

JAPAN 121 – Course syllabus Spring Quarter 2013

Instructor: Tomoko Nakaone
E-mail: tomoko.nakaone@bellevuecollege.edu
Office: A245 B, R230L
Office Hours : By appointment

Course objectives

This course aims at acquisition of four basic skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) of Modern Japanese. By the end of the quarter, students are expected to have a good grasp of Japanese grammar and to put the grammatical knowledge into use in the everyday situations, such as:

- a) Introducing yourself,
- b) Shopping at stores,
- c) Talking about daily routines and past events, and
- d) Asking about locations of place and objects.

We will also practice reading and writing *Hiragana* and *Katakana*. Relevant Japanese socio-cultural topics will also be discussed.

Textbook and supplemental materials

Required:

- 1) *Genki* Vol. 1 (2nd edition)
- 2) *Genki* Workbook 1 (2nd edition)
- 3) Kodansha's *Hiragana* Workbook
- 4) Kodansha's *Katakana* Workbook

Study Aids:

- 1) Canvas Class Site provides **audio files, workbook answers, lecture notes, links to self-study websites, and class announcements.**
- 2) The Tutoring Center (D204) is available for you to get extra practice in Japanese: www.bellevuecollege.edu/tutoring Drop-in group tutoring is open to anyone taking credit Japanese classes. Students receiving C or below may sign up for one-on-one tutoring upon request and approval.

E-mail and My BC

- 1) Bellevue College e-mail account is required for the class.
(username@student.bellevuecollege.edu) If you do not yet have an account, go to <https://bellevuecollege.edu/sam/> and create an account - it's free.
- 2) Computer access is available at the Library Media Center, Computer Lab (N250) or the Language Lab (A244).
- 3) Sign-up for the Emergency School Closure Notification at <https://bellevuecollege.edu/alerts/LogIn.aspx>. If school is closed, check the Canvas class Sites for any comments from me.

Technology Support

If you're having trouble with any documents on the Canvas Course site, do one or more of the following:

- 1) Before you begin, make sure you have a BC student network account.
- 2) Try a different browser. Usually Internet Explorer, Firefox and Safari work.
- 3) If you need help, check <http://depts.bellevuecollege.edu/helpdesk/students/>
- 4) You could also visit the Open Computer Lab help desk in N250.
N250 Open Hours: Mon-Th 7am-9:30pm, Fri 7am-7pm, Sat and Sun 9am-6pm
- 5) Call the Tech Support for students at (425) 564-HELP (4357).
- 6) You can also send your technology questions via the Request Center.

Grade breakdown

Attendance & Class participation

FULL CREDIT will be given to those who are present at the bell until the end of class. Tardiness or leaving early may result in only **HALF CREDIT**. You must also participate in class activities in order to receive a full credit.

Quizzes and Tests

There will be three tests as noted on the schedule. Each test will cover grammar, reading, writing, and listening introduced in the previous weeks. Besides these tests, there will be small quizzes. The content of each quiz will be announced later in class.

Homework

- 1) **Reading assignment**: Read grammar notes in each chapter in the textbook before we start a new chapter.
- 2) **In class homework**: Other homework may be assigned in class. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to e-mail me and check Canvas class site for any missed assignments and announcements.
- 3) **Workbook**:
 - Turn in the **SELF-CORRECTED**, completed workbook on each assigned day. To correct your work, refer to the “Genki Workbook Answers” and “Hiragana/Katakana Workbook Answers” posted on the Canvas course site.
 - Use a **DIFFERENT COLOR PEN** to check your answers and write “**Self-corrected**” at the top of the first page. **DO NOT ERASE** your original answers, as they will be valuable study aides for tests.
 - You will receive **FULL CREDIT** for thoroughly checked work. Unfinished pages and pages with any mistakes which are not self-corrected will result in **PARTIAL CREDIT**. You are not penalized for the number of mistakes in workbook pages.
 - Homework turned in up to two days after the due date will only receive **HALF CREDIT**. Homework turned in more than two days after the due date will receive **NO CREDIT**.
 - You may tear out each sheet in Genki workbook and Hiragana / Katakana workbook, but please use a paper clip or staple them together when you turn in. If you prefer to keep your Workbook intact, feel free to write out your answers on a separate piece of paper.

