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Chaminade University of Honolulu

Fall 2001 (August 27–December 13)

JA10501 Elementary Japanese I (4 credits) Syllabus

Class time: 1:00–1:50PM, MTWR

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Course Description:

This course builds a basic foundation that will enable students to acquire and develop language skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Japanese in a linguistically and culturally appropriate manner.

Textbook:

- *Situational Functional Japanese, Volume 1: Notes,*
- *Situational Functional Japanese, Volume 1: Drills,* Bonjinsha Co.,Ltd.
- *Kana & Kanji: A Beginner's Workbook* (revised ed.) The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. Primis Custom Publishing.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of JA 105, the students should be able to:

- ... Understand short, learned utterances, and occasionally sentence-length utterances where context is clear. Comprehension is limited to vocabulary and some simple questions/statements related to everyday events, such as greetings, introductions, descriptions of rooms/housing, campus/towns, and daily schedule/activities.
- ... Make short statements and ask simple questions, primarily by relying on memorized utterances and set phrases. Occasionally, expand to sentence-level production to accomplish tasks in contexts similar to those stated above. Ask for meanings of unknown words in Japanese and to expand their vocabulary.
- ... Understand written materials in *hiragana* and *katakana*. Comprehension is limited to vocabulary and some simple questions/statements related to contexts similar to the aforementioned contexts. Occasionally comprehend some unfamiliar materials in which the context is clear.
- ... Write short phrases and sentences in *hiragana* and *katakana* with accuracy. Write self-introductions and compose simple memos.

What is expected of the students:

1. Class attendance and performance are most important. In effect, class work accounts for 95% of your achievement. **Do not miss any class, and be on time.** If you have **five or more unexcused absences**, you may expect that your grade will be **one letter lower**.
2. If you must miss a class please notify the instructor in advance. Otherwise, your absence would be counted as unexcused absence.
3. Generally, **no make-up quiz or exam** will be given **without a documented, valid excuse**.
4. **No food** will be allowed in class. Also, please **turn off cellular telephone or pagers** in class.

Evaluation:

Class attendance and attitudes	10%	
Class performance	5%	
Lesson Exams (Lesson 1 & 3)	30%	A = 90-100%
Mid-term Exam	20%	B = 80-89%
Final Exam	25%	C = 70-79%
Oral evaluation	5%	D = 60-69%
* Homework	5%	F = Below 60%

*** NOTE:** Homework will be graded on **credit bases**, which means as long as the assignments are completed and submitted on time, you will not lose points. Homework submitted **later than next meeting day** without a valid excuse would be counted as a **missing homework**. Homework with too many errors would be returned for re-do.

KEY TO SUCCESSFUL LANGUAGE LEARNING:

1. Come to class regularly.
2. Participate in class.
3. Practice immediately out of class.
4. Set up tutoring circles with friends.
5. Do your homework.
6. **Review and preview**

Have fun speaking Japanese!!