

CET Syllabus of Record



Program: CET Japan

Course Code/Title: (OS / LANG 420) Advanced Japanese

Total Hours: 180

Recommended Credits: 12

Primary Discipline: Japanese Language

Language of Instruction: Japanese

Prerequisites/Requirements: Successful completion of approximately three years of Japanese, OS/ LANG 320, OS/ LANG 321. Final placement at discretion of Academic Director.

Description

This course is designed to develop advanced comprehensive Japanese verbal language skills to interact freely with Japanese native speakers and to enhance reading skills. The course is composed of a regular textbook-based classes and three module classes, discussion/debate, reading novels and communication skills improvement. The goal of the course is to acquire communicative competence through tasks both in and out of the classroom. Conversational use of language in Japanese society is the main emphasis of the course, where language is viewed as social and cultural activity.

Objectives

By the end of the course students are able to:

- Read, write, and use approximately 1400 kanji in a variety of contexts.
- Interact with Japanese people with near-native fluency.
- Understand Japanese language with complex structure in spoken and written texts.
- Express themselves with sophistication.
- Give presentations about social issues from different cultural perspectives.
- Grasp Japanese culture.
- Read traditional and contemporary Japanese literature independently.
- Summarize important information from articles of Japanese magazines and the news media.
- Gain proficiency equivalent to the Japanese Language Proficiency Test level N2.

Course Requirements

Graded assignments include:

- Participation: Active participation is essential in this course. Students are expected to attend each class and field study course component, as outlined in the CET Attendance Policy. Students are expected to read all assigned materials before the relevant class session and come prepared to participate thoughtfully in class discussions.
- Homework: Multiple homework assignments are provided for each chapter and additional independent preparation and review is expected. Students are expected to submit homework at the beginning of class.

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- Quizzes: Vocabulary, grammar, and Kanji quizzes are given for every chapter which amounts to 10 quizzes. Students can drop the 2 lowest-marked quizzes.
- Tests/Examinations: Students take three written tests, there is one test every three chapters.
- Project: Each semester a student is assigned a semester-long project. Students select a topic about Japanese culture or society and present it in Japanese to Japanese people. The final product is presented orally in Japanese; first, in speech format in class, and second, a poster session format at the two-hour open house.

Grading

- Participation 10%
- Homework 10%
- Project 20%
 - Process 8%
 - Final Product 12%
- Quizzes (8 at 1.25%) 10%
- Chapter Tests 25%
- Final Exam 25%

Readings

- 『生きた素材で学ぶ 新 中級から上級への日本語』 鎌田修
Osamu Kamada *Authentic Japanese: Progressing from Intermediate to Advanced*. The Japan Times, 2012.
- 『中上級学習者のためのブラッシュアップ日本語会話』 清水崇文
Takafumi Shimizu. *Brush up Your Communication Skills in Japanese ! – Japanese Conversation for Intermediate to advanced-level Learners*, 3A Network, 2013.

Additional Resources

- 『マンガでおぼえることわざ・慣用句(Learn Proverbs and Colloquial Expressions through Comics)』 齋藤孝 岩崎書店 2013

Outline of Course Content

All chapters but two (4 & 7) of *Authentic Japanese: Progressing from Intermediate to Advanced* are covered over the course of the semester. All chapters of *Brush up Your Communication Skills in Japanese ! – Japanese Conversation for Intermediate to advanced-level Learner* are covered over the course of the semester. Chapters include:

『生きた素材で学ぶ 新 中級から上級への日本語』
Authentic Japanese: Progressing from Intermediate to Advanced

Chapter 1: 自己紹介と本当の自分 / Self Introduction and the “True Self”

Chapter 2: 若者の自己評価 / Young Peoples’ Self Evaluation

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Chapter 3: ジェンダーを考える／Thinking about Gender

Chapter 5: 心と体のバランス／Balance between Mind and Body

Chapter 6: 働くということ／Significance of Working

Chapter 8 環境のためにできること／Our Responsibility for the Environment

Chapter 9: 食の共同性／Cooperativity of Food

Chapter 10: 笑いのちから／Power of Laughing

『中上級学習者のためのブラッシュアップ日本語会話』

Brush up Your Communication Skills in Japanese ! – Japanese Conversation for Intermediate to advanced-level Learner

Chapter One: 許可を求める Asking for Permission

Chapter Two: 依頼する Making Requests

Chapter Three: 謝罪する Making Apologies

Chapter Four: 誘う Extending Invitations

Chapter Five: 申し出をする Making Offers

Chapter Six: 助言する Giving Advice

Chapter Seven: 不満を伝える Making Complaints

Chapter Eight: ほめる Offering Compliments

Additional curated course content focuses specifically on developing the Project, essential Japanese skills for living and studying in Osaka, and several field study course components.