

2023-2024 FALL SEMESTER COURSE OUTLINE

JSL JAPANESE FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

Compulsory for all students

1001 JSL 1 (Introductory Japanese)

This is an one semester course for those students who have no prior experience studying Japanese. Students will learn fundamental Japanese required for everyday life. The focus will be listening and speaking; however, the course will also aim to introduce fundamental reading and writing skills.

1002 JSL 2 (Beginner Japanese)

With this course, students will learn fundamental grammar structures and will be encouraged to speak actively in a variety of everyday situations. Once students have mastered reading and writing Hiragana and Katakana characters, they will be introduced to basic Kanji to help them take interest in everyday language around them. Students will also deepen their understanding of Japanese culture and customs through using their Japanese in various situations.

2023-2024 Fall Calendar

Orientation Aug. 23 ~ 25, 2023

Classes Aug. 28 ~ Dec. 15, 2023

(Tentative)

*Elective classes start from Sep. 11, 2023

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1003 JSL 3 (Elementary Japanese)

This course is intended for students who have already learned some basic grammar (masu, te, ta, dictionary, negative and plain forms), and gives students a good balance of the four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing in order to communicate accurately in Japanese in everyday life.

1004 JSL 4 (Intermediate Japanese)

This course is suitable for N2 level students. Students will learn intermediate grammar and build up solid grammar skills. Students will also be able to extend their speaking, listening, reading and writing abilities holistically through contact with media such as newspapers and videos.

1005 JSL 5 (Advanced Japanese)

This course is suitable for students who have passed level N1 of the Japanese language proficiency test or are of a similar level. Students will aim to acquire proficiency of advanced, natural Japanese through not just text books but also practical application such as compositions and oral presentations.

Contact Hours: Total 160 hrs
10.5 hrs per week

JSC

Japanese Studies Course

Elective classes

1034 Japanese Business Cultures and Practices

J. Kirihara

This is a practical business course for those who are interested in the structure of the Japanese kaisha and want to acquire effective strategies for cross-cultural communication in the Japanese business organizations. Through various examples of cultural facts and encounters, students will be able to discover why Japanese think and behave the way they do in business settings.

- Students may take part in "Shopping Week" from Sep. 11 ~ 15.
- Here they can take the first 1 or 2 lessons of any elective class they are interested in.
- Students must submit their final selection by 16:00 on Sep. 15 (Fri) via Google Forms.

1035 The Power of Japanese Pop Culture

Y. Kanemura

This course focuses on learning how Japanese Pop Culture became a cultural icon in both Japan and Asia, and how it is currently expanding its territory to the global sphere. We will deal with how Japanese Pop Culture and their related industries have created new social movements and influenced Japanese civil society by analyzing various themes and contents.

1041 Labor, Gender and Society in Japan

A. Takahashi

This course aims to discuss topics such as the supply of labor and population aging, women in the labor market, human capital, the wage structure and gender wage gap, labor market discrimination, relative poverty, and gender and leadership in Japan.

1042 Japanese Economic System

Y. Karavasilev

This course aims to provide students not only with a multifaceted understanding of the historical and institutional background of the Japanese economy, but also with a strong analytical foundation in the core issues facing the economy. This class not only explains how Japanese people work, negotiate, make decisions and entertain clients, but also offer appropriate advice on how to work with the Japanese.

1043 SDGs of the United Nations and the Actions of Japan

L. Pham

This course provides the students with global perspective on SDGS. For each SDG, this course will introduce the basics, review the development status of Japan's relevant work, elaborate on case studies of Japan or other countries and regions, and discuss the potential challenges.

1044 Japanese Views of Asia, Asian Views of Japan

T. Weber

The objective of this course is to study how 'Asia' has been imagined and constructed by Japanese and how 'Japan' has been imagined and constructed in different parts of Asia between the late 19th century and today.

****This course will be conducted ONLINE***

Contact Hours: Total 45.5 hrs

2 classes per week / 105 minutes each

- Students may take part in "Shopping Week" from Sep. 11 ~ 15.
- Here they can take the first 1 or 2 lessons of any elective class they are interested in.
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JSP

Japanese for Specific Purpose

Elective classes

1011 Osaka Dialect *intermediate - advanced*

R. Masuda

This class is designed for students to come to understand conversations spoken in Osaka dialect and to converse on a basic level in Osaka dialect. Correct intonation and accent is essential, so importance will be placed on practicing the pronunciation rather than vocabulary or grammar.

1012 Reading Comprehension and Writing Skills

M. Yuki

lower-intermediate to intermediate

This reading comprehension and writing class enables students to write on a variety of topics in Japanese and comprehend texts containing intermediate level Kanji. Instruction will also be given on the correct usage and writing of Kanji.

1050 Japanese Communication Skills

C. Sanford

lower-intermediate to intermediate

Students will participate in various roleplays and activities, and learn practical Japanese they can use in their everyday life. This class aims to have students gain conversational ability where they can communicate in correct and natural Japanese.

Contact Hours: Total 22.75 hrs

1 classes per week / 105 minutes each

- Students may take part in "Shopping Week" from Sep. 11 ~ 15.
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