

## JAPANESE 101: ELEMENTARY JAPANESE (Spring 2021)

– COVID-19 ONLINE –

Japanese 101 is the first semester of a two-year series of Japanese language courses (Japanese 101, 102, 201, 202) designed for beginning students. This series of courses has been developed to help students gain a level of proficiency at which they can function comfortably and competently in everyday situations where they might use Japanese. The course content includes both the types of opportunities for using Japanese available to students in Hawai'i as well as activities students engage in through digital and on-line resources. In addition, the courses in this series teach spoken and written Japanese separately to help learners develop natural sounding Japanese that reflects how the language is used differently in speech and in writing. On the oral side, conversational models provide strategies for starting conversations, and for staying in the conversation (moving from topic to topic, sharing opinions and experiences, reacting to what others say, and handling miscommunication) as well as for ending the conversation or moving on.

In JPN101 students learn “the basics” of speaking pleasantly and expressively; instruction in the semesters that follow will build on these basic conversational skills, providing students with strategies for expanding what they can say, and increasing their expressiveness. Similarly, on the written side, students will develop their reading and writing skills while using Japanese in situations they might encounter while studying at UH, or while pursuing their own extracurricular interests. Through reading instruction, students will learn to recognize that written Japanese has many different styles; through writing instruction, students will be guided in learning some of these various writing styles. Through a process of revising multiple drafts focused on clear communication of ideas and effective expression of feelings and opinions, students will develop their ability to use written Japanese in situations they are likely to encounter outside of the classroom.

*Classes meet four times a week on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and will be conducted online throughout the semester. In order to benefit fully from online instruction, students need to have a computer/laptop with a working camera, microphone and high-speed internet access.*

**Pre-requisite:** None. Japanese 101 is intended for students who have no prior experience in the language. Students with background should sign up for the ONLINE placement exam at [the EALL website](#). To schedule a placement exam between Friday, January 8 and Thursday, January 14, 2021, contact the Undergraduate Program Coordinator, Mr. Todd Ashida ([eaalexam@hawaii.edu](mailto:eaalexam@hawaii.edu)).

Students who are placed into 102 or a higher level may complete the language requirement faster and also earn free back-credits (up to 16 credits, which can be counted toward graduation. Restrictions apply. See the [Manoa Back Credit Policy](#).

Students starting from 101 will receive no back-credits.

Taking the placement exam is optional for students who have already earned prerequisite college credits for Japanese language at one of the UH campuses, including community colleges, or in the Konan or Obirin study abroad programs, with a grade of C or better, or CR. However, the placement test is strongly recommended if you are interested in taking advanced courses (300-400 level), if there has been a gap since your last language class, or if you would like a firmer sense of your proper placement.

## Student Learning Outcomes for JPN101

**Oral Communication (OC)** – By the end of the semester, students will be able to...

- Handle in-class routines such as greeting, asking questions for clarification and advice, confirming information, and apologizing.
- Engage in face-to-face conversations both in formal and informal situations such as:
  - (a) meeting someone for the first time and exchanging personal information in order to get to know each other;
  - (b) making small talk about your past experiences and future plans;
  - (c) inviting others to an activity; accepting or declining others' invitations; and
  - (d) negotiating plans such as what to eat/watch/do, where to go, when to go, etc.
- Make a brief semi-formal self-introduction in front of an audience in various situations (e.g., in class, at a party).
- Understand similarities and differences in ways of meeting people, making small talk, and inviting between English and Japanese.
- Understand differences in style between spoken and written Japanese.

**Reading and Writing (RW)** – By the end of the semester, students will be able to...

- Read and write *hiragana*, *katakana* and approximately 50 *kanji*, and make intelligent guesses regarding unfamiliar words.
- Scan and get the gist of simple authentic materials such as restaurant menus, ads, and personal profiles.
- Read and write memos, emails and instant messages from/to classmates written (handwritten and digitally) in simple Japanese.
- Read and write short passages about one's daily activities.
- Create a personal profile to share with others on a class website.
- Understand the difference between spoken and written Japanese.

