

## JAPAN 111: FIRST-YEAR JAPANESE (5 Credits)

### I. PLACEMENT

Japan 111 is the first quarter of a three-quarter sequence of first-year Japanese (Japan 111-112-113). This course assumes that students have no background in Japanese. Students who have studied Japanese before or learned it through residence in Japan or life experience must meet with Ms. Nishikawa to confirm appropriate placement.

Even if you were placed in Japan 111 through the placement test, if you find that the course is too easy, you should find your appropriate level by personally visiting the instructor of the level you think might best suit your needs (and do so *as soon as possible*). It is in each student's best interest to be appropriately placed, not to delay progress by taking a course that is too easy. Japanese language instructors in charge of more advanced levels are as follows:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
Japan 112-113	I. Nishikawa	inishi@uw.edu
Japan 211-212-213	K. Ohta	kaoru@uw.edu
Japan 311-312-313	I. Matsuda	matsuda@uw.edu
Japan 421-422-423	A. Iwata	iwata3@uw.edu

Those students who have completed two semesters (one year) of Elementary Japanese in high school *will not receive credit* for Japan 111.

### II. INSTRUCTORS

		<u>E-mail and Phone</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Office Hours</u>
Itsuko Nishikawa	Lecturer	inishi@uw.edu (206) 543-4995	Gowen M225	Monday 10:30-11:30, Thursday 1:30-2:30, and by appointment
Akiko Iwata	Lecturer	iwata3@uw.edu (206) 543-6628	Gowen 244	Monday 2:30-3:30 and Thursday 9:30-10:30
Maki Morita	Graduate Teaching Assistant	moritm@uw.edu (206) 543-4685	Gowen M223	Monday 12:30-1:30 and by appointment
Brandon Wright	Graduate Teaching Assistant	bpwright@uw.edu (206) 543-4685	Gowen M223	Tuesday 2:30-3:30 and by appointment

Dept. of Asian Lang & Lit: Telephone 543-4996; Website <http://depts.washington.edu/asianll/>

If you have any concerns about the course, instruction, etc., please see your instructor and/or Ms. Nishikawa as soon as possible.

### III. COURSE WEB PAGE <http://tinyurl.com/ndbo5j>

If the above address does not work, go to: <https://catalysttools.washington.edu/workspace/inishi/6813/>  
Please check regularly for announcements and uploaded material.

### IV. CLASS TIME AND LOCATIONS

Each student is required to attend lectures (T/Th) and quiz sections (MWF).

	Day	Time	Location	Instructor	
Lectures	A	TTh	09:30-10:20	Johnson 175	
	B	TTh	10:30-11:20	Johnson 175	
	C	TTh	12:30-01:20	Mary Gates 231	
Quiz Sections	A	MWF	08:30-09:20	Balmer 211	Nishikawa
	B	MWF	09:30-10:20	Balmer 207	Nishikawa
	C	MWF	09:30-10:20	Balmer 408	Morita
	D	MWF	10:30-11:20	Balmer 408	Wright
	E	MWF	10:30-11:20	Smith 405	Iwata
	G	MWF	11:30-12:20	Raitt 109	Morita
	H	MWF	12:30-01:20	Raitt 109	Wright

## V. COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course aims at introducing the four basic language skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing) of modern Japanese. The purpose of the course is to build a solid foundation in Japanese grammar while developing communicative skills in Japanese. It will cover Lessons 1, 2, 3, and 4 of *Nakama 1a* (Refer to VI. COURSE MATERIALS). By the end of this quarter, you will be able to:

- say greetings,
- introduce yourself,
- describe one's daily schedule,
- describe locations of objects,
- read and write *hiragana* and *katakana* characters, and
- read and write five *kanji* characters.

## VI. COURSE MATERIALS

The required materials are following:

1. *Nakama 1a*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. By Hatasa, Hatasa, and Makino. Boston: Heinle, Cengage Learning. ISBN: 0-618966285
2. *Nakama 1a: Student Activities Manual*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. By Hatasa, Hatasa, and Makino. Boston: Heinle, Cengage Learning. ISBN: 0-61896570X
3. Course Pack (available at the University Book Store)
4. Audio Files (required for *Student Activities Manual*) available at:  
<http://depts.washington.edu/llc/olr/japanese/index.php> Click on "Nakama I [New edition]."

Other recommended materials:

5. Online Study Center by the publisher of the textbook:  
[http://college.cengage.com/languages/japanese/hatasa/nakama1/2e/student\\_home.html](http://college.cengage.com/languages/japanese/hatasa/nakama1/2e/student_home.html)
6. *English Grammar for Students of Japanese*. By Hudson. Ann Arbor: The Olivia and Hill Press. ISBN: 0-934034-16-8

## VII. GRADING AND POLICIES

The grading scale for First-Year Japanese is as follows. Letter grade equivalents to numerical grades are from the UW Course catalog.

