

Chaminade University of Honolulu

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JA20501 Intermediate Japanese I (3 credits) Syllabus

Class time: 2:00–2:50PM, MWF
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Course Description:

Intermediate Japanese is a continuation of JA106. The course provides a solid foundation that will enable students to develop language skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Japanese in a linguistically and culturally appropriate manner.

Textbook:

- *Situational Functional Japanese, Volume 2: Notes,*
- *Situational Functional Japanese, Volume 2: Drills,* Bonjinsha Co.,Ltd.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of JA 205, the students should be able to:

- ... Understand sentence-length utterances. These utterances consist of learned elements regarding going to the doctor, shopping at a department store, a bookstore, or a coffee shop.
- ... Satisfy the requirements of some basic communicative exchanges. Students will be able to make short statements and ask questions in simple sentence that are common to the situation mentioned above. Students also will be able to converse using informal and formal levels of speech as necessitated by circumstances and situations.
- ... Understand written materials in *hiragana, katakana, and kanji*.
- ... Write short compositions, such as essays, diaries, and letters, using new *kanji* and those covered in previous courses.
- ... Have basic factual knowledge of the Japanese society, politics, culture and people, which will enhance the study of the Japanese language.

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 9 & 11)	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!!