

University of Alabama at Birmingham
School of Arts and Humanities
Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

JPA 101 INTRODUCTORY JAPANESE I Fall Semester 2009

Course #: JPA 101-2C
Time & Room: 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM, Tuesday & Thursday; Room HB 309
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JPA message board: <http://nihongo.yuku.com/>
All test and quiz guidelines will be posted to this message board, so please sign up.

Course Description:

JPA 101 teaches the essentials of Japanese language and culture needed for proficient communication. Oral communication receives the greater emphasis. In written communication, students learn to read and write all hiragana and recognize katakana. 3 hours.

Goals:

- Understand and appreciate everyday elements of the Japanese culture.
- Comprehend spoken Japanese based on chapter topics and vocabulary.
- Read and understand written Japanese passages based on chapter topics and vocabulary.
- Communicate in basic Japanese in a variety of common situations.

Student Learning Outcomes:

- In this course students will
- Use appropriate greetings.
 - Introduce themselves and each other with basic information.
 - Talk about daily schedule.
 - Find out the price of things.
 - Express likes and dislikes.
 - Talk about the weather.

Textbook:

Title: *Yookoso! An Invitation to Contemporary Japanese* (Third Edition).

Author: Yasu-Hiko Tohsaku

Publisher: McGraw-Hill www.mhhe.com or (800) 338-3987

ISBN # 0072408154

For more practice, McGraw-Hill also sells a CD-ROM with vocabulary and grammar practice activities as well as video segments.

Attendance policies:

Students need to come to class on time. Being late twice will count as one absence. Those who arrive to class late must notify the instructor at the end of the class to have their absence changed to tardy. If under special circumstances, students need to miss classes, the following attendance policy will be applied: 2% from the FINAL grade is deducted for EACH absence above 3. More than 7 absences will result in an AUTOMATIC "F." For details, see the attached departmental attendance policy (also on the Web at http://www.uab.edu/foreignlang/pdf/Attendance_Policy1.pdf).

Classroom policies:

- Please turn off phones and pagers while in class.
- Please do not eat in class.

ATTENTION: UAB EARLY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS)

EAS is a new system that UAB is implementing to help students avoid bad grades (D or below). If you receive an e-mail with EAS in the title, please open it, read it and take advantage of the academic support it offers. UAB hopes that through systems like this, students will be aware of the resources available to help them successfully complete their degree program.

Grades:

GRADES:			
Class preparation and participation: 12.5%	Quizzes: 10%		
Conversation assignments: 7.5%	Written Exams: 40% (midterm & final)		
Written assignments: 12.5%	Oral Exam: 15%		
Cultural participation: 2.5%			
A: 90 – 100	B: 80 – 89.99	C: 70 – 79.99	D: 60 – 69.99

Class preparation and class participation 12.5%:

You will be graded on the following factors daily:

- Reviewing language from the previous lessons and being able to use it in class
- Volunteering to answer questions
- Participating in exercises and activities
- Constructive attitude

Conversation assignments 7.5%:

- Each student is required to visit the instructor in her office during conversation hours five times or more per semester and converse in Japanese. Students may visit individually or in groups up to four. Each conversation will last approximately 5–15 minutes, depending on the number of students in a group. If the conversation hours are not convenient, the instructor and student will make other arrangements.

Conversation hours: To Be Announced

From August 27 through November 24, you will have 12 chances to visit, once per week.

Written assignments 12.5%:

- Each individual class session will have a written assignment to be completed by the next session. Ten percent is deducted from a late assignment for each class session it is late. If an assignment is late by more than four class sessions, it will receive a 0.
- Written assignments are not graded for accuracy, but must be completed to receive credit.
- When assignments are returned, notify the instructor at the end of class of any submitted assignments that you do not receive back. No claims of submitted assignments will be accepted later in the semester.

Cultural participation 2.5%:

- Must attend at least two cultural events outside of class, on or off campus, but organized by the UAB Dept. of Foreign Languages & Literatures. At least one of the events attended must be Japan-related. Examples include Japan Day, Japanese movie, JapanFest, calligraphy class. Check events at the Department calendar Web site, bulletin board, Nihongo.yuku announcements, or activities page of the UAB JPA Web site.
UAB JPA Web site: <http://www.dpo.uab.edu/~makocook/uabjpa/index.html>
- Participation in either the Japanese table or another Japan-related credit course does not count toward the cultural participation grade.
- A participation form is provided on the last page of this syllabus. Due by 11:00 AM, Thursday, December 3.

