

JPL 215: Elementary Japanese 215 (6 credits)

Course Description:

JPL215 is designed to acquaint students with grammatical structures and vocabulary appropriate for the advanced beginning learners who have studied Japanese at the college level for approximately two semesters. This course is aimed at students to reach CEFR level A2-A2+*

Through a variety of classroom activities, students develop all four linguistic skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing), especially oral communication skills. 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. This course covers some chapters of the textbook "Genki 2."

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

Course Objectives:

(1) By the end of the course, students will have mastered basic Japanese grammar, vocabulary, and expressions and will be able to use Japanese to deal with familiar everyday situations.

For example, students

- can report on their experiences during their stay in Japan
- can make requests, suggestions, advice, and permission
- can express hopes and wishes, dissatisfaction, and feelings of regret.
- can describe the state of things and the consequences of changes.
- can make short presentations

(2) Students will learn approximately 100 new kanji characters.

Course Materials:

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