

# JPNS 1001/1002 Course Syllabus

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## Description

This course teaches comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing of basic Japanese. Students will learn fundamental grammar, the *hiragana* and *katakana* syllabaries, and begin their study of the *kanji* characters. Learning about Japanese culture is also an important part of this course. Finally, we will also learn how to use Japanese on a computer. There are no prerequisites for JPNS 1001. Unless special arrangements have been made, JPNS 1001 is a prerequisite for JPNS 1002.



## Required texts

- Genki I, An integrated Course in Elementary Japanese, The Japan Times (ISBN# 4-7890-0963-7)
- Genki I Workbook, The Japan Times (ISBN# 4-7890-1001-5)
- Remembering the Kana, James Heisig (ISBN# 0-82483164-0)

## Goals

By the end of this course you should:

- ...be able to read and write the *hiragana* and *katakana* with fluency
- ...be able to read and write approximately 200 *kanji* characters
- ...know enough Japanese grammar, and be proficient enough at pronunciation and listening comprehension to be able to carry on a simple conversation (introduce yourself, ask for directions, express likes and dislikes, etc.)

## Academic Honesty

*All academic work must meet the standards contained in A Culture of Honesty. Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work.*

See: <http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/honesty/acadhon.htm>

## Deviations may be necessary

The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

## Course Schedule

The following is a rough outline of our schedule of studies. Deviations may be necessary, and should be expected.

	Week	Dates	Topic
<b>Fall Semester 2007</b>	1-2	16 Aug – 31 Aug	Introductions, Lesson 1, the Hiragana
	2-3	4 Sept – 14 Sept	Lesson 2, the Katakana
	4-5	17 Sept – 28 Sept	Lesson 3
	6	1 Oct – 4 Oct	Lesson 4 (Part 1)
	7	5 Oct – 9 Oct	Review for midterm exam; midterm exam
	8	10 Oct – 19 Oct	Lesson 4 (Part 2)
	9	22 Oct – 2 Nov	Lesson 5
	10-12	5 Nov – 20 Nov	Lesson 6
	13	26 Nov – 30 Nov	Cultural presentations
	14	3 Dec – 7 Dec	Review for final exam
	15	10 Dec – 14 Dec	Final exams
	<b>Spring Semester 2008</b>	1-2	7 Jan – 18 Jan
3-4		21 Jan – 1 Feb	Lesson 8
5-6		4 Feb – 15 Feb	Lesson 9
7		18 Feb – 22 Feb	Lesson 10 (Part 1)
8		25 Feb – 29 Feb	Review for midterm exam; midterm exam
9		3 Mar – 7 Mar	Lesson 10 (Part 2)
10		10 Mar – 14 Mar	Spring Break
11-12		17 Mar – 28 Mar	Lesson 11
13-14		31 Mar – 11 Apr	Lesson 12
15-16		14 Apr – 25 Apr	Cultural presentations, review for final exam
17-18		28 Apr – 6 May	Final exams

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## Class times

	Call #	M/F time	M/F place	Tu/Th time	Tu/Th place	Final Exam
Fall '07	39-070	10:10 – 11:00	Park 250	11:00 – 12:15	JB 153	12/4 (Fri), 8:00 – 11:00
	43-603	12:20 – 1:10	JB 153	12:30 – 1:45	JB 153	12/12 (Wed), 12:00 – 3:00
	63-604	1:25 – 2:15	JB 153	2:00 – 3:15	JB 153	12/14 (Fri), 12:00 -3:00

(Spring 2008 Schedule is TBA)

## Grade Determination

Your final numeric grade will be determined according to the following:

Item	% of grade
Written quizzes	15%
Listening quizzes	10%
Lesson tests	20%
Homework	10%
Participation	5%
Mid-term exam	20%
Final exam	20%

## Final Grade

Your assigned letter grade for the class will be determined by the following:

Numeric grade	Letter grade
93-100	A
90-92	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
60-69	D
0-59	F

## Homework, quizzes, and tests

You will need to study for this class almost every night, as we will have a test or a quiz almost every day. Generally speaking we will have a vocabulary quiz each Tuesday, a grammar quiz each Thursday, and an aural comprehension quiz each Friday that we don't have a lesson test. We will have lesson tests every two weeks or so (one lesson test per lesson).

At the end of the semester, before determining your final course grade your lowest three quiz grades are dropped, as is your lowest test grade.

**Absence and tardiness policy**

Coming to class is very important. It is very easy to fall behind in a foreign language course, and very difficult to catch up. That being said, sometimes absences are unavoidable. I do not count your absences, but it is important to note that there are no makeup quizzes or tests. Any quiz or test that you miss due to absence or tardiness is given a grade of 0 and will (hopefully) be one of your drop grades. Homework that is not turned in on time (at the beginning of class on the day it is due) is considered late. Homework that is handed in up to one day late will be given half credit. Homework turned in later than that is given no credit (though you are still encouraged to turn it in for grading). Excessive absences will lower your participation grade, and your attendance will be taken into account in the event of a borderline grade.

**An important resource**

I have created an online group for my JPNS courses at the following URL:

<http://groups.mac.com/jpns>

This site has an event calendar for this course that gives dates for quizzes, tests, assignments, etc. (If you use a calendar application that can handle published iCal-format calendars, you can subscribe to the class calendar at [webcal://ical.mac.com/tonygonz/JPNS@UGA.ics](http://webcal://ical.mac.com/tonygonz/JPNS@UGA.ics)) I will also be posting interesting and useful links here that I think you might find useful, so please check in from time-to-time.

## JPNS 1001 Course Questionnaire

Section (circle one): 39-070 (aka, "The Nimble Ninjas")

43-603 (aka, "The Giddy Geishas")

63-604 (aka, "The Slaphappy Samurai")

Your name:

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(Please use the name that you prefer to be called by)

Your email:

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(Important! I need this to register you on the class web site)

Your year:

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(1st, 2nd, 3rd, lost count, etc.)

Your major:

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Past experience with Japanese (high school, self study, none, etc.):

Why you want to learn Japanese, including any Japanese-related interests you have (manga, anime, games, J-pop, fashion, etc.):