

# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII • KAPI'OLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## **Japanese 101 Elementary Japanese I (4 credits) Syllabus** Section: 31178 (Online)

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### **Course Description:**

This course builds a basic foundation that will enable students to acquire and develop language skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Japanese in a linguistically and culturally appropriate manner<sup>1</sup>.

### **Textbooks:**

*Nakama 1a* Hatasa, Yukiko and Hatasa, Kazumi, Makino, Seiichi Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2009.

*Nakama 1a, Student Activities Manual* Hatasa, Yukiko and Hatasa, Kazumi. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2009.

CD Program to accompany *Nakama 1a, , Student Activities Manual*. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2009.

### **Other requirements**

Japanese-ready Computer, WebCamera, Microphone, High Speed Internet Connection.

### **Class URL**

<http://portal.marinebat.com/101online>

The above is the portal page of the course. You go to this page to access everything.  
Class requirements and almost all questions regarding how this class is conducted are stated here.

<http://adagio.marinebat.com/>

**All students must be fully familiar with the above site.**

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<sup>1</sup> If you have not taken a placement test and your background and knowledge of the Japanese language make Japanese 101 an inappropriate course for you, we ask that you transfer to a more suitable course.

## Learning Outcome:

Upon successful completion of Japanese 101, the students should be able to:

- Understand short, learned utterances, and occasionally sentence-length utterances where context is clear. Comprehension is limited to vocabulary and some simple questions/statements related to everyday events, such as greetings, introductions, descriptions of rooms/housing, campus/towns, and daily schedule/activities.
- Make short statements and ask simple questions, primarily by relying on memorized utterances and set phrases. Occasionally, expand to sentence-level production to accomplish tasks in contexts similar to those stated above. Ask for meanings of unknown words in Japanese and to expand their vocabulary.
- Understand written materials in *hiragana* and *katakana*. Comprehension is limited to vocabulary and some simple questions/statements related to contexts similar to the aforementioned contexts. Occasionally comprehend some unfamiliar materials in which the context is clear.
- Write short phrases and sentences in *hiragana* and *katakana* with accuracy. Write self-introductions and compose simple memos.

## Course Contents:

- 1) The Japanese sound system and hiragana
- 2) Greetings and introductions: Meeting someone for the first time/Introducing someone/identifying someone
- 3) Japanese houses: Describing a house and the things in it
- 4) Katakana
- 5) Japanese towns and universities: Asking about a location and making statements about towns, buildings, rooms, and objects
- 6) Daily routine 1: Describing one's daily schedule
- 7) Daily routine 2: Talking about one's daily activities

## Evaluation:

Class performance (quizzes, homework)	20%	A = 90-100%
Chapter Tests	25%	B = 80-89%
Mid-term Exam (written & oral)	25%	C = 70-79%
Comprehensive Final Exam (written & oral)	30%	D = 60-69%
		F = Below 60%

\* Only students with C or better grade are permitted to take Japanese 102.

## **Important Information:**

Students will be added to a course mailing list by the instructor. Should a student drop a course, it's the student's responsibility to unsubscribe from this list. The instructor doesn't unsubscribe anyone from the list. This is to avoid accidental unsubscription of other people when unsubscribing someone else. As long as you are subscribed to the list, you need to follow the class rules when you send e-mail. Especially be polite to everyone and put your full name in your e-mail.

If students find out they are not on the mailing list, they should contact the instructor immediately.

If you must miss an online quiz/test, please leave a message on the instructor's telephone message system or send an e-mail notifying that you miss a quiz/test before or on the day you miss a class. **No make-up quizzes or exams will be given unless this procedure is followed.**

You must check your e-mail from the course mailing list multiple times a day on a regular basis. Almost all class communication is done via e-mail. It's the students' responsibility to follow the class information/instruction.

If a student takes a test and/or an exam at a testing center other than Kapiolani Community College, it's the students' responsibility to make necessary arrangements for taking tests. Such arrangements are (but not limited to) making reservations (if necessary) at a computer lab, checking the Japanese compatibility, hours of lab, etc.

Tests/Exams/Quiz must be taken during the designated period. Should you fail to take a test, quiz or exam during this period and wish to take it after the designated period, 10% will be deducted for each solar day you take the test/quiz/exam late under any circumstances.

A student must initiate an arrangement for make-up tests. An instructor will not initiate such a procedure.

The following excuses (but not limited to) are not acceptable for not turning in your assignments online.

1. Computer malfunction
2. Too busy with work.
3. Commuting takes too much time

If your internet connection is down at home, etc. and you cannot take a quiz, submit an assignment during the designated time, you may request to reschedule the quiz, etc. only if the following conditions are met.

- 1) You need to call the instructor and leave a message letting him know that your internet connection is down. The call must be made during the designated time of the quiz, assignment, etc.
- 2) You need to have a written statement from your internet service provider (such as RoadRunner, Verizon, etc. ) proving that your internet connection was down, and they were not able to bring back your connection during the designated time of the specific quiz, assignments, etc. The letter must have a name and the phone number of the contact person of the internet service provider so

that the instructor can directly contact to verify the information. This is to avoid a run-around when the instructor contacts the internet service provider.

3) The rescheduled quiz, etc. must be taken within 3 solar days after the originally scheduled time.

Chapter tests (including the midterm and final) must be taken at the testing center of Kapiolani Community College, unless otherwise approved by the instructor. Taking a chapter test at other locations (such as home) results in a failure of the course.

### ***JAPANESE 101 COURSE CONTENT***

- Chapter 1      The Japanese sound system and hiragana  
Useful Expressions
- Chapter 2      Greetings and introductions:  
Meeting someone for the first time  
Introducing someone  
Identifying someone
- Chapter 3      Japanese houses:  
Describing a house and the things in it
- Chapter 3.5    Katakana
- Chapter 4      Japanese towns and universities:  
Asking about a location and making statements about towns, buildings, rooms, and  
objects
- Chapter 5      Daily routine 1:  
Describing one's daily schedule
- Chapter 6      Daily routine 2:  
Talking about one's daily activities

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*Extended time in a distraction-free environment is an appropriate accommodation based on the student's disability. If you do have a disability and have not voluntarily disclosed the nature of your disability and the support you need, you are invited to contact the Special Student Services Office, 734-9552, Ilima 105.*

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