

**Japanese language class for adults**  
**Japanese Academy of the Rockies**  
**Otona Intermediate**  
**Course Syllabus**  
**2018-2019**  
**Instructor: Michiyo Colclasure**

Class hours           9:00 AM –11:00 AM Saturday  
Location               Classroom 702  
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**Required Materials**

*Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese: Genki II* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition, The Japan Times)  
*Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese: Genki II Work book* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition, The Japan Times)  
*Nihongo Kaiwa Training* (Asukashuppan)

**A. Description**

This course is designed for students who have skills in the areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing in the Japanese language at a basic level or for students who have completed the study of beginning level of Japanese. This course deals with the fundamentals of Japanese; conversation, writing, listening, reading comprehension, vocabulary building, grammar, and culture. We will start with a review of the previous semesters and work on new items in the textbook.

**B. Common Course Objectives**

The main objective of the course is to help students strengthen beginning level practical Japanese conversational skills. This course's main objective also includes reading and comprehension of basic written Japanese. The course's secondary objective is to develop more skill using Hiragana, Katakana, and Kanji which were introduced in the beginning level textbooks. Your ability to understand and communicate in Japanese will develop along with your knowledge of the vocabulary and grammatical structures of the Japanese language.

**C. Learning objectives**

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

Reading

- Understand the main idea and most supporting details of authentic text of various kinds.

Listening

- Understand sentence-length utterances which consist of recombination of learned utterances or topics.

### Speaking

- Respond to and initiate statements and maintain face to face conversations related to a variety of basic communicative tasks.

### Writing

- Write several paragraphs to express your knowledge, experiences, opinions and ideas using the accurate tenses and appropriate grammar patterns. Use basic and appropriate vocabulary, kanji, expressions, structures to express meaning.

There are several options for a textbook:

1. Purchase Genki II textbook (new) for \$45.
2. Purchase Genki II workbook for \$18
3. Rent Genki II textbook from our school for \$20.
4. Rent Genki II textbook for \$20 and purchase the same one next semester for additional \$25.
5. If you will purchase used textbook next semester, price may change depending on the condition of the book.
6. Purchase Kaiwa Training textbook (new) for \$24 \* no renting available
7. You can buy it on your own from a bookstore.

### **D. Attendance and closures:**

**If you need to miss a class, please notify the instructor in advance or call Japanese Academy of the Rockies (303 585 1225) by 9:00 a.m.** on Saturday before class. Please check the website of the Japanese Academy of the Rockies for snow closures, emergencies, and other news. <http://www.japaneseacademyoftherockies.org/>

### **E. Class Participation**

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 and do homework to meaningfully participate in the class and make progress.

### **F. Vocabulary/Kanji Quizzes**

A vocabulary/Kanji quiz is given every class.

### **G. Projects**

Essay composition and speech presentation may be assigned towards the end of the semesters.