



CIEE Kyoto, Japan

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| Course name: | Japanese Language – Communicative |
| Course number: | JAPN 0001 KYJA |
| Programs offering course: | Kyoto: Ancient and Modern Japan |
| Language of instruction: | Japanese/English |
| US Semester Credits: | 1 |
| Contact Hours: | 15 |
| Term: | Summer 2020 |

Course Description

This course is function-oriented and task-based. A range of concrete topics, such as introducing oneself, ordering food, taking public transportation, making acquaintances, negotiating price, making appointments, and asking for directions, etc. will be introduced. Through the course, learners will develop their ability to carry out basic conversations in Japanese on a series of seven topics for daily life. This course focuses on the development of students' speaking and listening skills. In addition, students will gain practical insights into Japanese culture and customs that are necessary for communication in Japanese.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Comprehend fundamental grammar principles through proper conjugation methods
- Acquire a working knowledge of the writing system, including *hiragana* and *katakana*.
- Have a simple conversation about basic topics

Course Prerequisites

None

Methods of Instruction

This course will incorporate in-class lecture, class assignments, and visual aids.

Assessment and Final Grade

1. Class Participation 20%
2. Daily Assignments / homework 20%
3. Quizzes 20%
4. Presentation 20%
5. Final Exam (oral) 20%



Course Requirements

Class Participation

You are expected to follow CIEE's attendance and participation policies as outlined in the CIEE Academic Manual for students.

Daily Assignments / Homework

Students will be expected to complete daily assigned homework and tasks that will allow them to review and practice key concepts learned that day. Students' understanding of the concepts will be quizzed the following day. Each submission is evaluated on a 5-point scale.

Quizzes

Students will take quizzes that cover material learned from their previous homework assignment. Quizzes will test students on skills including grammar, kanji, reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

Presentation (group or individual depending on numbers of students)

Students will present for no more than 15 minutes on a topic that they choose, subject to the instructor's approval. Students will be assessed on their demonstration of Japanese language skills learned during the course, with a focus on listening and speaking.

Final Exam (oral)

As this course focuses communication and interaction, students will take an oral final exam to assess their listening, speaking, and conversational skills based on topics covered throughout the course.

Weekly Schedule

***Submit your information sheet before Day 1.1 (Full name, home country/home state/home city, major, and hobbies)**

Week 1

Day 1.1:

Introduction

- Introduction to the course
- Introduction to sound and writing system in Japanese
- Listen: Marugoto Ch1 L1
- Greetings 1: おはようございます。こんにちは。こんばんは。
Ohayou gozaimasu. Konnichiwa. Konbanwa.
はじめまして。～です。よろしくおねがいします。
Hajimemashite. ~Desu. Yoroshiku onegaishimasu.
ありがとうございます。いいえ。じゃあ、また。
Arigatou gozaimasu. Iie. Jyaa, mata.
- Video: What's Japan? - Bowling (2mins)
- Culture: First name or last name? Bowling? Shaking hands?
- Classroom instructions



- Listen: Marugoto Ch2 L1 L2 L3
- Japanese alphabets and its history
- Hiragana a – so
- Reading: Marugoto p. 22 - 23, 26 – 27
- Homework: Marugoto course book p.27, Hiragana Quizlet (Due Day 2.1)

Week 2

Day 2.1:

Mastering your self-introduction

- Quiz: Review of previous day (Listening)
- Review: Self-introduction
- Greetings 2: すみません。おねがいします。しつれいします。
Sumimasen. Onegaishimasu. Shitsureishimasu.
- Listen: Marugoto Ch1 L1
- Asking Yes/No questions
- More of self-introduction: ～からきました。～ができます。
～ kara kimashita. ～ ga dekimasu.
- Listen: Marugoto Ch3 L2
- Questions words: What and Where
- School year: Numbers 1 – 4
- Check the list of your name, home country/hometown, major, and hobbies in Japanese
- Asking for Japanese words and English equivalents
- Hiragana ta – ho
- Voiced/voiceless pairs
- Reading: Marugoto p. 32 - 33
- Homework: Marugoto course book p. 38, 40 - 41, Hiragana Quizlet (Due Day 2.2)

