

## Japanese 1A Fall 2011

## Syllabus

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### 1. Course Objectives

In this course, students will develop basic communication skills in Japanese. Students will learn vocabulary and grammar structures that will enable them to talk about themselves, their studies, their family and friends and many other concrete matters in the realistic contexts. Students will learn how to read and write in Japanese from the onset, learning approximately 150 kanji (Chinese characters) in this course. Additionally, the situations through which students will learn how to communicate are designed to provide a basic understanding of Japanese society and culture.

### 2. Textbook (Required)

*Elementary Japanese Vol. I*, Yoko Hasegawa: Tuttle. 2005

(Available at ASUC Bookstore, Ned's Bookstore, and also through [amazon.com](http://amazon.com))

### 3. Requirements

Students should complete the appropriate pages of homework and turn them in either in class (only before class starts) or to 82 Dwinelle Hall by 3:00 pm of the due date. See the attached schedule for due dates.

If a portion of the homework isn't completed, we won't grade it and it will result in "No Credit." Furthermore homework turned in late, handwriting that is too difficult to read, and homework with excessive errors will also result in "No Credit." Although you may work in groups, please be sure all answers are your own. All assignments will be considered in the calculation of your final grade.

All of the homework is downloadable at bSpace: <https://bspace.berkeley.edu/> ("Resources" in Course Tools).

There are three types of assignments available on bSpace:

- Homework is required and will be graded.
- Self-study, though not graded, is required and will appear on the tests.
- Training is for your own practice.

#### A. Grammar Homework ("HW" on the schedule)

See the attached schedule for due dates.

#### B. Kanji Homework ("Kanji" on the schedule)

The reading of Kanji should be written in Hiragana. See the attached schedule for due dates.

There have been a few cases in which students' homework disappeared after they were turned in, but before the instructors graded them. Please make copies of your homework before you turn it in. **All the pages of each assignment must be STAPLED.**

#### C. Listening Homework: "Listening Exercises" ("LE" on the schedule)

Students should listen to the exercises on CD and submit answers on bSpace ("Quiz & Survey" in Course Tools) by 3:00 pm on the due date. If the score is 50% OR lower, the credit will not be given. See the attached schedule for due dates.

**Students may listen to the "Listening Exercises" online:**

- 1) Go to BLC homepage, <http://blc.berkeley.edu>



## 8. Weighing of Grades

Your final grade is calculated as follows:

Attendance	5 (%)	Listening Quizzes	5
Homework	7	Vocabulary Quizzes	12
Listening homework (“Listening Excercices”)	5	Written Quizzes	45
Kanji homework	5	Oral Interview	7
<u>Oral Quizzes</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>Class Participation</u>	<u>2</u>
			100

You are required to take quizzes in the section to which you are assigned. Otherwise, quizzes will not be graded. We cannot re-schedule quizzes (even for an earlier date), but we can assign a student who has an emergency schedule conflict to a different section provided that she/he requests it and it is approved by J1A instructors at least two days before the date of the quiz. Such requests must be submitted, in writing, directly to J1 instructors, along with documentation of the conflicting schedule.

If you have the flu or flu like symptoms, please do not attend classes or office hours. Please e-mail Ms. Takata as soon as possible, and remain at home until your fever is completely gone.

Your class participation score is based on active participation in in-class activities. Cell-phone use, tardiness, napping, doing other assignments in class, and other inappropriate/uncooperative behavior will affect the points for class participation. Excessive inappropriate behavior will also affect the points for attendance as well as class participation. Cheating will result in disciplinary action and possible failure from the course.

## 9. Class rules

- 1) Eating in class is NOT allowed, including chewing gum and candy. If you need to eat something during class hours, please do so outside.
- 2) Be sure to turn off your cell phones and laptops when you enter the classroom otherwise it will affect your course grade.

## Course Policies and Reminders

The following are important policies for J1A students to remember. Since J1A is a very big course, it is very difficult to make individual arrangements. Please read them very carefully.

J1A is a 5-credit course, which require preparation. You should plan on spending 2 hours every day studying Japanese outside of class. However, this is a fun course in which you will have a close relationship with your teachers and classmates.

### 1. Preview and Review

#### 1) Pre-reading of Textbooks

You are expected to memorize vocabulary and read each lesson in the textbook beforehand so that you will have an idea of what we will be covering during a given week. This is very important because the instructors will NOT explain grammar in English during class. Instead, the instructors will introduce new grammatical patterns through visual aids and demonstrations. You are expected to deduce the function and usage of the new material through listening, answering questions and engaging in various activities.

#### 2) Review the lesson covered in the classroom

You are expected to review the materials covered every day. The longer you put off reviewing, the more difficult it will be to catch up.

### 2. Class participation

Active class participation is important to motivate yourself to learn language and also to confirm whether what you are doing is correct or wrong. Don't be afraid to volunteer in class. Any answer is welcome, because everybody in your class can learn better and feel comfortable to make errors.

### 3. bSpace

Homework answer keys and other important announcements will be posted on a course website within the university's bSpace system. You can log in to bSpace by visiting <http://bspacespace.berkeley.edu> and clicking the "Log in through CalNet" button. You will need your CalNet ID (which is your student ID) and passphrase to log in. It is your responsibility to check the bSpace site daily since it will be frequently updated with essential course information.

### 4. Academic honesty

We take all cases of academic dishonesty seriously and will seek disciplinary action for all cases of cheating that come to our attention. For campus rules on academic integrity, please refer to the campus code of conduct: <http://students.berkeley.edu/uga/conduct.pdf>