

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

Course Syllabus

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Class Hours: 9:00~10:30 Saturdays
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A. Description

This course is designed for students who have a basic knowledge of Japanese language including hiragana, katakana and simple grammar, or for students who have completed Otona Class 1 and 2 at the Japanese Academy of the Rockies.

This course deals with the fundamentals of Japanese: conversation, writing, listening, reading comprehension, vocabulary building, grammar, and culture. We will begin our Fall session with a review of the materials from the textbook (Genki, Lessons 1-5) and work on new items in the textbook.

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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 demonstrate the following:

Reading:

- Read hiragana, katakana, and 58 kanji.
- Read a passage smoothly and comfortably with hiragana, katakana and learned kanji mixed in it.
- Understand the gist of the passage without looking up the meanings in the dictionary.

Listening:

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

Writing:

- Use hiragana, katakana, and 58 kanji.

- Write a paragraph such as daily activities and likes/dislikes.
- Write a postcard to someone in Japan.
- Use a computer to send a short email to the instructor in Japanese.

Speaking

- Use comprehensible pronunciation, distinguishing between single and double vowels and consonants.
- Introduce themselves and use daily greetings.
- Express gratitude and apology.
- Describe nouns with various adjectives and use proper conjugation patterns.
- Express various degrees of likes and dislikes.
- Make a suggestion of a plan of action.
- Use proper counter (number words) in counting people, stamps, pens, etc.
- Make requests using the *te*-form of verbs.
- Give and ask for permission
- State that something is forbidden.
- Describe two events or activities using the *te*-form of verbs.

Text book * *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 in obtaining the textbooks (if you do not have one already):

1. Purchase a new textbook for \$45.
2. Rent a textbook from our school for \$20.
3. If you rented a textbook for \$20 in the previous semester, you can purchase the same one for additional \$25.
4. If you prefer to purchase a used textbook, the price varies depending on the condition of the book.
5. 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 the 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 before coming to class.
<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. There will be periodical quizzes and homework to check your progress.