Day 2.2:

Getting to know people

- Quiz: Review of previous day (Listening)
Review: Self-introduction
- Dialogue Practice
- Likes and dislikes
- Listen: Marugoto Ch5 L1
- Japanese Verbs
- Listen: Marugoto Ch5 L2 L3
- Hiragana ma-n
- Hiragana Long vowels
- Reading: Marugoto p. 42 - 45
- Homework: Marugoto course book p. 54, 56 - 57, Hiragana Quizlet (Due Day 2.3)

Day 2.3:

Daily routine

- Quiz: Review of previous day (Listening)



- Review: Number 1 - 4
- Telling time; Numbers 5 - 12
- Listen: Marugoto Ch9 L1 L2 L3
- Days of the week
- Listen: Marugoto Ch10 L1
- Listen: Marugoto Ch11 L2
- Invitation
- Hiragana Glides, Double consonants
- Survival Japanese for field trip
- *Reading: Marugoto p. 62 - 67, 76 - 77*
- *Homework: Marugoto course book p. 84 - 85, 90, 104 - 106, Field trip report (Due Day 3.1)*

Day 2.4:

- Field trip (example: gather info at a Shoutengai shopping arcade. Exact location TBD.)

Week 3

Day 3.1:

Ordering food

- Quiz: Review of previous week (Listening)
- Field trip report
- Japanese food
- Listen: Marugoto Ch6 L1
- Japanese restaurant menu
- Ko so a do words
- Introduction to counters: Japanese origin numbers
- Listen: Marugoto Ch6 L2
- How to order food
- Listen: Marugoto Ch6 L3
- Dialogue Practice
- Katakana a – so
- Final exam prep
- *Reading: Marugoto p. 46 - 49*
- *Homework: Marugoto course book p. 62 - 64, 66, Katakana Quizlet (Due Day 3.2)*

Day 3.2:

Asking for directions

- Quiz: Review of previous day (Listening)
- Japanese transportation
- Listen: Marugoto Ch13 L1 L3
- Asking for directions
- Listen: Marugoto Ch14 L1 L2
- Look at Japanese maps
- How to use navigation apps



- Dialogue practice
- Katakana ta – ho
- Final exam prep
- *Reading: Marugoto p. 84 - 85, 87 - 90*
- *Homework: Marugoto course book p. 120 - 122, 126, 130 - 131, Katakana Quizlet (Due Day 3.3)*

Day 3.3:

- Final exam (Oral exam)

Week 4

Day 4.1:

Shopping

- Quiz: Review of previous day (Listening)
- Look at shop flyers
- More of Japanese counters
- Listen: Marugoto Ch15 L2
- I want X
- Listen: Marugoto Ch12 L3
- Listen: Marugoto Ch16 L1 L2 L3
- Dialogue practice
- Katakana ma - n
- Katakana Innovation sound
- Mastering how to write your name in Japanese
- Brainstorming for presentation
- *Reading: Marugoto p. 95, 97, 98 - 101*
- *Homework: Marugoto course book p. 135 - 136, 144 - 147, Katakana Quizlet (Due Day 3.3)*

Day 4.2:

Wrap Up

- Quiz: Review of previous week (Listening)
- Talk about your experience: Verb past tense
- I want to do X
- Talk about your next visit to Japan
- Preparation for presentation

Day 4.3:

- Presentations

Course Materials

Textbook:

Japan Foundation. *Marugoto: Japanese language and culture Starter A1 Coursebook for communicative language activities - Japanese Language Study Book*. Sanshusha, 2013. Print.



Website:

Marugoto. The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, 2017. Web. 19 Sept. 2018.
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