

Japanese I Course Syllabus

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Class Hours and Location

Days: **Monday – Friday**

Time: **9:30-10:20 am**

Location: **D274B**

Course Objectives

This course aims at the acquisition of the four basic skills (listening, speaking, reading, 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, Volume 1* (Lessons 1-4)
2) *Genki Workbook I*
3) Kodansha's *Katakana Workbook*

Optional: Kodansha's *Hiragana Workbook* (but you must have access to one – on reserve at the Library)

Other Study Aids:

- 1) MyBC Class Sites provide **audio files, workbook answers, lecture notes, and links to self-study websites**. Computer access is available at the Library Media Center, Computer Lab (N250) or the Language Lab (A244).
- 2) The Tutoring Center (D204) is available for you to get extra practice in Japanese: www.bellevuecollege.edu/tutoring

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 Sites and/or email and tell you the assignments for that day. There may be other important information and schedule changes sent to you.

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 Class Sites for handouts, lecture notes, and announcements.

Bring your **Textbook, Workbook, Hiragana/Katakana Workbook**, and any **printed task sheets** (when needed) to class everyday. Asking questions is highly encouraged. 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!

Turn off cell phones. No texting, laptops, ipods, etc. allowed while in class.

Note: Sign-up for the Emergency School Closure Notification at: <https://bellevuecollege.edu/alerts/LogIn.aspx>. If school is closed, check the MyBC Class Sites for any comments from me.

Homework

The "Daily Schedule" lists the homework assignments and when they are due. The rightmost column lists what pages are assigned from the Hiragana Workbook (HWB), Katakana Workbook (KWB), and the Genki Workbook (WB). Those pages with an asterisk (*) are optional, but those in **BOLD** print are mandatory. You may start them on the day they appear, and turn them in as early as the following day, or anytime until the day of the test for that lesson (**June 10** for L.4). **Before you turn in your homework, be sure to CHECK YOUR WORK and make all necessary corrections, using a different color pen.** Answer keys are provided on the MyBC Class Sites. **Do not erase your original answer**, as they will be valuable study aids for exams. You will receive FULL CREDIT as long as you have thoroughly checked your work (i.e., I will not deduct points for your mistakes, no matter how numerous they may be). You will receive half-credit for unchecked work.

Note: 1) the **Listening Comprehension** exercises require access to the audio files posted on the MyBC Class Sites. Be sure to try accessing these files during the first week of class. 2) Don't wait until the last minute to do your homework. I recommend that you turn in each assignment **the following day**, or as soon as you complete that "sheet." Each sheet in your Genki Workbook is perforated, so tear out each sheet as you finish, check your work, and turn it in to me. If you prefer to keep your Workbook intact, feel free to write out your answers on a separate sheet. For the Hiragana and Katakana Workbooks, write out each **Exercise** that is due (written in **BOLD** on the Daily Schedule) on a separate sheet of paper and turn it in. The last day to turn in the Kana Exercises is the day of the test (**April 26** for Hiragana, and **June 3** for Katakana), but again I highly encourage you to turn them in one page at a time, as you finish and check them.

In addition to doing the homework assignments, students 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/classmate is encouraged.

Exams

Tests are given at the end of Lessons 1-3. The test for L.4 will be part of the Final Exam. In addition, there will be at least eight quizzes: Hiragana and Katakana quizzes, number and verb quizzes, and four vocabulary quizzes. Check the Daily Schedule for the 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 (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.

Oral Presentation

Each student will give a short Oral Presentation at the end of the term. More on this when the time comes.

Final Examination

The final exam for this class is on **Friday, June 17, from 9:30 ~ 10:20 a.m.** It is **cumulative**, covering Ls. 1-4.

Grading

The grade breakdown is as follows:

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

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

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

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. To create your account, go to: <https://bellevuecollege.edu/sam>.

Find current campus locations for all student labs by visiting: <http://ac.bcc.ctc.edu/LabsInfo/ComputerLabs.aspx>

Academic Conduct

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.