

Northern Marianas College

CURRICULUM ACTION REQUEST

Course: JA101 Japanese I

Effective Semester / Session: Spring 2023

Yoko Fujioka Kern

Type of Action:

- New
 Modification
 Move to Inactive (Stop Out)
 Cancellation

Course Alpha and Number: JA101

Course Title: Japanese I

Reason for initiating, revising, or canceling:

Periodic update that includes a change in textbook, revision of Student Learning Outcomes, and the addition of Assessment Measures for Student Learning Outcomes.

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Dean of Academic Programs & Services Date

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1. Department

Languages & Humanities

2. Purpose

This is a course in basic Japanese listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Students are taught to read and write Hiragana and Katakana while recognizing a limited number of Kanji characters. Foreign language credits are regularly required components of many degree programs.

3. Description

A. Required/Recommended Textbook(s) and Related Materials

Required:

Fujioka-Kern, Yoko. *Nihongo Step 1*, USA: Northern Marianas College, 2019.

Fujioka-Kern, Yoko. *Nihongo Step 2*, USA: Northern Marianas College, 2019.

Recommended: None

B. Contact Hours

1. **Lecture:** 4 per week / 60 per semester

2. **Lab:** None

3. **Other:** None

C. Credits

1. **Number:** 4

2. **Type:** Regular Degree Credits

D. Catalog Course Description

This course is designed for students who want to learn basic Japanese through Hiragana, Katakana, and a selected number of Kanji. Equal emphasis is placed on listening, speaking, reading, and writing. English placement level: EN085 (Offered Fall and Spring)

E. Degree or Certificate Requirements Met by Course

Fulfills the language requirement for A.A. degree in Liberal Arts and the B.S. degree in Education.

F. Course Activities and Design

Course activities include listening, speaking, reading, and writing exercises as well as pronunciation practice, introduction and explanation of new sentence structures, oral composition drills, pair work, homework assignments, and role plays using basic dialogues.

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Reading comprehension exercises involve materials written in Hiragana, Katakana, and 30 selected Kanji, which enhances writing and speaking skills.

4. Course Prerequisite(s); Concurrent Course Enrollment

Prerequisites: EN085

Concurrent Course Enrollment: None

Required English/Mathematics Proficiency Level(s)

English Placement Level: EN095

Mathematics Placement Level: None

5. Estimated Cost of Course; Instructional Resources Needed

Cost to the Student: Tuition for a 4-credit hour course, cost of the textbook, and any applicable fees.

Cost to the College: Instructor's salary and/or any additional costs to NMC.

Instructional resources needed for this course include: photocopier, flashcards, whiteboard, markers, and a clock.

6. Method of Evaluation

Grades will be based on student performance in class, regular assignments, and a final exam. NMC's grading and attendance policies will be followed.

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7. Course Outline

This is a topical outline and does not necessarily indicate the sequence in which the material will be presented.

- 1.0 Greetings/Useful Expressions
- 2.0 Three Types of Japanese Characters
 - 2.1 Hiragana
 - 2.2 Katakana
 - 2.3 Kanji
- 3.0 Numbers: 1 to 1,000,000
- 4.0 Vocabulary in Context
 - 4.1 Classroom
 - 4.2 Work
 - 4.3 Home
 - 4.4 Everyday life
- 5.0 Counters
- 6.0 Basic Sentence Structures
- 7.0 Particles: Subject & Object Indicators
- 8.0 Verb "To Be"
 - 8.1 Present
 - 8.2 Past affirmative
 - 8.3 Negative
 - 8.4 Combining forms
- 9.0 Action Verbs
 - 9.1 Present
 - 9.2 Past affirmative
 - 9.3 Negative
- 10.0 Expressions of Invitation
 - 10.1 Masenka
 - 10.2 Mashou
- 11.0 Question Words
- 12.0 Adjectives
 - 12.1 Present

- 12.2 Past affirmative
- 12.3 Negative
- 12.4 Combining forms

13.0 Describing Existence: Animate vs. Inanimate

14.0 Describing Locations: Animate vs. Inanimate

15.0 Conjunctions

16.0 Formal and Informal Expressions

17.0 Honorific and Humble Expressions

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8. Instructional Goals

The course will introduce students to:

- 1.0 The system of Japanese pronunciation;
- 2.0 Reading and writing of Hiragana and Katakana;
- 3.0 Understanding the significance of Kanji in written materials;
- 4.0 Basic Japanese sentence structures and grammar;
- 5.0 Japanese oral communication skills; and
- 6.0 Basic Japanese customs and manners.

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9. Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1.0 Pronounce Japanese words at a level appropriate for an introductory course;
- 2.0 Demonstrate oral communicative competence in particular conversational situations;
- 3.0 Read and write a selected sentence using both Hiragana and Katakana;
- 4.0 Read and understand the meaning of 30 selected Kanji used in a passage;
- 5.0 Demonstrate an appropriate level of reading comprehension;
- 6.0 Develop short written passages on specific topics; and
- 7.0 Demonstrate an understanding of basic Japanese customs and manners.

10. Assessment Measures of Student Learning Outcomes

Assessment of student learning may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 1.0 Writing Samples;
- 2.0 Quizzes/Tests;
- 3.0 Presentations/Performances; and
- 4.0 Final Evaluation/Examination.