COURSE OUTLINE

Course Number: JPN101
Course Title: Beginning Japanese I
Credits: 3

Hours:
lecture/Lab/Other: 3 lecture hours

Co- or Pre-requisite: none

Implementation: Spring, 2017

Catalog description (2018-2019 Catalog): The first in a sequence of courses designed for students with little or no prior knowledge of Japanese. Spoken communication in Japanese is both the end goal and the means of instruction. The course emphasizes the four communicative skills in a culturally authentic context. Reading and writing in both Pinyin and Japanese characters are assigned out of class to facilitate effective listening and speaking practice in class. Basic grammar skills are also introduced.

Is course New, Revised, or Modified? Revised

Required texts/other materials:
ISBN: 9784789014403

An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese: GENKI 1 Workbook (Second Edition)
ISBN: 9784789014410

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Information resources:
Software for inputting Japanese on computers

Other learning resources:
Students are encouraged to purchase a Japanese-English dictionary or gain access to such online dictionaries. Tutoring is available in the Learning Center by demand. Language learning software is available on the MCCC library website.
Course Competencies/Goals:
Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate reading comprehension of written Japanese on basic level. (approximately 350 standard Japanese words in Japanese characters). (ILG 6,10) [Methods of assessment: small and large group discussion; individual written assignments; written test]
2. Demonstrate the ability to move a spoken conversation forward, with basic listening comprehension and speaking skills. (ILG 6,10) [Methods of assessment: small and large group discussion; guided dialogue]
3. Write Japanese on a basic level. (ILG 6, 10) [Methods of assessment: short essay; written test]
4. Identify basic grammatical elements of Japanese sentence structure. (ILG 4, 6, 10) [Methods of assessment: completion of written tasks; tests]
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the daily lives of the Japanese-speaking peoples of the world; and current and past contributions made by Japanese-speaking peoples to world literature, art, music, science, and commerce. (ILG 8, 10) [Methods of assessment: small and large group discussion; tests; completion of homework assignments].

ILGs: The course meets the following Institutional Learning Goals (ILG)
Goal 4. Technology: Students will use computer systems or other appropriate forms of technology to achieve educational and personal goals.
Goal 6. Humanities: Students will analyze works in the fields of art, music, or theater; literature; philosophy and/or religious studies; and/or will gain competence in the use of a foreign language.
Goal 8. Diversity and Global Perspective: Students will understand the importance of a global perspective and culturally diverse peoples.
Goal 10. Information Literacy: Students will recognize when information is needed and have the knowledge and skills to locate, evaluate, and effectively use information for college level work.

Units of study in detail.

Unit 1: Greetings [SLO 1-5; ILG 4,6,8,10]
Students will demonstrate in Japanese how to:

1. Greet people and say goodbye.
2. Ask about one’s social characteristics (origin, profession).
3. Recognize, list and produce in a communicative context transcription, basic noun and verb forms, subject pronouns, and forming questions
4. Identify social behaviors regarding meeting people in a Japanese community.

Unit 2: Family [SLO 1-5; ILG 4,6,8,10]
Students will demonstrate in Japanese how to:

1. Describe one’s family.
2. Ask about someone’s family
3. Recognize, list and produce in a communicative context measure words, question pronouns, and recognize word order.

Unit 3: Dates and Time [SLO 1-5; ILG 4,6,8,10]
Students will demonstrate in Japanese how to:

1. Make plans to eat in the context of celebration.
2. Invite someone out to eat.
3. Asking and telling time.
4. Recognize, list and produce in a communicative context numbers 1-100, pronouns and modifiers, and affirmative+negative questions.
5. Identify social behaviors regarding birthday celebrations in Japanese culture.

Unit 4: Hobbies [SLO 1-5; ILG 4,6,8,10]
Students will demonstrate in Japanese how to:

1. Discuss interests and hobbies.
2. Describe a typical weekend’s activities.
3. Invite someone to play sports.
4. Recognize, list and produce in a communicative context distinctions in affirmative and negative questions, word order, and the auxiliary verb “to want”
5. Describe common Japanese sports.
6. Compare and contrast sports and leisure activities between North American and Japanese cultures.

Unit 5: Visiting Friends [SLO 1-5; ILG 4,6,8,10]

Students will demonstrate in Japanese how to:
1. Receive guests in your home.
2. Talk about things you did yesterday.
3. Recognize, list and produce in a communicative context: tone of voice, adjectives as predicates, prepositions, and particles of mood.
4. Identify elements of a common Japanese house.
5. Compare and contrast the roles of host and guest between North American and Japanese cultures.

Evaluation of student learning:
- Students will complete a written test after each unit studied including a Midterm and a Final examination. The Midterm will be comprehensive of the first half of the material and the Final will be comprehensive of all material covered. These written assessments will measure skill levels in reading comprehension, writing, grammar constructions and listening comprehension.
- Further assessment of writing skills will be evaluated by at least three in-class short essay writing.
- Spoken communication (speaking and listening) will be assessed by at least two oral presentations in the form of spontaneous dialogue.
- Required work in preparation for each class includes the study of vocabulary lists and grammar explanations. Activities that contextualize these points will be completed on a daily basis. These assignments can be done individually by students and are not necessarily communicative in nature.
- Daily in-class course work will be comprised of communicative activities which develop precisely those skills that the student cannot perform alone at home: that is, speaking with others in Japanese. The language of instruction and classroom business is Japanese.

Academic Integrity Policy:
The Academic Integrity Policies of Mercer County Community College are based on the premise that each student has the responsibility (1) to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity in the student’s own work, (2) to refuse to tolerate academic dishonesty in the college community, and (3) to foster a high sense of integrity and social responsibility on the part of the college community. Students should become familiar with and strictly adhere to MCCC's Academic Integrity policies. Refer to http://www.mccc.edu/admissions_policies_integrity.shtml.