A		B		C		D	
	%		%		%		%
4.0	100						
4.0	99	3.4	89	2.4	79	1.4	69
4.0	98	3.3	88	2.3	78	1.3	68
4.0	97	3.2	87	2.2	77	1.2	67
3.9	96	3.1	86	2.1	76	1.1	66
3.9	95	3.0	85	2.0	75	1.0	65
3.8	94	2.9	84	1.9	74	0.9	64
3.8	93	2.8	83	1.8	73	0.8	63
3.7	92	2.7	82	1.7	72	0.8	62
3.6	91	2.6	81	1.6	71	0.7	61
3.5	90	2.5	80	1.5	70	0.7	60

Note that no incomplete grade will be given except under extraordinary circumstances (e.g., hospitalization in the last week of instruction) due to the nature of language courses.

The grade allocation for Japan 111 is as follows.

1. Class Participation 4%
2. Homework 15%
3. Compositions (3) 6%
4. Quizzes 25%
5. Chapter Tests (2) 20%
6. Oral Exams (2) 10%
7. Final Exam 20%

There is no minimum (cut off) grade set for students to continue onto Second-Year Japanese. However, please note that the prerequisite for Japan 311 (Third-Year Japanese) is a minimum grade of 2.0 in Japan 213 or Japan 234 and that for all fourth-year Japanese courses it is a minimum grade of 2.5 in Japan 313. For further information, please go to: [http://depts.washington.edu/asianll/lang\\_degs/prog\\_japanese\\_reqs.html](http://depts.washington.edu/asianll/lang_degs/prog_japanese_reqs.html).

### 1. Class Participation

Active class participation is mandatory. Participation counts for 2 points per class, and full points will be given only to students who participate in all class activities. Your participation points will be deducted and you may be asked to leave the classroom if you are disruptive (texting, sleeping, not paying attention, etc). Being tardy or leaving more than 5 minutes early will lower your daily participation point total by 1 point. Participating in class for less than 40 minutes will count for 0 points. Whatever the reason for your absence or tardiness, *no grading adjustment will be considered*.

### 2. Homework

Homework is assigned daily, as noted on the schedule. Additions and/or modifications may be made as necessary by the instructors. Homework must be submitted in class, and no credit will be given for homework completed during class time. With a single exception, *no late assignment will be accepted* without proof of documented emergency. If an assignment is due on a day when you know you will miss class, hand it in ahead of time. To accommodate a non-documented emergency or illness, one and only one late homework assignment will be accepted.

### 3. Compositions

There will be three writing assignments during this quarter, two of which will be given as preparation for the oral exam. Assignments must be submitted in the class, and no credit will be given for work completed during class time. Late assignments will have *50% deducted* from the overall score. Any assignments submitted beyond the one class-day grace period without documented proof will be corrected but *no credit will be given*. If an assignment is due on a day when you know you will miss class, hand it in ahead of time. You are not allowed to

ask someone to revise your composition. Write on your own by using vocabulary, grammar, and expressions you have learned.

#### 4. Quizzes

There will be quizzes for characters (hiragana, katakana, and kanji) as well as for vocabulary. In addition, unscheduled short (pop) quizzes may be given in lecture and/or quiz sections. With a single exception, *no make-up will be given* without proof of documented emergency. To accommodate a non-documented emergency or illness, one and only one make-up for a scheduled quiz will be given. Please note that under no circumstances, may a make-up for an unscheduled quiz be granted.

#### 5. Chapter Tests and 6. Oral Exams

There will be 2 chapter tests and 2 oral exams. *No make-up will be offered without proof of documented emergency* or official university business; talk to Ms. Nishikawa ahead of time if you know you will be absent on the scheduled day.

#### 7. Final Exam: 8:30 am, Saturday, December 12

Final exam for the course will be given on Saturday, December 12, at 8:30 am (location TBA). This is a different date from what is scheduled in the final exam schedule. Please make sure that you adjust your personal schedule as no make-up final will be administered after this date. If you have any conflict with other finals, please inform Ms. Nishikawa by Thursday, November 12th.

**In Case of H1N1 Influenza Outbreak:** If there is an H1N1 influenza outbreak that causes a large number of absences, the academic policies for this course will be adjusted accordingly. By request of Provost Phyllis Wise, in such a case requirements for documentation of illness will be waived, to avoid unnecessarily overcrowding health care facilities. These policies may be updated at any time, so check on the course website for updates, or contact Ms. Nishikawa with any questions.

### VIII. EXPECTATIONS AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

**Student Conduct Code:** It is the expectation of the university that students are familiar with the Student Conduct Code. Violations of the Student Conduct Code will result in a variety of disciplinary actions, including suspension or permanent dismissal from the University. For details, please refer to: <http://www.washington.edu/students/handbook/conduct.html>.