Quizzes 10%:

- Three quizzes will be given throughout the semester.

Written Exams 40%:

- The midterm and final exams will be written. If under special circumstances, students need to take an exam after its scheduled date and time, there will be a 5% deduction on the exam grade.

Oral Exam 15%:

- One oral exam will be given at the end of the semester.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Department Office

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CALENDAR Fall 2009

All dates and assignments are tentative and may be altered in writing during the semester.

Day 1	8/18 (Tu)	Orientation Introduction to Japanese writing system and pronunciation
Day 2	8/20 (Th)	Basic greetings
Day 3	8/25 (Tu)	Getting Started, Part One Numbers 1–10 Self-introductions
Day 4	8/27 (Th)	Part One (<i>Yookoso!</i> pp. 2-9) Number up to 99 Self-introductions
Day 5	9/1 (Tu)	Part One (pp. 10-16) Counters Review Part One
Day 6	9/3 (Th)	Quiz Part 1 Part Two (pp. 17-20) Ask and tell telephone numbers Ask and tell dates
Day 7	9/8 (Tu)	Part Two (pp. 20-22) Ask and tell the time
Day 8	9/10 (Th)	Part Two (pp. 22-24) Talk about schedules
Day 9	9/15 (Tu)	Part Two (pp. 24-32) <i>Ko-so-a-do</i> series Review Part Two
Day 10	9/17 (Th)	Quiz Part 2 Part Three (pp. 33-39) Daily activities-1
Day 11	9/22 (Tu)	Part Three (pp. 33-39) Daily activities-2
Day 12	9/24 (Th)	Part Three (pp. 33-39) Daily activities-3
Day 13	9/29 (Tu)	Part Three (pp. 33-39) Daily activities-4
Day 14	10/1 (Th)	Part Three (pp. 33-39) Ask and tell what time one does a daily activity

Day 15	10/6 (Tu)	Part Three (pp. 33-39) Ask and tell what time one does a daily activity
Day 16	10/8 (Th)	Part Three (pp. 39-40) Talk about what you like and dislike-1
Day 17	10/13 (Tu)	Part Three (pp. 39-48) Talk about what you like and dislike-2
	<u>10/15 – 10/18</u>	<u>Fall Break</u>
Day 18	10/20 (Tu)	Review and catch-up day
Day 19	10/22 (Th)	Midterm Written Exam (Part 1, 2, & 3) including hiragana reading
Day 20	10/27 (Tu)	Part Four (pp. 49-52) Talk about where actions occur
Day 21	10/29 (Th)	Part Four (pp. 49-52) Talk about what one did
Day 22	11/3 (Tu)	Part Four (pp. 52-54) Invite somebody to do something Days of the week
Day 23	11/5 (Th)	Part Four (pp. 54-60) Talk about weekly schedules Talk about weather
Day 24	11/10 (Tu)	Quiz Part 4 Part Five (pp. 61-64) Ask and tell location
Day 25	11/12 (Th)	Part Five (p. 64) Numbers up to 9,999
Day 26	11/17 (Tu)	Part Five (pp. 65-67) Ask and tell what is available
Day 27	11/19 (Th)	Part Five (pp. 65-67) Ask and tell what is available Oral test practice
Day 28	11/24 (Tu)	Review and catch-up day (pp. 49-77)
	<u>11/26 (Th)</u>	<u>No class</u>
Day 29	12/1 (Tu)	Final Written Exam (Part 4 & 5) including hiragana writing & katakana reading
	12/3 (Th)	Make-up day
Final	12/8 (Tu)	Oral Exam 10:45 AM – 1:15 PM in room 407H

Cultural Event Participation Form

(Due by 11:00 AM, Thursday, December 3)

Student Name: _____

Event 1.

Fill in form before having event staff sign it.

Event Name: _____

Date & Time of Participation: _____

Event Staff (print name)

Event Staff Signature

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Event 2.

Fill in form before having event staff sign it.

Event Name: _____

Date & Time of Participation: _____

Event Staff (print name)

Event Staff Signature