

Japanese I Course Syllabus

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Class Hours and Location

Days: Daily (M-F)

Time: 1:30~2:20 pm

Location: A243

Course Objectives

This course aims at the acquisition of the four basic skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) of modern Japanese. By the end of the course, students are expected to have a good grasp of the material presented in Lessons 1-4 of *Genki Vol. 1*, which includes the following:

- 1) Greetings and Introductions
- 2) Expressing time, telephone numbers, age, prices
- 3) Discussing daily, future and past activities & events
- 4) Describing where things are located
- 5) Reading and writing *Hiragana* and *Katakana*

Texts and Supplemental Materials

Required: 1) *An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese, Genki (2nd Ed.), Volume 1* (Lessons 1-4)
2) *Genki Workbook I*
3) Kodansha's *Hiragana Workbook*
4) Kodansha's *Katakana Workbook* ***Textbooks and Workbooks are on reserve in the Library**

Other Study Aids:

- 1) **MyBC Course Sites** (www.mybcc.net) provide **audio files, answer keys, lecture notes** and **links to self-study sites**. Computer access is available at the Library Media Center, Computer Lab (N250) or the Language Lab (A244).
- 2) **Free tutors** are available at the **Academic Success Center (D204)** for extra practice in Japanese. Go to: www.bellevuecollege.edu/asc/tutoring for details.

It is important that you check your MyBC Course Sites and BC email account regularly for announcements from me. If class is canceled due to weather, I will inform you through MyBC and/or email and tell you the assignments for that day. There may be other important information and schedule changes sent to you.

Sign-up for the Emergency School Closure Notification at: <https://bellevuecollege.edu/alerts>. If class is cancelled for any reason, be sure to check the MyBC Course Sites for additional assignments.

Course Requirements

Performance (Attendance & Participation)

Class attendance is mandatory, and will count toward your daily performance grade. Tardiness or leaving early will result in half-credit. If you miss a class, you are responsible for obtaining missed information and material. Active participation is expected at all times, including taking notes, asking questions (very much encouraged!), and listening attentively. If you miss class, please email me, and be sure to check your MyBC Course Sites for handouts, lecture notes, and announcements.

Bring your **Textbook, Workbook, Hiragana/Katakana Workbook**, and any **printed task sheets** (when needed) to class everyday. Don't be afraid to make mistakes or worry that your question may be a "dumb" one. Also, if you have any suggestions to improve the class, I'm all ears!

Please turn off and put away cell phones. No texting, laptops, ipods, etc. allowed in class.

Homework

The "Daily Schedule" lists the homework assignments and when they are due. The rightmost columns list what pages are due from the Hiragana Workbook (HWB), Katakana Workbook (KWB), and the Genki Workbook (WB). Turn in all assignments at the beginning of class. **BEFORE you turn in your homework, be sure to CHECK YOUR WORK and make corrections, using a different color pen.** Answer keys are provided on the MyBC Course Sites. **Do not erase your original answers**, as they will be valuable study aids for exams. (Don't just copy the answers down—think about your answers and ask me if you don't understand your mistake. Your answer may not be wrong!) You will receive full credit as long as you thoroughly check your work (i.e., I will not deduct points for your mistakes, no matter how numerous they may be). You will receive half-credit or less for unchecked, incomplete or late work. The last page of each lesson in the WB is extra credit (optional).

Note:

- 1) Additional homework may be assigned throughout the quarter. These will be announced in class as well as posted in the “Announcements” on our MyBC Course Site. Online exercises may be completed using a home computer or in the Language Lab (A244). Please refer to the “How to use the Language Lab” posted on our MyBC Course Site for hours and procedures. See the Genki website for additional practice and study tools for each lesson, at http://genki.japantimes.co.jp/self_en.
- 2) The **Listening Comprehension** exercises require access to the audio files posted on the MyBC Course Site (if you have the older edition). Be sure to try accessing these files during the first week of class.
- 3) Don't wait until the last minute to do your homework. Turn in each assignment **the following class day**, or as soon as you complete one sheet (front & back). Each sheet in your Genki Workbook is perforated, so as soon as you finish both sides, **check your work**, tear-out and turn it in. If you prefer to keep your Workbook intact, feel free to write out your answers on a separate sheet of paper (especially for the HWB & KWB, as these are not perforated).

In addition to doing the homework assignments, you should do **4-5 hours of outside study a week**, reviewing what was covered in class, studying vocabulary and practicing Kana writing. Meeting with a study partner/class-mate is highly encouraged. (Ask me a cheap and efficient way to study vocabulary!)

Exams

Lesson Tests are given at the end of each lesson. Each Lesson Test is cumulative, covering all material from the beginning of the quarter up to and including the lesson just covered. In addition, there will be multiple **Quizzes**, covering grammar, kana writing, and vocabulary (one lowest quiz score will be dropped). There are also two **Oral Exams**: a self-introduction mid-quarter, and an interview at the end. Check the Daily Schedule for relevant dates. Other quizzes may be announced in class.

As a general rule, there are **no make-ups** for exams. If you encounter unavoidable circumstances (such as 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 – the earlier, the better.

Grading

The grade breakdown is as follows:

A: 94-100%	B+: 87-89.9%	C+: 77-79.9%	D+: 67-69.9%
A-: 90-93.9%	B: 83-86.9%	C: 73-76.9%	D: 60-66.9%
	B-: 80-82.9%	C-: 70-72.9%	F: 59% & below

The Final Course Grade will be calculated based on the following scale:

Attendance/Participation	20%	Tests	25%
Homework	15%	Oral Presentation	10%
Quizzes	15%	Final Exam	15%

Bellevue College E-mail and access to MyBC

All students registered for the class must have a network and e-mail account. Your student network account can be used to access your student e-mail, log in to computers in labs and classrooms, connect to the BC wireless network and log in to MyBC. If you need help, send your questions to <https://bellevuecollege.edu/STSC/>. You can also call the Tech Support for students at (425) 564-5555, or send technology questions via the Request Center on MyBC.

Academic Conduct

Cheating is a serious offense, whether on homework or exams. Inappropriate/disruptive classroom behaviors are also violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue College. Refer to the Arts and Humanities Division Policy at: www.bellevuecollege.edu/ArtsHum/studentinfo.asp.

Disability Resource Center (DRC)

If you require accommodations based on a documented disability, have medical information to share, 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 in person to the DRC (Disability Resource Center) reception area in the Student Services Building (B132) to inquire about becoming a DRC student. You can also visit: www.bellevuecollege.edu/drc.

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