In addition, the following EALL departmental SLOs apply, at least in part, to this course:

**SLO 1: Oral** Engage in oral communication in Japanese in various social contexts, in linguistically and culturally appropriate ways.

**SLO 2: Reading** Read and comprehend texts written in Japanese from a variety of genres and contexts.

**SLO 3: Writing** Apply critical thinking and rhetorical skills to produce coherent written works and presentations in both English and Japanese.

Further, the following Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILO) apply, at least in part, to this course:

**ILO 1: Know – Breadth and Depth of Knowledge** 1a General Education and Specialized Study in an Academic Field

**ILO 2: Do – Intellectual and Practical Skills** 2c Communicate and Report

**ILO 3: Value – Personal and Social Responsibility** 3b Respect for People and Cultures

## Course materials

1. Course Packets (Digital Copy in Laulima) – The Course Reader version (hardcopy) will be available for purchase at [MaPS](#) later.
  - *Musubi: A New Approach to Japanese Languages and Culture for Oral Communication (OC), Vol. 1*
  - *Musubi: A New Approach to Japanese Languages and Culture for Reading & Writing (RW), Vol. 1*

2. *Musubi* online site (**Moodle**)
  - 1) Go to the "Center for Language & Technology" webpage (<https://clt.manoa.hawaii.edu>).
  - 2) Click on the "Classroom: A CLT Learning Management System" icon, scroll down, and click "login".
  - 3) Under "Available courses" click on your course and section, and login with your username and password.
  - 4) Lastly, enter your **enrollment key** (provided by your instructor).
3. "*Chomen*" kana/kanji practice book (optional: available at UH Bookstore and [Hakubundo](#) for purchase)
  - *A (Green) Large Block Writing Tab*
  - *B (Blue) Small Block Writing Tab*

### Grading

Final course grades will be based on the results of:

Three Lesson Tests (L1, L2, & L3) .....	20%
Oral Test (1) (L1 & L2) .....	15%
Oral Test (2) (L3 & L4) .....	15%
Two Listening Tests (L1 & L2; L3 & L4) .....	15%
A Comprehensive Final Written Test (L1 - L4) .....	15%
A Final Writing Project .....	5%
Moodle Homework .....	5%
Daily performance as defined by instructor (attendance, mini quizzes, homework, etc.) .....	10%

Students taking the course on the Cr/NC option must achieve at least a "C" overall average to receive credit. A course grade of a "C" or better (not "C-") is a prerequisite for taking Japanese 102. Students will need to achieve **a minimum overall average of 73** in order to receive a grade of "C" or "CR."

The following is a typical grading scale based on the standard curve.

A+ = 97.0 – 100%	A = 93.0 – 36.9%	A- = 90.0 – 92.9%	CR = at least 73.0%
B+ = 87.0 – 89.9%	B = 83.0 – 86.9%	B- = 80.0 – 82.9%	NC = below 73.0%
C+ = 77.0 – 79.9%	C = 73.0 – 76.9%	C- = 70.0 – 72.9%	
D+ = 67.0 – 69.9%	D = 36.0 – 66.9%	D- = 60.0 – 62.9%	
F = below 60%			

**NOTE:** In the case of absences, as general policy, absolutely **NO** make-up work will be given without a valid, documented excuse. Moreover, students with **more than four** unexcused absences in the semester can expect to have their course grades lowered one letter grade.

### Additional Information

#### 1. KOKUA Program:

The KOKUA Program is the University of Hawai'i at Manoa's program serving students with disabilities. If you have a disability with related academic access, you are warmly encouraged to contact the KOKUA Program and me to make any necessary arrangements.

