

**Japanese Language Class for Adults
Japanese Academy of the Rockies
“Otona Beginning A-0” for Fall 2018**

**Course Syllabus
2018-2019**

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Class Hours: 10:00-11:30 Saturdays
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A. Description

This course is designed for students with little to no experience in learning Japanese as foreign language. It also meets the needs of those seeking a refresher course in beginner level Japanese.

This course deals with the fundamentals of Japanese: conversation, writing, listening and reading comprehension, vocabulary building, grammar, and culture.

B. Common Course Objectives

The main objective of the course is to help students develop skills in the areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing in the Japanese language at a basic level. The skills you learn from this course will enable you to engage in simple yet useful Japanese conversations, read and understand basic written Japanese and feel comfortable using hiragana, katakana and some kanji. Your ability to understand and communicate will develop along with your knowledge of the vocabulary and grammatical structures of the language.

C. Learning Objectives

At the end of the school year, students should be able to do the following:

Reading

- Read hiragana, katakana, and 15 kanji.
- Understand simple questions based on familiar topics.

Listening

- Follow common classroom instructions.
- Comprehend simple questions based on familiar topics

Writing

- Use hiragana, katakana, and some of 15 kanji
- Write name, nationality, brief description of daily activities

Speaking

- Use comprehensible pronunciation, distinguishing between single and double vowels and consonants.
- Introduce themselves and use daily greetings.
- Express gratitude and apology.
- Ask what items are and identify them.
- Count using common counters and use numbers in giving information such as telephone numbers and prices of food items.
- Tell the day, date, and time.
- Order food at a Japanese restaurant.
- Buy simple items at a store.
- Inquire whether something exists.
- Describe people, places and things.
- Ask and tell where something is located.
- Express varying degrees of likes and dislikes.
- Make requests
- Give and ask for permission
- State that something is forbidden

Textbooks: **An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese: Genki I* (2nd edition, The Japan Times)
* *An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese: Genki I Workbook* (2nd edition, The Japan Times)

There are several options.

1. Purchase a new textbook for \$45.
2. Rent a textbook from our school for \$20.
3. Rent a textbook for \$20 and purchase the same one next semester for additional \$25.
4. Purchasing new is the only option for the Workbook (\$18).

Attendance: If you need to miss a class, please notify the instructor (via email) in advance or call Japanese academy of the Rockies (303 585 1225) by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.

In case of an inclement weather such as snowstorm, please check the website of Japanese academy of the Rockies, <http://www.japaneseacademyoftherockies.org/>.

This class is a non-credit course. However, you are expected to preview and review the content of each class listed in the course schedule in order to successfully participate in class. There will be periodical quizzes and homework to check your progress.