

Northern Marianas College
CURRICULUM ACTION REQUEST

Effective Semester / Session: Fall 2008

Type of Action:

- New
- Modification
- Cancellation
- Move to Inactive (Stop Out)

Course Alpha and Number: JA 100

Course Title: Conversational Japanese

Reason for initiating, revising, or canceling course:

This course guide has been modified to reflect a change in textbook, new SLOs, and the inclusion of assessment measures

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1. **Department**

Languages and Humanities

2. **Purpose**

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of spoken Japanese and provides them with the skills necessary to communicate in standard social contexts.

3. **Description**

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

Required:

Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship. *Shin Nihongo no Kiso 1: Main Textbook, Romanized Edition*, 16th ed. Tokyo: 3A Network Co., Ltd., 2005.

Readability level: Grade 8

Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship. *Shin Nihongo no Kiso 1: English Translation*, 17th ed. Tokyo: 3A Network Co., Ltd., 2006.

Readability level: Grade 8

B. Contact Hours

1. **Lecture:** 3 per week/ 45 per semester
2. **Lab:** None
3. **Other:** None

C. Credits

1. **Number:** 3
2. **Type:** Regular degree credits

D. Catalogue Course Description

This is a fundamental course in conversational Japanese. It is designed to be practical and functional in preparing students to converse in Japanese. Students participate in regular conversational Japanese drills to enhance their ability to speak and understand spoken Japanese. English Placement Level: EN 083/084.

E. Degree or Certificate Requirements Met by Course:

None

F. Course Activities and Design:

Instruction will include pronunciation practice, introduction and explanation of new sentence structures, presentation of new vocabulary, oral drills, comprehension practice, pair work, homework assignments, and role plays using basic dialogues.

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**4. Course Prerequisite(s); Concurrent Course Enrollment;
Required English/Mathematics Placement Level(s)**

English Placement Levels: EN 083/084

5. Estimated Cost of Course; Instructional Resources Needed

To the student: Tuition for 3-credit course and textbooks

To the college: Salary of instructor

Instructional resources for this course include chalk, chalkboard, TV/VCR and videotaped programs, overhead projector and transparency film, photocopier, flashcards, audiocassette recorder, audiotapes, a clock and in-class telephones. (Many materials have been donated by The Japan Foundation.)

6. Method of Evaluation

Student grades will be based on the regular letter grade system as described below:

- A: Excellent - grade points: 4.0;
- B: Above average - grade points: 3.0;
- C: Average - grade points: 2.0;
- D: Below average: - grade points: 1.0;
- F: Failure - grade points: 0.0.

NMC's grading and attendance policies will be followed.

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7. Course Outline

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

- 1.0 Introduction
 - 1.1 Common greetings
 - 1.2 Numbers
- 2.0 Section 1
 - 2.1 Nouns
 - 2.2 Particles *wa*, *mo*, *ka*, etc.
 - 2.3 *-san*
 - 2.4 Interrogative sentences
 - 2.5 *Sai*
- 3.0 Section 2
 - 3.1 Demonstrative words
 - 3.2 *Hai, so desu. Iie, so dewa arimasen*
 - 3.3 Interrogative sentences
 - 3.4 *N no N* (indicates possession)
- 4.0 Section 3
 - 4.1 *Koko, soko, asoko, doko, kochira, sochira, achira* and *dochira*
 - 4.2 *Doko* and *dochira*
 - 4.3 *N no N*
 - 4.4 Demonstrative pronouns, adjectives
 - 4.5 Sentences with question particle *ka*
- 5.0 Section 4
 - 5.1 Verb *masu*- form
 - 5.2 Inflection of *-masu*
 - 5.3 *-ji* and *fun (pun)* (time)
 - 5.4 Particle *ni*
 - 5.5 Particle *kara* and *made* (from__ to __)
 - 5.6 *So desu ka*
 - 5.7 Sentences with agreement particle *ne*
- 6.0 Section 5
 - 6.1 Interrogative + (particle) + *mo* + negative
 - 6.2 Particles
 - 6.2.1 Particle *e* (direction of motion)

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- 6.2.2 Particle *de* (by vehicle)
- 6.2.3 Particle *to* (with a person)
- 6.2.4 Sentences with emphatic informative particle *yo*

7.0 Section 6

- 7.1 Particles
 - 7.1.1 Particle *o* (direct object of verb)
 - 7.1.2 Particle *de* (place)
 - 7.1.3 Particle *to* (and)
- 7.2 *Nan* and *Nani*
- 7.3 *V-masen ka*
- 7.4 *V-masho*

8.0 Section 7

- 8.1 Particle
 - 8.1.1 Particle *de* (method used for action)
 - 8.1.2 Particle *ni* (indirect object of verb)
 - 8.1.3 Particle *kara* (reason)
 - 8.1.4 *Mo* and *mada* (present perfect tense)
 - 8.1.5 *Hai* and *lie*

9.0 Section 8

- 9.1 Adjectives
 - 9.1.1 Adjectives as modifiers
 - 9.1.2 Adjectives that function as predicates
- 9.2 *Amari* (negative)
- 9.3 *(wa) do desu ka*
- 9.4 *Donna* + noun
- 9.5 *-ga*

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8. Instructional Goals

This course will introduce students to:

- 1.0 Basic Japanese sentence structure and grammar;
- 2.0 Japanese oral communication skills;
- 3.0 Japanese vocabulary using Latin letters (Roma-ji);
- 4.0 Counting numbers 1 to 1,000,000;
- 5.0 The system of Japanese pronunciation; and
- 6.0 Basic Japanese customs and manners.

9. Student Learning Outcomes

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

- 1.0 Write grammatically correct Japanese sentences using Latin letters at a level appropriate for this first semester course;
- 2.0 Demonstrate oral communicative competence at a level appropriate for this first semester course;
- 3.0 Read and write selected Japanese vocabulary using Latin letters (Roma-ji).
- 4.0 Count from 1 to 1,000,000;
- 5.0 Pronounce Japanese correctly; and
- 6.0 Demonstrate basic Japanese customs and manners.

10. Assessment Measures

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

- 1.0 Class participation;
- 2.0 Regular quizzes for vocabulary and grammar;

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- 3.0 Assignments;
- 4.0 Three unit tests; and
- 5.0 A final oral examination.