Telephone: 956-7511 (V/T)

Website: <https://www.hawaii.edu/kokua/>

Location: Queen Lili'uokalani Center for Student Services (Room 013)

2. UHM Counseling Center (CSDC):

If you have personal, academic, or career-related inquiries or concerns, CDSC provides encouraging, collaborative, goal-focused, and culturally-sensitive support and assistance.

Telephone: 956-7927

Website: <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/counseling/>

Location: Queen Lili'uokalani Center for Student Services (Room 312)

3. Office of Gender Equity (Title IX):

The University of Hawai'i is committed to maintaining and promoting safe and respectful campus environments free from sex discrimination and gender-based violence. If you experience...

- Sexual Harassment/Stalking
- Sexual Discrimination
- Gender Discrimination
- Sexual/Domestic Abuse or Violence

...you are encouraged to first contact the Office of Gender Equity, which will provide an **absolutely confidential** assessment of your situation and discuss options with you. (Note: Any conversations with faculty about incidents pertaining to the above issues will be reported to the Office of Gender Equity).

Telephone: 956-9499

Website (UHM): <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/genderequity/titleix/>

Website (UH system): <https://www.hawaii.edu/titleix/>

Location: Bachman Hall 109 J

4. Student Code of Conduct:

Students will be held to the highest standards of conduct. For details, see...

[http://www.studentaffairs.manoa.hawaii.edu/policies/conduct\\_code/](http://www.studentaffairs.manoa.hawaii.edu/policies/conduct_code/)

For UHM Campus Policies (incl. Student Conduct and **Academic Integrity**), go to...

<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/catalog/about-uh/campus-policies/>

5. EALL:

Please visit the homepage of the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures for more information on course offerings, the major and minor in Japanese, the certificate in Japanese and other departmental activities: <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/eall/>

**COVID-19 UHM updates**

<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/covid19/>

**UHM Emergency Management Resources**

<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/dps/emergency-management/>

**👉 COURSE SYLLABUS AND SCHEDULE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

*The content of the course syllabus may be modified during the semester depending on the status of the Covid-19 pandemic.*

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## Course Schedule

(This schedule is subject to change.)

Instructor: **NAME**

Office Hours: **XXX**

**XXX**

**XXX**

	DATES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
01	1/11-1/15	Orientation				
02	1/18-1/22	<b>HOLIDAY:</b> <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	(1)			
03	1/25-1/29					
04	2/1-2/5		Lesson 1 Test	(2) Begin Lesson 2		
05	2/8-2/12					
06	2/15-2/19	<b>HOLIDAY:</b> <i>President's Day</i>				
07	2/22-2/26					
08	3/1-3/5	Oral Test 1	Oral Test 1	Oral Test 1		Listening Test 1
09	3/8-3/12	Lesson 2 Test	Begin Lesson 3			
	3/15-3/19	<b>SPRING RECESS</b>				
10	3/22-3/26					<b>HOLIDAY:</b> <i>Kuhio Day</i>
11	3/29-4/2	(3)				<b>HOLIDAY:</b> <i>Good Friday</i>
12	4/5-4/9			Lesson 3 Test		Begin Lesson 4
13	4/12-4/16					
14	4/19-4/23					
15	4/26-4/30		Listening Test 2			
16	5/3-5/7	Oral Test 2	Oral Test 2	(Last Day of Instruction) Oral Test 2	Study Period (5/6 – 5/8)	
17	5/10-5/14			<b>FINAL EXAM</b> <b>9:45-11:45 am</b>		

(1) Tuesday, January 19 (4:00 pm): Last day to register for a course; last day to change grading mode; Last day for 100% tuition refund

(2) Wednesday, February 3 (4:00 pm): Last day to drop a course without a "W" grade; Last day for 50% tuition refund

(3) Monday, March 29 (4:00 pm): Last day for In-person restricted withdrawal (with "W" grade). (Please check the UPDATE for Spring 2021 at <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/registrar/registration/withdrawal-and-leave/>.)