



CIEE Tokyo, Japan

Course name:	Beginning Japanese
Course number:	JAPN 1001 TOJA
Programs offering course:	Summer Japanese Studies
Language of instruction:	Japanese / English
U.S. Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	45
Term:	Summer 2020

Course Description

This is a beginner's course that will provide students with the necessary tools for communicating in Japanese, providing students with a general understanding of the various linguistic elements of the Japanese language. Students will develop fundamental reading, speaking, and listening skills.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will be able to:

- Comprehend fundamental grammar principles and proper conjugation methods.
- Acquire a working knowledge of the writing system, including *hiragana*, *katakana*, and basic *kanji*.
- Hold short conversations about personal interests, time, directions, and other simple topics at a basic level.
- Type Japanese characters including *hiragana*, *katakana*, and *kanji* on a computer.
- Understand basic Japanese cultural concepts and social customs through studying the language.

Course Prerequisites

None

Methods of Instruction

This course will incorporate in-class lectures, activities, and assignments, and homework assignments.

Assessment and Final Grade

• Class Participation	20%
• Homework Assignments	20%
• Quizzes	20%
• Group Skit	20%
• Final Exam	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.



Homework Assignments

Students will be expected to complete homework assignments 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. All assignments are due at the beginning of class. Assignments submitted during or after class are considered late and will only receive half credit. Assignments that are one day late or later will not be accepted. Cheating, plagiarism, and other breaches of academic honesty will negatively affect your grade. You are expected to know and abide by CIEE academic policies.

Quizzes

Students will take quizzes that cover material learned from their previous homework assignments. Exact contents may vary depending on the lesson covered, but quizzes will typically have 2 to 3 fill-in-the-blank questions on grammar, kanji, reading, and/or listening, respectively. Quizzes will also test writing by prompting the students to write an answer to one question. The grammar and kanji used, and the length of the response in the writing may vary.

Group Skit

Students will give Group Skits in Japanese on a topic of their choice, subject to instructor approval, followed by a Q&A with the audience. Total time for skit and Q&A should not exceed 15 minutes. Students will be graded on how effectively they are able to use the language learned previously in the course. Individual students within the group will also be graded on their contribution to the skit. Students in the audience are expected to participate in the Q&A as part of their Class Participation for that day.

Final Exam

The Final Exam is a comprehensive test of language concepts covered during the course, with an emphasis on grammar, kanji, reading, writing, and listening. The exam will be divided into 5 sections. Section 1 will test students' understanding of grammar through fill-in-the-blank questions. Section 2 will test students' understanding of kanji through fill-in-the-blank questions. Section 3 will test students' reading ability. Students will read two to three short passages and answer multiple-choice and/or fill-in-the-blank questions based on the reading. Section 4 will test students' writing ability. Students will write responses to prompts at the length designated by each question. Finally, Section 5 will test listening. Students will listen to short dialogues and news reports adapted to the course level. Students will be prompted to answer questions based on the listening activity.

Weekly Schedule

NOTES:

- Listed classroom sessions are 150 minutes including a 15 min break, unless otherwise noted.
- The following schedule and assignments are subject to change.

Week 1:

- 1.1 Course Introduction
Greetings and common phrases
Introduction to Hiragana



Homework 1

Week 2:

- 2.1 **DUE: Homework 1**
QUIZ on previous day's contents
CHAPTER 1
Homework 2

- 2.2 **DUE: Homework 2**
QUIZ on previous day's contents
CHAPTER 1
Homework 3

- 2.3 **DUE: Homework 3**
QUIZ on previous day's contents
CHAPTER 2
Homework 4

Week 3:

- 3.1 **DUE: Homework 4**
QUIZ on previous day's contents
CHAPTER 2 (continued)
Homework 5

- 3.2 **DUE: Homework 5**
QUIZ on previous day's contents
CHAPTER 3
Homework 6

- 3.3 **DUE: Homework 6**
QUIZ on previous day's contents
CHAPTER 3 (continued)
Homework 7

Week 4:

- 4.1 **DUE: Homework 7**
QUIZ on previous day's contents
CHAPTER 4
Homework 8

- 4.2 **DUE: Homework 8**
QUIZ on previous day's contents
CHAPTER 4 (continued)
Homework 9



- 4.3 **Fieldtrip.** Location TBD. (Example: Photography and exploration a local neighborhood such as *Yanesen*.)

- 4.4 **DUE:** Homework 9
QUIZ on previous day's contents
CHAPTER 5
Homework 10

- Week 5:**
- 5.1 **DUE:** Homework 10
QUIZ on previous day's contents
CHAPTER 5 (continued)
Group Skit preparation
Homework 11

- 5.2 **DUE:** Homework 11
QUIZ on previous day's contents
CHAPTER 6
Group Skit preparation
Homework 12

- 5.3 **Fieldtrip.** Location TBD. (Example: *Shotengai* shopping area.)

- 5.4 **DUE:** Homework 12
QUIZ on previous day's contents
DUE: Group Skits
Homework 13

- Week 6:**
- 6.1 **DUE:** Homework 13
QUIZ on previous day's contents
CHAPTER 6 (continued)
Homework 14

- 6.2 **DUE:** Homework 14
QUIZ on previous day's contents
Review for final exam

- 6.3 (140 minutes including 15-minute break)
Final exam

Course Materials



Banno, Eri, et al. *Genki 1: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese*. 2nd ed., Japan Times, 2011. Print.

Banno, Eri, et al. *Genki 1 Workbook: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese*. 2nd ed., Japan Times, 2011.