



**JAPN1001 (Online)**  
**Japanese for Beginners 1**  
Summer 2: July 12 to August 13, 2021 (Five Weeks)  
Three Credits

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**Prerequisite:** None

**Course Descriptions:**

The course is an online class. Because this is a language course, students will need to listen and talk to the instructor through synchronous classes, that is real-time online classes. Students must have access to a computer and high-speed internet, a microphone, and a camera for downloading the lecture materials and homework sheets, uploading the assignments, listening to the lecture, speaking to the instructor, and taking the quizzes and exam.

This course is designed for students **who have never taken a formal Japanese language class**. The goal of this course is for students to develop a foundation of the Japanese language to acquire minimum communicative skills. Students will learn how to read and write in Hiragana and Katakana. This course is not for those who have studied basic Japanese including Hiragana, Katakana, past tense verb conjugation, adjective conjugation, and Te-form. By the end of this summer session, students will be able to read and write the following sentences. If you can easily understand these sentences, this is not the right course for you.

きのう 私は としょかんに 行きました。としょかんで おもしろい本を かりました。  
としょかんの となりに こうえんが あります。

そして、ともだちに えきで 会って、いっしょに ポストンに行きました。ポストンで  
ピザを 食べました。ピザは やすくて とても おいしかったです。ケーキも 食べました。  
私は チョコレートケーキが 大好きです。

**Textbooks:**

- ***Japanese for Beginners 1*** (Self-published, designed for the students of Fitchburg State University). ***Genki 1 Textbook*** (most important materials of the Lesson 1 to 6) will be covered. ***Genki*** is the most used textbook for college-level introductory Japanese courses in the United States.

Genki 1 (An integrated course in elementary Japanese). Banno, E. and et al. (Second Edition, 2011). Tokyo: The Japan Times.

**Course Outline:**

The normal face-to face summer class has 7.5 contact hours per week over five weeks. For this class, each student will have one-hour synchronous online classes 4 times per week. In addition to this, it is expected that students spend average 4 hours per week outside of synchronous class to work on the provided materials. Homework will be assigned on every topic. Based on all parameters, students spend minimum 35 to 45 hours over five weeks to understand the materials. Time and other details about the synchronous online classes will be determined later depending on the number of registered students. Forming multiple smaller groups is expected.

- Week 1: Greetings,  
Introduction to the Japanese Language  
Basic Japanese Structure, Simple Japanese Sentences 1  
Hiragana Writing & Reading 1  
**Online-Quiz 1 (Basic Japanese Structure)**
  
- Week 2: Hiragana Writing & Reading 2  
Simple Japanese Sentences 2  
What, Where, who, whose, and how much  
Adjectives 1 (Basic Adjectives)  
Verbs 1 (Basic Verbs)  
Particles & Word Order  
**Online- Quiz 2 (Sentences, particles, word order, basic adjectives)**
  
- Week 3: Invitation style  
Verb 2 (Verb Past Tense)  
Adjectives 2 (Adjective Past Tense)  
Adverb  
Adjectives 3 (Two or more adjectives in a sentence)  
Katakana Writing & Reading 1  
**Online-Quiz 3 (Verb conjugation, Adjectives)**
  
- Week 4: Adjectives 4 (Adjective + Noun)  
“Want to do”  
Adjectives 5 (like, want)  
**Online-Quiz 4 (Additional Adjectives)**  
Verb 3 (TE-form conjugation), TE form expressions  
**Online-Quiz 5 (TE-form)**
  
- Week 5: Comprehension  
**Oral Test**  
Writing, Reading, Speaking & Listening  
**Final Exam**

**Grading:**

The final grade will be assigned based on the following criteria:

Class participation, attendance, efforts	15 %
Homework	25 %
Five Quizzes (Grammar)	20 %
Oral Test	10 %
Final Exam	30 %
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<u>4.0</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>95 –100</u>
<u>3.7</u>	<u>A-</u>	<u>92 – 94</u>
<u>3.5</u>	<u>A-/B+</u>	<u>89 - 91</u>
<u>3.3</u>	<u>B+</u>	<u>86 – 88</u>
<u>3.0</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>83 – 85</u>
<u>2.7</u>	<u>B-</u>	<u>80 – 82</u>
<u>2.5</u>	<u>B-/C+</u>	<u>77 – 79</u>
<u>2.3</u>	<u>C+</u>	<u>74 – 76</u>
<u>2.0</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>71 – 73</u>
<u>1.7</u>	<u>C-</u>	<u>69 – 70</u>
<u>1.5</u>	<u>C-/D+</u>	<u>67 – 68</u>
<u>1.3</u>	<u>D+</u>	<u>64 – 66</u>
<u>1.0</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>60 – 63</u>
<u>0.0</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>0 – 59</u>
-	<u>IN</u>	<u>Incomplete</u>
-	<u>IP</u>	<u>In Progress</u>
-	<u>W</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>

### Grade Appeal:

If you disagree with the evaluation of your work or believe an improper grade has been assigned, an appeal may be followed. Please discuss the matter with the instructor and refer to the Fitchburg State University Grade Appeal Policy in the university catalog.

### Attendance Policy:

**Attendance to synchronous online(live stream) classes is mandatory. If the number of your unexcused absences without a legitimate reason is equal or more than one fifth of all synchronous online classes, then you will automatically receive an F.** Attending a different class at another institution is not considered a legitimate reason.

### Homework:

**Doing homework is essential in this course.** Homework will be given every topic. All homework will be graded. If a student is found to have committed plagiarism or cheated on an assignment, he or she will automatically be given a grade of zero for the assignment. If a student has a difficulty in working an assignment, feel free to talk to me.

**Policy on Disabilities:**

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you have emergency medication information, please talk to me at the beginning of the course. It is important that the issues relating to disabilities be discussed with me as soon as possible.

**Academic Integrity Policy:**

The faculty in the Education Unit at Fitchburg State University requires that work submitted in fulfillment of course requirements will be solely that of the individual candidate and all other sources will be cited appropriately. University Academic Integrity Policy, as outlined in the University Catalogue, will be strictly adhered to.

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