

JAPANESE 212: INTERMEDIATE JAPANESE FOR COMMUNICATION II

Course Description

Japanese 212 (3 credits) is the second semester of an intermediate course with an emphasis on spoken Japanese designed for students whose primary interest is to develop intermediate 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 211 or JPN 201 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 basic communication skills in Japanese (with an emphasis on speaking and listening) and the cultural knowledge necessary to effectively and appropriately perform various kinds of intermediate-level 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

- Tell classmates a story from their own vacation experiences.
- Greet guests from Japan in person at the airport or on the phone.
- Negotiate time and place to do something together with guests from Japan.
- Find out what guests from Japan want to do in Hawaii and give advice by providing information about various tourist spots.
- Accompany guests in sight-seeing and to restaurants and engage in appropriate conversation.
- Engage in a conversation about future plans such as holiday plans, plans for future Japanese study, plans after graduation.
- Engage in a conversation about Hawaii or their own hometown (e.g., population, race, climate, geography).
- Exchange information about life in Hawaii, Japan, and other places (e.g., housing situation, food, festivals and holidays).
- Seek and provide information about similarities and differences between their own and other cultures.

(b) Interpretive communication tasks

- Comprehend an itinerary written in Japanese by recognizing key words.
- Obtain information about job or study opportunities in Japan from guest speakers
- Appreciate aspects of Japanese culture represented in TV programs, movies, and songs.

(c) Presentational communication tasks

- Give presentations about prominent features of Hawaii or their own hometown.
- Give presentations about Hawaii focusing on similarities and differences among Japanese, Hawaii, and the mainland US cultures.

Course materials

1. Course Packets (Available at BWI Campus Copy)

- The main text: Japanese for Oral Communication Course Packet for JPN 212
 - Lesson 16. Telling your own experience
 - Lesson 17. Showing visitors around in Hawaii
 - Lesson 18. Talking about future plans
 - Lesson 19. Introducing Hawaii
 - Lesson 20. Comparing life in Hawaii, US, and Japan
- Listening Exercises: Students' packet for JPN 212

2. Audio Materials

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

The CDs are identified by the following code numbers.

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| JPA 716 | = | Lesson 16 |
| JPA 716.1 | = | Example dialogues |
| JPA 716.2 | = | 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, project work, 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.