**Japan 111:** Regular attendance and participation as well as timely assignment submission are presumed and will enhance your ability to learn the new material presented in class. Please remember that it is not possible to recreate class activities by copying another student's notes, obtaining handouts, or visiting the instructor for a missed class. If you must miss class, it is your responsibility to find out what was covered in class and to come prepared for the next class.

#### 1. Academic Integrity

In case of academic misconduct, such as having someone revise your writing, copying someone's homework or cheating on quizzes and exams, the offending student will be penalized in accordance with the policy of the College of Arts and Sciences (<http://depts.washington.edu/grading/issue1/honesty.htm>). Those who let someone copy their work will also be penalized.

#### 2. Preparation and Review for Class

The schedule in X. Course Schedule and Due Dates is tentative. Only exam dates, project due dates, and presentation dates are indicated. Further changes will be announced in class or via e-mail. In case you miss a class, ask a fellow student if there has been a change to the schedule. It is *your* responsibility to be aware of any schedule changes, to prepare properly, and to submit the correct homework assignments as they are due.

For undergraduate courses, one credit is generally defined as equivalent to an average of three hours of learning effort per week for one quarter. This is thought to be the minimum necessary for an average student to achieve

an average grade (i.e., C) in the course. Therefore, a student taking this five-credit course, which meets for five hours a week, should expect to spend an additional 10 hours a week on coursework outside of the classroom.

### **3. Use of Japanese in Quiz Sections**

Quiz sections are conducted in Japanese. This is because sections are designed to help you learn grammar points and vocabulary, and how to use them in communicative situations through use of Japanese. You may ask questions about grammar, etc., in English, during the lecture and office hours.

### **4. Using Japanese on a Computer**

It is required that you have access to a Japanese-capable computer. You will need one to read the course website and to do the homework.

### **5. Email**

There will be an email list which will serve as a message board for the course. When you register for the course, you are automatically subscribed to the list, but if you wish to subscribe from a non-UW address, please go to <http://mailman1.u.washington.edu/mailman/listinfo/japan111> [your QUIZ section here]\_au09 and follow the instructions. Make sure you are on this list and check your email regularly.

When you e-mail the instructor, do not expect an instant reply. Depending on the time and day you send an e-mail, it may take up to 72 hours for a response.

## **IX. DISABLED STUDENT SERVICES**

Disabled students who require accommodations must seek assistance at Disabled Student Services ([http://www.washington.edu/students/genocat/front/Disabled\\_Student.html](http://www.washington.edu/students/genocat/front/Disabled_Student.html)) in a timely manner; usually prior to the start of classes or as soon as a disability becomes known. For information or to request disability accommodations, contact:  
206-543-8924/V, 206-543-8925/TTY, 206-616-8379 (FAX) or [uwdss@uw.edu](mailto:uwdss@uw.edu).

Only after the necessary documents are submitted will the instructors make accommodations determined by the Disabled Student Services.

## **X. OTHER INFORMATION FOR YOUR JAPANESE STUDIES**

### **1. Japan-info email list**

The J-info list will distribute Japan-related announcements on study abroad, jobs, volunteer opportunities, and campus events. To subscribe to J-info, fill out the subscription form at the following web address:  
<http://mailman.u.washington.edu/mailman/listinfo/j-info/>

### **2. Conversation Partner**

If you would like to find a language exchange partner to practice your Japanese in exchange for teaching your native language, email [langex@u.washington.edu](mailto:langex@u.washington.edu) or go to their website:  
<http://depts.washington.edu/uwelp/langex/>

### **3. Center for Learning and Undergraduate Enrichment (CLUE)**

Current UW students staff drop-in tutoring. For information, visit their website:  
<http://depts.washington.edu/clue/index.php>

### **4. Study Abroad**

Study abroad opportunities in Japan are available for students with any level of Japanese proficiency, from beginning through advanced. Information sheets are available through Abby Petty, the undergraduate advisor in the department office (Gowen 225). You can also go to the office of International Programs and Exchange Office (Schimitz 516) or visit their website at: <http://www.ipe.washington.edu/>

## **XI. COURSE SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

The detailed chapter schedule will be posted on the course website. Click on “Schedule.”

W 30 Sep – F 9 Oct	Chapter 1
M 12 Oct – Tue 27 Oct	Chapter 2
<b>W 28 Oct</b>	<b>Test: Chapter 1 and 2</b>
Th 29 Oct – M 16 Nov	Chapter 3
<b>T 17 Nov</b>	<b>Test: Chapter 3</b>
<b>W 18 Nov</b>	<b>Oral Exam 1</b>
Th 19 Nov – Th 10 Dec	Chapter 4
<b>W 9 Dec &amp; F 11 Dec</b>	<b>Oral Exam 2</b>
<b>S 12 Dec</b>	<b>Final Exam</b>