

JAPANESE 211: INTERMEDIATE JAPANESE FOR COMMUNICATION I

Course Description

Japanese 211 (3 credits) is the first of an intermediate course with an emphasis on spoken Japanese designed for intermediate students whose primary interest is to intermediate-low oral communication skills in Japanese. Although the primary emphasis of this course is on spoken Japanese, class time will also be spent to enable students to acquire skills to read and write basic Japanese scripts and to read high-frequency basic kanji words in order to facilitate communication through simple written materials and to read pertinent materials available only in the *kana/kanji* orthography. Classes will be conducted as much as possible in Japanese.

Prerequisite: The completion of JPN 112 of a course grade of a “C” or better or by placement

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Course Goal

The course goal is to enable students to obtain intermediate-low communication skills in Japanese (with an emphasis on speaking and listening) and the cultural knowledge necessary to effectively and appropriately perform various kinds of basic interpersonal and interpretive communication tasks in real-life situations within and beyond classroom situations.

Student Learning Outcomes

By the end of the semester, students will be able to demonstrate sufficient linguistic, cultural, and strategic knowledge and skills in order to effectively and appropriately perform the following tasks:

(a) Interpersonal communication tasks

- Engage in polite and casual discussions about traveling with friends by describing and asking about past travel experiences, seeking and giving advice for future trips.
- Make reservations for *shinkansen* at JR stations.
- Get information from a passer-by about how to use transportation in Japan by asking questions about fares, how to purchase a ticket, etc.
- Use a taxi with assistance from a concierge at the hotel and the driver.
- Obtain information about lodgings in Japan and make reservations on the phone.
- Deal with checking-in and checking-out transactions at a hotel front desk.
- Ask for services by telephone while staying at a hotel or *ryokan*.
- Make purchases at a department store or post office in person.
- While visiting a Japanese family, use proper greetings, courtesy expressions, and leave takings.

- While visiting a Japanese family, engage in dinner conversation.
- While traveling in Japan, write postcards to Japanese teachers and friends in Hawaii describing your experiences.

(b) Interpretive communication tasks

- Gain information about accommodations from internet or brochures.
- Follow signs and locations at hotels, JR/subway stations, and department stores.
- Understand different types of lodgings available in Japan (e.g., hotel, *ryokan*, *minshuku*, youth hostel)
- Compare and contrast the differences and similarities between Japan and Hawai'i in visiting a home

Course materials

1. Course Packets (Available at BWI Campus Copy)

- The main text: Japanese for Oral Communication Course Packet for JPN 211
 - Lesson 11. Making travel plans
 - Lesson 12. Transportation in Japan
 - Lesson 13. Staying in inns and hotels in Japan
 - Lesson 14. Shopping and going to the post office in Japan
 - Lesson 15. Visiting a home in Japan
- Listening Exercises: Students' packet for JPN 211

2. Audio Materials

- CD (Dialogs and listening exercises) can be purchased through instructor

The CDs are identified by the following code numbers.

JPA 711	=	Lesson 11
JPA 711.1	=	Example dialogues
JPA 711.2	=	Listening exercise

Grading

Final course grades will be based on the results of:

- (a) 20% Final oral exam
- (b) 15% Final written exam (including listening comprehension [10%])
- (c) 25% Two oral tests (10% and 15% each)
- (d) 20% Two listening comprehension tests
- (e) 20% Daily performance defined by the instructor (e.g., attendance, homework, short quizzes, daily task performance, etc.)

A = 100-90%

B = 89-80%

C = 79-70%

D = 69-60%

F = Below 60%

Note: Students taking the course on the CR/NR option must achieve at least a 70% overall average to receive credit. A course grade of a “C” or better is a prerequisite for taking Japanese 212.