Japanese Language Program

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Japanese Conversation 1

This is an introductory course of Japanese as a second language, which introduces students to fundamental vocabulary, grammar, writing, and reading in Japanese. Emphasis is placed on pronunciation, listening comprehension, colloquial speaking, and development of ability to communicate on the basic level taught against a background of studying the cultural elements particular to the Japanese-speaking societies. Students will be expected to talk a lot, to make mistakes, to try to answer and to not be shy.

You will learn:

- Japanese greetings and useful expression,
- Basic Japanese Writing System (Hiragana, Katakana, and Kanji)
- Daily expression
- Counting numbers
- Basic Japanese at Store and Restaurant
- To describe actions and events or other people
- Basic Verbs

Prerequisite: None

Japanese Conversation 2

Improve your Japanese language skills in this second level course. A variety of structured and open-ended activities help reinforce old and introduce new concepts. Start substituting Japanese idiomatic expressions for the English ones you already know. All explanations include plenty of practical examples for using natural, common Japanese.

You will learn:

- to express basic feelings, needs, and wants,
- to discuss past actions and events,
- to communicate likes and dislikes,
- to describe, compare and contrast people and things,
- basic expressions about the weather and climate,
- the body parts, discuss health issues, and
- to talk about sightseeing and make travel

Prerequisite: Basic Japanese 1 or Placement Exam
Japanese Conversation 3

The purpose of this course is to master and expand the skills previously acquired by the students. The content should include, but not be limited to, expansions to vocabulary and conversational skills through discussion. Students’ acquisition of grammatical concepts should be strengthened by analyzing reading selection.

Contemporary vocabulary should stress activities which are important to everyday life of the Japanese people.

You will learn:

- to practice oral communication while doing various activities and games
- to discuss and explore Japanese culture by watching films and videos
- to read and write Katakana and everyday Kanji using various materials provided by the instructor, and to develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills

Prerequisite: Basic Japanese 2 or Placement exam

Japanese Conversation 4

The purpose of this course is to expand more advanced language structures and idiomatic expressions, with emphasis on conversational skills. There is additional growth in vocabulary for practical purposes including reading comprehension and writing skills. Aside from reinforcing the study of the Japanese language, the course expands students’ knowledge of Japan and it’s natural beauty, it’s economy, and it’s cultural treasures.

You will learn:

- to practice oral communication while doing various activities and games
- to discuss and explore Japanese culture by watching films and videos
- to read and write Katakana and everyday Kanji using various materials provided by the instructor, and to develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills

Prerequisite: Basic Japanese 3 or Placement Exam