese)

Currently, the following is information is available on the web site.
- Information on Japanese language courses
- Audio material for Japanese language courses
- Vocabulary and kanji practice
- Link to the web site of the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies

2. Japanese on the web

Genki-Online : For verb/adjective conjugation practice & vocabulary exercises
- http://genki.japantimes.co.jp
- http://genki.japantimes.co.jp/self/movlist.html  (Genki Video)
- http://www.kanjirenshuu.org

Japanese newspapers in English
- http://www.asahi.com/
- http://mdn.mainichi.co.jp/
- http://www.yomiuri.co.jp/

Reading tools
- http://language.tiu.ac.jp/  (Reading Tutor)
- http://www.rikai.com/  (RIKAI)

3. Computer
The computers in most Mac labs throughout the campus (i.e. the language lab in Kerr Hall) should support Japanese. These rooms are available for use when not reserved for classes.

4. Recommended books for reference