Type of class: Elective Credits: 6 credits

Instructors, Time and Place :

***** Monday 2nd period, @ room 201, bldg.10 Tuesday 4th period, @ room 205, bldg.10 Matsushita, Tatsuhiko* ***** Thursday 4th period, @ room 201, bldg.10

Coordinator : Matsushita, Tatsuhiko Rm ****** E-mail: ****** Office Hours: 5th period on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays (Appointment preferable)

Course Description

This course is designed for students who have already acquired very basic communication skills. The course will cover the second half of the elementary course content, which is at the level equivalent to N4 of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT). The aim of this course is to help students acquire further basic knowledge of Japanese through aural-oral practice necessary for day-to-day communication tasks.

This course will put more focus on grammar rather than situational conversation. (If you want to practice situational conversation, taking Applied Japanese (2): Everyday Conversation is encouraged in addition to taking this course.) Also, class time will be mainly spent on oral/aural practice, but not on reading and writing. If you want to practice reading and writing more, taking the courses such as Applied Japanese (4): Exploring Japanese Society, Applied Japanese (4): Reading for Pleasure, and Applied Japanese (2), and Applied Japanese (4): Tutorial is recommended.

Classes will be conducted in Japanese to the greatest extent possible.

Student's Learning Outcomes

Specifically, by the end of the course, students are expected to be able to:

- 1) communicate in their daily life using basic vocabulary and sentence patterns,
- understand simple texts and information of the university and community, 2)
- 3) express their own ideas and opinions effectively using simple expressions,
- 4) read short texts which consist of high-frequency words and basic sentence patterns, and
- 5) write short passages on familiar topics.

Textbook

Eri Banno et al. (2011) GENKI: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese II [Second Edition] Tokyo: The Japan Times. ISBN: 978-4-7890-1443-4

Textbook can be purchased at University co-op. Additional materials will be provided in class.

Daily Preparation and Review

Class participation is essential. In order to participate actively in class, students are expected to do the following preparations:

- (1) Study vocabulary and kanji of the new lesson and listen to the CD.
- (2) Read grammar notes of the new lesson.
- (3) Preview the textbook to allow the most effective use of class time for oral practice. Instructors assume that you have already studied at home and will conduct classes accordingly.
- (4) Review grammar, vocabulary and Kanji of the previous lesson.

Assessment

The performance on following items will be considered for the course grade:

(a) Participation in class activities	10%		
(b) Assignments	10%		
(c) Kanji (reading) & Vocabulary quizzes	10%		
(d) Grammar quizzes	15%		
(e) Exams	35%		
(f) Presentations	20%	Total 100%	
A+: 100-90 A:89-80	B: 79-65	C: 64-50	F: 49-0

Attendance Policy

Students are required to attend <u>70% or more</u> of the scheduled classes in order to qualify to receive credits for the course. This is in accordance with the general policy for KOMSTEP/USTEP. Please be on time to avoid disturbing class. If you miss 30 minutes or more of the class, it will be considered as one absence. If you come late or leave early three times, it will also be considered as one absence.

Makeup Policy

No makeup for any quizzes. Quizzes are normally conducted at the beginning of the class. Come to class on time to avoid missing quizzes. Students may request a makeup for exams with a valid, documented excuse (e.g. a doctor's note). However, they cannot take the makeup exam prior to the scheduled date and time, and the points may be deducted.

Due date:

Assignments are due in class on the day indicated in the schedule.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty, either in the form of cheating or plagiarism, will not be tolerated. Students are expected to understand that all the assignments to be submitted are their own ORIGINAL piece of work. All the sources of information must be acknowledged. Any proven instances will result in an automatic grade of "F", not only for the course concerned, but for ALL the courses taken in that semester. This is a general regulation of the University of Tokyo.

You are urged to bring to the attention of the instructors any particular problems you may be having so that we can deal with them before they become serious. Please do not hesitate to approach any of the course instructors for help or consultation as the need arises.

We hope your stay in Japan will be fruitful and successful.