HIF: Course Description and Materials

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Regular Japanese courses are divided into the following levels, which are determined in accordance with the ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) Proficiency Guidelines. The usual class composition is as described below, for a total of 6 classes. There might be changes in the class compositions on the results of the placement test. If any class has insufficient enrollment (fewer than 6 students), the class will be canceled. The Guidelines of each class is described below. Other than main textbooks, supplementary materials will be used in order to provide more advanced study commensurate with participants' level. Our instructors take a holistic approach to participants' education in this course. This approach, including independent study, aims to enhance participants' Japanese *proficiency* according to the level described below. Therefore, the following main textbooks and main materials are one means of attaining higher-level proficiency. They are never the goal of the Japanese course itself.

CLASS A *NOT offered in Summer 2026

- 1) Instructional goals: To achieve proficiency of Intermediate-Low or above, equivalent to basic survival skills. Successful completion of courses at this level should make it possible for students to participate in a simple conversation, using linguistic means at the sentence-level, and express and understand communicative needs related to their immediate life. The same degree of proficiency is expected in the reading and writing mode.
- Students placed in classes at this level: Those with proficiency of Novice-Mid

In Summer 2026, three classes from Class C through Class F will be offered.

Course materials:

Main textbooks: Banno, et al., Genki: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese II, The Japan Times, Lessons 13-23 Supplements: Banno, et al., Genki: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Workbook II, The Japan Times

CLASS B *NOT offered in Summer 2026

- 1) Instructional goals: To achieve proficiency of Intermediate-Low or above, equivalent to basic survival skills. Successful completion of courses at this level should make it possible for students to participate in a simple conversation, using linguistic means at the sentence-level, and express and understand communicative needs related to their immediate life. The same degree of proficiency is expected in the reading and writing mode.
- Students placed in classes at this level: Those with proficiency of Novice-Mid to Novice-High

Course materials:

Main textbooks: Banno, et al., Genki: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese II, The Japan Times, Lessons 19-23

Oka, et al., Tobira: Gateway to Advanced Japanese, Kurosio Publishers, Lessons 1-4

Supplements: Banno, et al., Genki: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Workbook II, The Japan Times

CLASS C

- 1) Instructional goals: To achieve proficiency of Intermediate-Mid or above according to the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines, equivalent to creative and interactive linguistic skills. Successful completion of courses at this level should make it possible for students to handle successfully a variety of uncomplicated, basic, and communicative tasks and social situations, using linguistic means at the paragraph level, as well as to describe, report or understand various matters of this nature with reasonable accuracy. The same degree of proficiency is expected in the reading and writing mode.
- Students placed in classes at this level: Those with proficiency of Novice-High to Intermediate-Low

Course materials:

Oka, et al., Tobira: Gateway to Advanced Japanese, Kurosio Publishers, 8 lessons (excerpted) from Lessons 1-12 Main textbooks: Authentic materials (e.g., internet articles, short movie clips)

CLASS D

- 1) Instructional goals: To achieve proficiency of Intermediate-High or above according to the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines, equivalent to creative and interactive linguistic skills. Successful completion of courses at this level should make it possible for students to handle successfully most uncomplicated communicative tasks and social situations, using linguistic means at the paragraph level, as well as to describe, report or understand various matters of this nature with reasonable accuracy. The same degree of proficiency is expected in the reading and writing mode.

 Students placed in classes at this level: Those with proficiency of Intermediate-Low to Intermediate-Mid

Course materials:

Main textbooks: Oka, et al., Tobira: Gateway to Advanced Japanese, Kurosio Publishers, 8 lessons (excerpted) from Lessons 4-15 Authentic materials (e.g., internet articles, short movie clips)

CLASS E

- 1) Instructional goals: To achieve proficiency of Advanced-Low or above according to the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines, equivalent to negotiation skills in complicated linguistic contexts. Successful completion of courses at this level should make it possible for students to handle complicated contexts at the discourse-level, and to describe, narrate and understand concrete but complicated matters with a relatively high level of accuracy. The same degree of proficiency is expected in the reading and writing mode.
- 2) Students placed in classes at this level: Those with proficiency of Intermediate-Mid to Intermediate-High

Course materials:

Kamada, et al., Authentic Japanese: Progressing from Intermediate to Advanced (New Edition), The Japan Times, 6 lessons (excerpted) Main materials: Authentic materials (e.g., internet articles, short movie clips)

CLASS F

- 1) Instructional goals: To achieve proficiency of Advanced-Mid or above according to the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines, equivalent to the Advanced-Low level skills described above. Successful completion of courses at this level should make it possible for students to develop discussions about abstract and complicated ideas and to produce persuasive discourse with a high level of accuracy. The same degree of proficiency is expected in the reading and writing mode.
- Students placed in classes at this level: Those with proficiency of Intermediate-High to Advanced-Low

Course materials:

Main materials: Kamada, et al., Authentic Japanese: Progressing from Intermediate to Advanced (New Edition), The Japan Times, 6 lessons (excerpted) Authentic materials (e.g., internet articles, short movie clips)

Main materials and supplements are subject to change.

