

JASV JAPANESE LANGUAGE CLASS **Beginning Japanese - Level 1**

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Required Text: *Japanese for Busy People I*, Revised 3rd Edition
(includes CD), Association for Japanese-Language
Teaching, Kodansha International, 2011.

Recommended Text: *Remembering the Kana*, James Heisig, University of
Hawaii Press, 2007.

Note: The recommended supplemental text is optional for students who already have a preferred hiragana learning method. The teacher has copies of both texts for sale, or students may purchase them on their own.

Course Description

This class is an introduction to speaking, listening, reading, and writing Japanese with particular emphasis on the conversational patterns that occur in everyday life. Students will also be introduced to life in Japan and Japanese customs and culture.

Requirements

- Regular attendance
- Class participation and quizzes
- Homework assignments including textbook exercises, listening, and hiragana practice

Level 1 Class Meetings and Topics (Tentative)

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| 1 | <p><i>MEETING PEOPLE</i></p> <p>Lessons 1&2, pp. 2-17</p> <p>Introductions</p> <p>Exchanging Business Cards</p> | <p>[Noun1] <i>wa</i> [noun2] <i>desu./ desuka?/ dewa arimasen.</i></p> | <p>Nationalities</p> <p>Occupations</p> <p>Numbers 0-10</p> |
| 2 | <p><i>SHOPPING, PART I</i></p> <p>Lessons 3&4, pp. 21-36</p> <p>Asking about Business Hours</p> | <p>Pronouns</p> <p>Noun modifiers</p> | <p>Services</p> <p>Activities</p> <p>Numbers 10-100</p> <p>Time</p> <p>Electrical appliances</p> |
| 3 | <p><i>SHOPPING, PART II</i></p> <p>Lesson 5, pp. 37-45</p> <p>Asking about Prices and Numbers</p> | <p>Pronouns</p> <p>Noun modifiers</p> | <p>Items for sale</p> |
| 4 | <p><i>GETTING AROUND</i></p> <p>Lessons 6&7, pp. 48-66</p> <p>Confirming Schedules</p> <p>Visiting Another Company</p> | <p>[Noun] <i>wa</i> [place] <i>ni ikimasu./ ikimasen./ ikimashita.</i></p> | <p>Destinations</p> <p>Verbs</p> <p>Dates</p> |
| 5 | <p><i>A WEEKEND EXCURSION I</i></p> <p>Lesson 8, pp. 68-77</p> <p>Going to Nikko</p> | <p>[Place] <i>ni</i> [noun] <i>ga arimasu./ imasu.</i></p> | <p>Parts of a building</p> <p>Things in a hotel room</p> <p>Positions</p> |

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| 6 | <p><i>A WEEKEND EXCURSION II</i></p> <p>Lesson 9, pp. 78-86</p> <p>Looking for a Parking Lot</p> | <p>[Noun] <i>wa</i> [place] <i>ni arimasu./</i> <i>imasu./</i> <i>arimasuka?</i></p> | <p>Things near a train station</p> <p>Office supplies</p> <p>Number of people</p> |
| 7 | <p><i>DINING OUT I</i></p> <p>Lesson 10, pp. 88-96</p> <p>Making Plans for the Weekend</p> | <p>[Person] <i>wa</i> [noun] <i>o</i> [verb].</p> <p>[Person1] <i>wa</i> [person2] <i>ni</i> [verb].</p> | <p>Food</p> <p>Verbs</p> <p>Time expressions</p> |
| 8 | <p><i>DINING OUT II</i></p> <p>Lesson 11, pp. 97-108</p> <p>At a Tempura Restaurant</p> | <p>[Person1] <i>wa</i> [person2]/[place] <i>ni</i> [noun] <i>o</i> [verb].</p> | <p>Verbs</p> <p>Family</p> |
| 9 | <p><i>VISITING A JAPANESE HOME I</i></p> <p>Lesson 12, pp. 110-121</p> <p>Receiving Hospitality</p> | <p>Adjective + noun</p> <p>[Noun] <i>wa</i> [adjective] <i>desu.</i></p> | <p>-i adjectives</p> <p>-na adjectives</p> |
| 10 | <p><i>VISITING A JAPANESE HOME II</i></p> <p>Lesson 13, pp. 122-130</p> <p>Giving Compliments</p> | <p>[Person1] <i>wa</i> [person2] <i>ni</i> [noun] <i>o agemasu.</i></p> <p>[Person1] <i>wa</i> [person2] <i>ni</i> [noun] <i>o moraimasu.</i></p> | <p>Verbs</p> <p>Gifts</p> |