

Fall 2001

JA105

FE'01

## Elementary JAPANESE

Class Time: Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 pm - 8:15 pm

Instructor: Hiroko Miyata

Office hours: by appointment

### Course Description:

Japanese 105 (4 credits) is an introduction to written and spoken Japanese. The spoken language will be emphasized but one of three essential method of writing in Japanese (hiragana) is introduced. Since classes meet twice a week, daily attendance and participation are expected.

### Objectives:

- (1) To learn basic structural patterns of the Japanese language, and to practice their use using everyday vocabulary.
- (2) To develop speaking and listening skills in common situation, such as greetings, offers and invitations.
- (3) To learn to read material written in *hiragana* and write *hiragana* related to words for colors, numbers, family, and school.
- (4) To become acquainted with aspects of Japanese culture that related to the lesson topics.

### Requirements:

- (1) Listening to the tape: The mechanical and repetitive aspects of language learning should be taken care of at home. So that the instructor in class may handle other language difficulties in which student can not work effectively on their own.
- (2) Class: The instructor will stress the kind of language activity which is possible only in class, such as clarifying structural problems and questions and answers drills. Students are responsible for mastering the material of their textbook using the tape, and keeping up with their homework assignments. The class activities are the essential part of the course.  
Attendance will be taken each day. The schedule of classes is subject to adjustment depending on the progress of the class.

### Quizzes and Exams:

There will be short hiragana quizzes, midterm and final examinations. You must negotiate with the instructor ahead of time if you can not the exam on time.

Textbook: Japanese for Busy People I (Publisher: Kodansha International Ltd.)

**Grading:**

<b>Attendance &amp; HW</b>	<b>16 (%)</b>
<b>Hiragana Quiz (8)</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Mid Term Exam</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Final Exam</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Oral Presentation</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>90-100 (%)</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>80-89</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>70-79</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>60-69</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>0-59</b>	<b>F</b>