

# Japanese I Course Syllabus

## JAPN 121.1420 -- Summer 2012

### Instructor:

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### Class Meeting Times & Location:

Days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.  
Location: D274B

### Course Description & Objectives:

This course introduces the four basic skills of Japanese -- speaking, listening, reading, and writing. The goals of this course are to build a solid foundation in Japanese grammar and to develop practical and effective communication skills as presented in Chapter 1-4 of the *Genki 1* textbook.

At the end of this class you will be able to:

- Read and write all 91 hiragana and katakana characters plus their additional sounds
- Greet others and introduce yourself appropriately
- Describe your daily routine and habits
- Talk about past events
- Describe the location of objects
- Conduct basic shopping and order at restaurants
- Make invitations and respond to invitations

### Required Materials:

- Kodansha's Hiragana Workbook -- bring 6/25-7/3
- Kodansha's Katakana Workbook -- bring 7/9-7/25
- Genki I: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese (1<sup>st</sup> Edition) -- bring daily
- Genki I Workbook (1<sup>st</sup> Edition)

### Grading Scale:

94 – 100% = A	87 – 89% = B+	77 – 79% = C+	67 – 69% = D+	59% or below = F
90 – 93% = A-	83 – 86% = B	73 – 76% = C	60 – 66% = D	
	80 – 82% = B-	70 – 72% = C-		

### Grading:

Class Participation	20%
Workbook Assignments	15%
Writing Assignments	5%
Quizzes	10%
Chapter Tests	20%
Oral Interview	10%
Final Exam	20%

## **Course Requirements:**

### Class Participation

Class attendance is mandatory and absolutely essential to your success in learning Japanese. Full participation credit (10 points per class hour) will be given to those who are present for the entire class period, prepared for class, and fully participating in all class activities. If you miss a class, follow the schedule and use the materials on the course website to keep up.

### Workbook Assignments

Workbook assignments are listed in the schedule. For the Genki Workbook, please tear out and submit your workbook pages on the due date. For the Hiragana and Katakana Workbooks, you may either write your answers on your own paper or print out extra copies of the pages from the course website. Audio files for the Genki Workbook are also on the course website. Check your answers using the answer keys on the course website as follows:

- Use a colored pen and make the necessary corrections to your answers.
- If all items in the section are correct, make a large circle over the section.
- Leave sections that require instructor correction unmarked.

The homework is important practice and should display your effort and learning by showing your attempts and your corrections. (Copying from the key or from another classmate is both unethical and counterproductive to your learning. Don't copy!) I will check any free-answer sections. If you don't show evidence of trying on your own and checking your answers or you only complete the sections that are in the answer key, I may deny credit for the entire assignment. Late homework will receive a maximum of 50% credit. Late homework must be submitted by the day of the chapter test, or by 8/7 for Ch. 4.

### Writing Assignments

You will complete three writing assignments, one at the end of each chapter for Chapters 1-3. After each assignment is checked by your instructor, you will revise and resubmit them. Assignments that receive 90% or higher are not required to be revised. Your original score and score on the revision will be averaged. Detailed instructions for each assignment will be posted on the course website.

### Quizzes

There will be seven kana (character) quizzes three vocabulary quizzes. Your lowest quiz score will be dropped. There are no make-ups for quizzes.

### Chapter Tests

There will be three chapter tests, one over each chapter, Chapters 1-3. (Material from Chapter 4 will be included on the final exam.) Chapter tests focus on the grammar of that chapter, but also include both new and review vocabulary. Each chapter test will include a listening section. As a general rule, there are no make-ups for Chapter Tests. If you encounter unavoidable circumstances (illness or family emergency), email me as soon as possible to discuss arrangements for a possible make-up exam.

### Oral Interview

You will have a brief one-on-one oral interview with your instructor by appointment on Wednesday, August 8. The interview consists of three parts: (1) Self-introduction, (2) Role play 1: Ordering at a restaurant, (3) Role play 2: Shopping. Details will be announced in class.

### Final Exam

There will be a cumulative final exam at the end of the course covering Ch. 1-4.

### **Academic Conduct:**

Cheating is a serious offense, whether on homework or exams. Inappropriate or disruptive classroom behaviors are also violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue College. Refer to the Arts and Humanities Division document titled "Student Procedures and Expectations" at:

[www.bellevuecollege.edu/ArtsHum/studentinfo.asp](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/ArtsHum/studentinfo.asp).

### **Extra Help & Disability Accommodation:**

#### Office Hours

Please talk to me in class or email me to make an appointment for individual help or study suggestions. I am happy to discuss any concerns or answer any questions you may have!

#### Tutors

The Tutoring Center (D204) is available for you to get extra practice or help in Japanese. Drop-in tutoring is open to anyone taking Japanese credit courses. In addition, students receiving a C or below in this course may request individual tutoring. See: [www.bellevuecollege.edu/tutoring](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/tutoring).

#### Disability Accommodation

The Disability Resource Center serves students with a wide array of learning challenges and disabilities. If you require accommodations based on a documented disability or need special arrangements in case of emergency evacuation, please inform your instructor at the beginning of the quarter, and call (425) 564-2498 or go to the Disability Resource Center (B132) to arrange accommodations. For more information, see: [www.bellevuecollege.edu/drc](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/drc).

### **Bellevue College Email and Access to MyBC:**

All students are required to have a network and email account. To create your account, go to: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/sam>. If you have trouble with anything on the course website, call tech support at (425) 564-5555 or visit the Open Computer Lab help desk in N250. Computer access is also available at the Library Media Center.

### **Course Website on MyBC:**

You will need to access the course website regularly to complete assignments and stay up-to-date with any announcements. You can also download the PowerPoint from each lesson. You will also find helpful links, etc.