

Japanese Academy of the Rockies SY2018~2019 Syllabus

Class Name: Nozomi2 AP

Class Time: 9:00~10:30am

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Course Description

AP Japanese Language and Culture course is designed to be comparable to approximately 300 hours of college level classroom and prepare students for the AP exam in May. The course is almost exclusively conducted in Japanese and students are expected to participate in class activities in Japanese.

Classroom interaction are focused around **three modes of communication: interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational** for meaningful purposes. The “5Cs” of the ACTFL World Readiness Standards for Learning Languages **Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities** are integrated through a thematic content-based unit approach while students build up language competence.

Course Objectives

Students will:

- ✓ effectively engage in interpersonal communication, exchange information and opinions, and express feelings.
- ✓ be able to interpret authentic or semi-authentic written and spoken society of Japan.
- ✓ be able to give an oral, multimedia, or written presentation to share research, ideas, and opinions on a variety of topics that relate to everyday life and contemporary society of Japan.
- ✓ demonstrate an understanding of Japanese culture by studying the relationship of products and practices to their cultural perspectives in the life of Japanese people.
- ✓ demonstrate an understanding of their own culture and values and the nature of language by comparing them with the Japanese language and culture.
- ✓ expand their knowledge in other disciplines and recognize distinctive viewpoints that are unique in Japanese culture.

Textbook and Sources

Marugoto: Japanese Language and Culture Pre-Intermediate A2/B1

<https://www.marugoto.org/en/about/>

Expectation

1. Attendance and Participation: Language learning is cumulative by nature. Therefore, it is essential that you attend class every session, and show up on time and prepared. It is your responsibility to preview and review the class.

2. Homework: It is assigned in a weekly basis. You must turn it in directly to the teacher as instructed.

Evaluation

No grades are given. Students’ progress will be monitored on a regular basis to ensure that they are acquiring communication competence and cultural proficiency.

Parent Teacher Conference

Parent teacher conference will be held at a request basis either by a parent or a teacher.