

JAPN 1130. First Semester Japanese Intensive

Course Description

This is the first semester of a two-semester sequence in first year Japanese. This course focuses on the basics of the Japanese language with a balanced approach to the development of four skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. It is designed to teach students to communicate with Japanese socially and culturally appropriate manners to survive daily life. Basic reading and writing will be also covered in the cultural context. The course follows ACTFL guidelines, integrating the 5 Cs: communication, cultures, connections, comparisons and communities, to offer the student a well-rounded classroom experience. Students will attain ACTFL novice-high level in four skills.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Communicate and exchange information about familiar topics, such as greetings, family, visiting friends, and basic shopping and traveling using phrases and simple sentences, sometimes supported by memorized patterns.
2. Usually handle short social interactions in everyday situations by asking and answering simple questions
3. Write short messages and notes in Japanese characters on familiar topics related to everyday life.
4. Often understand words, phrases, and simple sentences in Japanese related to everyday life.
5. Recognize pieces of information and sometimes understand the main topic of what is being said.
6. Understand familiar words, phrases, and sentences in Japanese characters within short and simple texts related to everyday life.
7. Sometimes understand the main idea of what they have read in Japanese characters.
8. Identify beliefs, behaviors and cultural artifacts of Japan.
9. Develop initial awareness of cultural similarities and differences.