

Summer Intensive Program

Course Syllabus

(JAcc 300: Intermediate Japanese)

① Course Outline

The purpose of this course is to establish a foundation for practical oral Japanese language skills by reviewing structures and vocabularies learned at the beginner level and using them in a variety of contexts. Emphasis will also be placed on establishing the foundation of practical Japanese writing skills by learning the various structures and grammar necessary for logical explanation. At the end of the course, students are required to make a final presentation based on what they have learned.

As classes will be conducted mainly in Japanese, students are expected to prepare lessons in advance. To reinforce learning, students are regularly given homework assignments such as worksheets and essays.

② Learning goals

This course is designed for post-elementary students to acquire basic practical language skills, both spoken and written further building on the knowledge of Japanese they have acquired in elementary courses.

The goals for students of this course are:

- (1) to be able to develop their spoken Japanese skills while reviewing the vocabularies and grammatical expressions learned at the beginner level.
- (2) to be able to read intellectual texts of a certain length.
- (3) to be able to read and write about 12 new kanjis in each unit based on the assumption that students know 284 former N4 kanjis to some extent.
- (4) to be able to express their thoughts on lecture topics through discussions and essays.

③ Grading

Class attendance, participation and performance 30%

Quiz, assignment, essay and presentation 30%

Final written Exam. 20%

Final oral exam. 20%

※ The formula is subject to change.

※ Regular attendance to all classes is required. Being absent for one third or more of the classes will be considered as withdrawal from the course.

④ Class Plan

The following lessons will be covered in this class.

- Orientation: Explanation of the syllabus and reviewing the vocabularies and grammatical expressions learned at the beginner level
- My town and my relationship with Japan
- Life and people's relationship in modern society
- Historical changes of society and our lives
- Beginning to work
- Young foreign residents living in Japan
- Final test: Final Written Exam/Final Oral Presentation

※ Please see the “NIJ: A New Approach to Intermediate Japanese” (Kurosio Publishers) for detailed section content.