< Recommended Reference Books>

-Makino & Tsutsui, A Dictionary of Basic Japanese Grammar, The Japan Times
-Makino & Tsutsui, A Dictionary of Intermediate Japanese Grammar, The Japan Times
-Makino & Tsutsui, A Dictionary of Advanced Japanese Grammar, The Japan Times
-Makino & Tsutsui, A Dictionary of Advanced Japanese Grammar, The Japan Times
-Group Jammassy, A Handbook of Japanese Grammar Patterns for Teachers and Learners, Kurosio Publishers
-Tsutsui, et al., Tobing Grammar Power: Exercises for Mastery, Kurosio Publishers

-Oka, et al., Tóbira 800 Basic Kanji as a Gateway to Advanced Japanese, Kurosio Publishers

当日本語コースは米国外国語教育協会(American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, 以下ACTFL)の外国語能力基準(Proficiency Guidelines)に基づいた習熟度(Proficiency)に応じ、以下のレベルを編成します。クラス数は合計6クラスになりますが、プレイスメントテストの結果、各クラスのレベルに該当する学生が6名未満の時は、そのクラスがキャンセルされることもあります。

記載教材の学習範囲を指針として示しましたが、参加学生の学力に応じた生教材等も用い、より高いレベルの学習も射程に入れています。本コースは大学レベルの知的関心を踏まえた実践的習熟度の向上を目指し、インディペンデントスタディも行う総合的学習と教育を図ります。従ってここに掲示する教材も、あくまで、より高い習熟度を獲得するための手段であり、それが各レベルの絶対的な到達目標を示すものではありません。

2026年夏は、C組~F組のうち3クラスを開講します。A組とB組は開講されません。

| A組| 到達目標: Intermediate-Low or above (基本的なサバイバル能力を意味し、文レベルの言語的手段を用いて単純な会話に参加でき、日常

生活に直結した活動に関わる表現とその理解が可能になるレベルを示す。読み書きにおける能力もそれに準じる。)

対象となる学習者: Novice-Mid の能力と判断された学習者

主教材: 坂野、他 『げんきⅡ』 13~23課 ジャパンタイムズ **副教材**: 坂野、他 『げんきワークブックⅡ』 ジャパンタイムズ

| **B組** | **到達目標**: Intermediate-Low or above (基本的なサバイバル能力を意味し、文レベルの言語的手段を用いて単純な会話に参加でき、日常

生活に直結した活動に関わる表現とその理解が可能になるレベルを示す。読み書きにおける能力もそれに準じる。)

対象となる学習者: Novice-Mid to Novice-High の能力と判断された学習者

主教材: 坂野、他 『げんきⅡ』 19~23課 ジャパンタイムズ

岡、他 『上級へのとびら』 1~4課 くろしお出版 **副教材**: 坂野、他 『げんきワークブックⅡ』 ジャパンタイムズ

□○組 到達目標: Intermediate-Mid or above (創造的かつ交渉的能力を意味し、段落レベルの文法的手段を用いてあまり複雑でないタスクや状

況にある程度対応でき、様々な事柄の記述・報告・理解が可能になるレベルを示す。読み書きにおける能力もそれに準じる。)

対象となる学習者: Novice-High to Intermediate-Low の能力と判断された学習者

主教材: 岡、他 『上級へのとびら』 1~12課から抜粋8課分 くろしお出版

生教材(インターネットの記事、動画など)

D組 到達目標: Intermediate-High or above (創造的かつ交渉的能力を意味し、段落レベルの文法的手段を用いてあまり複雑でないタスクや状

況にほぼ問題なく対応でき、様々な事柄の記述・報告・理解がかなり可能になるレベルを示す。読み書きにおける能力もそれに

準じる。)

対象となる学習者: Intermediate-Low to Intermediate-Mid の能力と判断された学習者

主教材: 岡、他 『上級へのとびら』 4~15課から抜粋8課分 くろしお出版

生教材(インターネットの記事、動画など)

| E組 到達目標: Advanced-Low or above (談話レベルの文法的手段を用いて複雑な物事についても会話が進められる。様々な事柄の記述・報

告・理解が可能になり、且つ言語生活のなかで具体的な自己表現・言語交渉を巧みに行うレベルを示す。読み書きにおける能力

もそれに準じる。)

対象となる学習者: Intermediate-Mid to Intermediate-High の能力と判断された学習者

主教材: 鎌田、他 『新・中級から上級への日本語』 抜粋 6課分 ジャパンタイムズ

生教材(インターネットの記事、動画など)

| **F組 到達目標**: Advanced-Mid or above (Advanced-Lowレベルで目的とした能力が問題なく維持できる。さらに抽象的かつ複雑な事柄につい

て議論が展開でき、また、説得力ある話題展開を行う能力レベルを示す。読み書きにおける能力もそれに準じる。)

対象となる学習者: Intermediate-High to Advanced-Low の能力と判断された学習者

主教材: 鎌田、他 『新・中級から上級への日本語』 抜粋 6課分 ジャパンタイムズ

生教材(インターネットの記事、動画など)

※教科書や副教材が変更になることもございます。ご了承ください。

≪参考書≫ 牧野・筒井 『日本語基本文法辞典』 ジャパンタイムズ

牧野・筒井 『日本語文法辞典 中級編』 ジャパンタイムズ 牧野・筒井 『日本語文法辞典 上級編』 ジャパンタイムズ グループ・ジャマシイ 『日本語文型辞典 英語版』 くろしお出版 筒井、他 『上級へのとびら:これで身につく文法力』 くろしお出版 同、他 『上級へのとびら:きたえよう漢字力』 くろしお出版