JPN 113 Elementary Japanese I (Spring 2006) Syllabus

Class hours/ Classroom:  Office/ Phone:
Instructor:  Office hours:

Required Texts:
2) A packet of hiragana version of the chapter, "Getting Started".

Course Objectives:
The purpose of this course is to provide students with the opportunity:
1) to develop proficiency of Japanese (listening, speaking, reading & writing).
2) to understand socio-cultural aspects of Japanese language-society.

More specifically, students will learn how to communicate in spoken Japanese in some basic situations (e.g., asking & telling time, introducing oneself/friends, making a phone call, describing daily activities). Regarding reading/writing, students will learn how to read and write Japanese in hiragana and katakana. They will also learn about 40 kanji characters.

Requirements:
This course covers Getting started (in hiragana and katakana), Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 of Yookoso!. There is a final exam, three tests, frequent quizzes (of vocabulary, hiragana/katakana or kanji etc.), and daily homework assignments. Toward the end of the course, students are to create a dialogue and make oral presentations (one at midterm time and one at the end of the semester) in class. The presentations are the opportunities to integrate what you have learned in an original dialog and good preparation for the final exam). Students are required to listen to the audio tapes or CDs outside of class in order to practice the text dialog.

Japanese will be spoken in class, beginning with the first day. As part of studying for each lesson, students must memorize the vocabulary that is assigned. Students need to know the vocabulary to participate effectively in each class.

If out-of-class assistance is needed, contact your instructor after the class or during your instructor’s office hours.
**Evaluation:**

- **Grading Scale:**
  - A: 95-100
  - A-: 90-94
  - B+: 87-89
  - B: 84-86
  - B-: 80-83
  - C+: 77-79
  - C: 74-76
  - C-: 70-73
  - D+: 67-69
  - D: 64-66
  - D-: 60-63
  - F: 0-59

- **Homework:** 20%
- **Tests (3):** 20%
- **Final Exam:** 20%
- **Quizzes:** 20%
- **Participation/Attendance:** 10%
- **Presentations 1)**: 5%
- **Presentations 2)**: 5%

**Policies:**

*Japanese classes themselves offer an important opportunity for students to be exposed to authentic Japanese. Therefore, students are encouraged to attend all the classes. A low attendance rate affects your final evaluation.*

*If you are late to class or leave early, you will only get half credit for attendance.*

*Homework and assignments are given in every class. Homework and assignments should be done without help. Otherwise, they will not be graded. You need to turn in homework at the beginning of every class. Also, you can not work on any homework during class. If your work is late, it will only be accepted in the next class. However, you will be given half credit for the work.*

*If you take all quizzes, your one lowest quiz score will be dropped. If you miss one quiz, that will count as your lowest score. No make-up quizzes are given.*

*If you miss a chapter test with a documented valid excuse, you are able to take make-up test. However, your score will be marked down by 15%.*

*If you stop coming to class and do not officially withdraw in a timely manner, your final grade will be an “F”.*

*If you are caught cheating, your grade for the work will be an “F”. (Read UNLV catalog, p.58 and p.59.*)

*It is expected that students will take responsibility for their own learning. If something is unclear or causes difficulty, it is the responsibility of the students to take the initiative and contact the instructor for help.*

*Cellular phone should be turned off during class and be put away in a backpack or purse – not in your pocket.*
Language Resource Center (LRC)

The LRC is located in FDH 240. Phone number is 895-1930.

The LRC houses the audio/visual lab and the computer lab. The Japanese software currently on-hand includes NJ Star Word Processor, Power Japanese, and Kanji Moments Volumes I & II. Students are required to present either a UNLV ID or a driver’s license to use the CDs.

Hours of operation: Mon. 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  Tue. 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wed. 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  Thur. 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Students with disabilities:

If you have a documented disability that may require assistance, you will need to contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) for coordination in your academic accommodations. The Disability Resource Center is located in the Reynolds Student Services Complex, Room 137. The DRC phone number is 895-0866 or TDD 895-0652.

Religious Holidays:

Students who will miss class to observe religious holidays are responsible for notifying the instructor no later than the last day of last registration. They will have the opportunity to make up missed work.

Official Extracurricular activity

Students who represent UNLV at any official extracurricular activity shall have the opportunity to make up assignments, but the student must provide official written notification to the instructor no less than one week prior to the missed class(es).

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