



## Shanghai University of Finance & Economics

### 2021 Summer Program

### EJP 101 Elementary Japanese Language

#### Course Outline

**Term: June 14 – July 09, 2021**

**Class Hours: 08:00-09:50 (Monday through Friday)**

**Course Code: EJP 101**

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**Credit: 4**

**Class Hours:**

This course will have 52 class hours, including 32 lecture hours, professor 8 office hours, 8-hour TA discussion sessions, 4-hour review sessions.

**Teaching Materials:**

Textbook: *Genki I - An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese (2<sup>nd</sup> edition)*, LL.1-5, The Japan Times  
Workbook: *Genki I (2<sup>nd</sup> edition)*, The Japan Times

**Objectives of the Course:**

This course is intended for students with no prior knowledge of Japanese. It is designed to introduce students to the everyday language of Japan, aiming at the acquisition of the four basic skills; listening, speaking, reading and writing. Lessons will be organized around natural conversational topics, leading students from fundamental aspects of grammar to readings in simple texts. All three



writing systems will be introduced: first *Hiragana*, then *Katakana*, and *Kanji*.

## Grading & Evaluation:

1. **Attendance and Performance** in class  
*\*Three lateness will be counted as one absence* 35%
2. **Tests** (written & oral) 35%
3. **Homework** 15%
4. **Quizzes** (Hiragana, Katakana, Kanji, Vocabulary) 15%

## Grading System (1 ~ 100)

A : 94 - 100      A- : 90 - 93

B : 83 - 89      B- : 80 - 82

C : 73 - 79      C- : 70 - 72

D : 63 - 69      D- : 60 - 62

F : Fail

## Course Policies

### 1. Homework Submission:

Each homework must be submitted before class according to the due dates on the schedule. Your points will be half if you submit it after class or on the next day. No late homework will be accepted later than that. In addition to the timing of submission, the quality of your work will be evaluated. When your homework is done satisfactory, you will get full points. No points will be given to incomplete homework.

### 2. Class Participation:

Class participation is an integral part of language learning process, so please attend all classes and be punctual. Your everyday performance is evaluated and recorded. You are expected to participate actively and make efforts in speaking Japanese for the whole class period. In case you need to miss any part of class for an emergency situation, please notify the instructor before leaving the room. Talking in English/Chinese, texting, or viewing materials unrelated to the course is considered disruptive behavior which interferes with teaching/learning process.

3. Make-up quizzes will not be given when you miss class or come to class late. In case there is a



special circumstance that an instructor should be aware of, you are responsible for communicating with her in a timely manner.

4. In order to immerse yourself in the target language as much as possible, class will be conducted primarily in Japanese. If you have questions, you are welcome to ask them in English before or after class.

5. Use of any mobile device (cell phone, laptop etc.) during the class is NOT allowed, as it can distract your attention and interfere with the teaching/ learning process. Please turn them off until the class is complete and keep them in your bag.

6. You are expected to respect the academic integrity. The following is NOT allowed in this course and considered as an academic misconduct, which may result in receiving a failing grade.

- Copying answers from another student/other resources on tests, quizzes, and assignments.
- Allowing another student to copy your answers on assignments or exams.
- Obtaining/sharing test questions before the test is administered.

### **How to Study for the Course:**

- This is an intensive and fast-paced course, so it is important that you study regularly and NOT miss any class. Please spend time outside of class every day for review and preparation. Please check the corrections on the assignments and quizzes to avoid making the same mistakes.

- For students who are familiar with Chinese characters: At the beginning level of Japanese, it is important that you learn the correct spellings and readings without relying too much on the characters. For this reason, you should not use kanji that has not been introduced in the course. When you are not sure if a kanji has been already introduced, put down Hiragana above the kanji to avoid deduction on your assignments/quizzes /tests.

- Memorization is essential for being a successful language learner. Memorize all the vocabulary and the dialogues in each lesson while practicing with the sound-files.

## **Schedule**

\*tentative, subject to change

### **Week1:**

Lesson 1



- Hiragana
- Noun sentences: X wa Y desu
- Particle の
- Asking & Answering questions about yourself (status/nationality/major, etc.)
- Telling time

## Week2:

### Lesson 2

- Katakana
- Demonstratives (これ・それ・あれ・どれ etc.)
- Possession だれの
- Particle も、ね、よ
- Negation of Noun sentences: X wa Y じゃないです

### Lesson 3

- Verb conjugation (present tense)
- Particles を、で、に、へ、は
- Time References
- Invitation ~ませんか
- Frequency adverbs

## Week3:

- Midterm exam

### Lesson 4

- Existential verbs います・あります
- Describing where things are
- Past tense of です (Noun sentences)
- Past tense of verbs

## Week4:

### Lesson 5

- Adjectives
- Expressing like & dislike すき・きらい
- Shall we...? ~ましょう、みましょうか
- Final exam