Oral Interview

Each student will be interviewed individually in Japanese by the instructor towards the end of the quarter. The details will be announced later.

Final Exam

Final exam is a comprehensive exam. Everything covered in the class this quarter will be included. It consists of listening, grammar, vocabulary, reading, and katakana components.

Grading system

Attendance & Class participation	20 %
Homework	15 %
Tests	20 %
Quizzes	15 %
Oral Interview	10 %
Final Exam	20 %

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

Class policy

- 1) There are **NO-MAKE UPS for Quizzes**. The lowest quiz score will be automatically dropped in order to accommodate any unexpected circumstances. As a general rule, there are **no make-ups for tests, oral test, and exams**. If you encounter unavoidable circumstances (school events, accidents and illness, family emergency), **email me on or before the day of the exam**. You must make up all missed work within a week. If you have any concerns, don't hesitate to discuss them with me.
- 2) **NO USE OF ELECTRIC DEVICES (e.g. cell phones, lap tops, ipods, etc.)** is allowed during class time. Ask permission to your instructor if you need to use them.

Academic conduct

Please read the Arts & Humanities Division Policy. You can locate this on the BCC Arts and Humanities web site at: <http://www.bcc.ctc.edu/ArtsHum/studentinfo.asp>

Affirmation of Inclusion

Bellevue College is committed to maintaining an environment in which every member of the campus community feels welcome to participate in the life of the college, free from harassment and discrimination. We value our different backgrounds at Bellevue College, and students, faculty, staff members, and administrators are to treat one another with dignity and respect. <http://bellevuecollege.edu/about/college/inclusion/>

Information on DRC

The Disability Resource Center serves students with a wide array of learning challenges and disabilities. If you are a student who has a disability or learning challenge for which you have documentation or have seen someone for treatment and if you feel you may need accommodations in order to be successful in college, please contact us as soon as possible.

If you are a person who requires assistance in case of an emergency situation, such as a fire, earthquake, etc, please meet with your individual instructors to develop a safety plan within the first week of the quarter.

The DRC office is located in B 132 or you can call our reception desk at (425) 564-2498. Deaf students can reach us by video phone at (425) 440-2025 or by TTY at (425) 564-4110. Please visit our website for application information into our program and other helpful links at www.bellevuecollege.edu/drc

Miscellaneous Information

1) **Sakura Club**

A club for BC students interested in Japanese culture. The club's mission is to introduce Japanese culture to the BC community by promoting Japan-related activities for all to enjoy. Promotes interaction between international students from Japan and non-Japanese students for mutual understanding. If you are interested in joining the Sakura club, visit Facebook under "SakuraClub Bellevue" (no space between "Sakura" and "Club") and request to be a "friend." Meeting times: TBD

2) **Genki Society**

If you are into "anime," this club may be for you. Inquire at the Student Programs office in L100 to see whom to contact to join.

3) **Aki Matsuri (あきまつ 秋祭り = Japanese Fall Festival)**

This is an annual event where you get to know Japanese people in the community and can experience Japanese culture. Popular programs include Japanese fine arts & crafts exhibits and demonstrations, booths of Japan-related businesses & organizations, Japanese martial art demonstrations, on-stage performing arts, Nomi-no-ichi (Japanese-style flea market), Guest artists from Japan, and Yatai (Japanese food booths).

Thanks for those who have volunteered at Annual Aki Matsuri in the past years. An Aki Matsuri T-shirt is awarded to anyone completing a minimum of 4 hours of

volunteering. If you're interested in helping out at next year's Aki Matsuri, contact the Aki Matsuri Volunteer Coordinator, or send an e-mail to akimatsuri.volunteer@gmail.com (Volunteers do not need to know any Japanese language)

For more information, visit the Eastside Nihon Matsuri Association website:
<http://enma.org/>