

Curriculum Map Summary

Course: Japanese I

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Japanese I is an introductory class on the language and culture of Japan. In this class the students will learn basic communication skills in Japanese through learning hiragana, katakana, kanji, greeting and phrases, and basic grammar and sentence structure.

To pass this class the students must achieve mastery in hiragana and will be introduced to katakana and kanji.

The students will be able to communicate in Japanese on a basic level. At the end of the course the students will be able to use and respond to basic greetings.

Overarching Key Concepts and Enduring Understandings:

The key concepts and enduring understandings are based upon the standards developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

The standards are divided into the the 5 C's: Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons and Communities.

Communications:

The learners in our classes will be able to learn in new information in written and oral form and be able to understand, interpret, and analyze that information and be able to express their understanding, opinions and feeling in both written and oral forms.

Cultures:

The learners in our classes will explore cultural understanding through a combination of language, art, and cultural events to be able to express their understanding of similarities and differences in their culture and the culture they are studying.

Connections:

The learners in our classes will build, reinforce and expand their knowledge in other disciplines, both in academic and social settings, through their acquisition of language and cultural skills.

Comparisons:

The learners in our classes will be able to make comparisons between their culture and language and the target language and its culture through the use of language and cultural activities.

Communities:

The learners in our classes will develop a desire to become lifelong learners who will continue to reflect and learn about the target language and culture as well as their own language and

culture.

Units	Key learning objectives	Key Concepts	Major projects/assessments
Hiragana	The students will achieve 100% mastery of reading and writing the Gojuuon in hiragana.	Only words of Japanese origin are written in hiragana.	Hiragana Cards, Hiragana Reading Quiz, Hiragana Writing Quiz
Katakana	The students will achieve 80% mastery of reading and writing the Gojuuon in hiragana. Mastery is not required until Japanese II.	Words of foreign origin and for special situations words of Japanese origin are written in katakana.	Katakana Stroke Order Packets, Katakana Reading Quiz, Katakana Writing Quiz
Kanji	The students will be introduced to a minimum of 100 kanji characters that will support the materials learned in the textbook: Genki I.	Kanji characters are ideographs and are used to clarify understanding when using written language.	Kanji Radical and Stroke Order Sheets, Kanji Quizzes
Genki I: あいさつ (Greetings)	The students will learn how to meet and greet using common phrases and sentences.	There are several degrees of politeness and formality in greetings and every day interactions.	Greetings pictures, Oral Vocab Quiz, Written Vocab Quiz
Genki I: あたらしいともだち (New Friends)	The students will be able to hold simple conversations in Japanese using time, age, and personal information like majors, jobs and family members.	The students will be able to use simple Subject Object Verb sentences.	Time worksheets, Numbers Cheat Sheet, Vocabulary Pictures, Oral Vocabulary Quiz, Written Vocabulary Quiz
Genki I: かいもの (Shopping)	The students will be able to use simple sentence structures to	The students will be able to ask how much something is worth.	The Store Activity, Oral Vocabulary Quiz

	perform everyday tasks like shopping.		
Movies	The students will watch high quality Japanese language films.	<p>The students will be exposed to native Japanese language speakers.</p> <p>The students will compare Japanese storytelling styles to Western styles of storytelling.</p> <p>The students will compare and contrast Japanese and Western society</p>	Train Man, The Love a Samurai, Grave of the Fireflies, and Always

Key Assessment Information:

In this course we are looking for mastery of the skills that are taught. Except for the final exam and speaking activities, written assessments can be taken as many times as need to reach the level of master needed.

100% mastery of writing and reading hiragana is required to pass Japanese I.

Grade Category Weighting: Homework/Daily Assignments - 70%, Assessments - 20%, Lifeskills - 10%

Primary/ Major Curriculum Material:
 Genki 1 Second Edition: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese
 Genki 1 Second Edition Workbook.