

JPL 125: Elementary Japanese 125 (6 credits)

Course Description:

JPL125 is designed to acquaint students with grammatical structures and vocabulary appropriate for beginning learners who have successfully completed the Japanese courses at the college level for approximately one semester (ca. 55hours). This course is aimed at students to reach CEFR level A1+/the beginning of A2*.

Through a variety of classroom activities, students develop all four linguistic skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) as well as language knowledge such as grammar, vocabulary, and kanji. Students will learn how to understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). The course will also introduce students to some fundamental Japanese socio-cultural concepts that will help them interpret the underlying meaning behind what is said and what is not said in their encounters with Japanese people on and off campus. The course covers Chapters 7 to 12 of the textbook "Genki I."

*<https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages/table-1-cefr-3.3-common-reference-levels-global-scale>

Course Objectives:

(1) At the end of the course, the successful students will be able to:

Understand basic Japanese grammar and its function necessary to talk and ask about their everyday routine, describe basic characteristics of people and things, make comparisons, describe one's plans, hopes, and aspirations, explain reasons, talk about past experiences and make inquiries and requests appropriately.

(2) Students will learn 60-80 new kanji characters.

Course Materials:

- Textbook: Eri Banno and others. 2011. An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Genki. Vol. I. Third edition. The Japan Times.
- Workbook: Eri Banno and others. 2011. An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Genki. Workbook I. Third edition. The Japan Times.

Grading Methods

Examples of valuation points are as follows. Details of score distribution will be announced later.

- Attendance and Class Participation
- Homework Assignments
- Tests and Quizzes
- Presentations
- Final Examination
- Final Project