Course title: Intermediate Japanese
Course code: JAPN 2011 TOJA
Programs offering course: Summer Japanese Studies
Language of instruction: Japanese
U.S. semester credits: 3.00
Contact hours: 45.00
Term: Summer 2020

Course Description
This course continues to develop students’ Japanese skills in listening, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural skills. Students’ linguistic knowledge will be reinforced and expanded through class activities with increased sophistication. Rigorous practice of spoken and written Japanese in communicative activities will be conducted.

Learning Objectives
By completing this course, students will:

- Indicate topics and related information from simple sentences in short informational and fictional texts
- Request and provide information in conversations on familiar topics using simple sentences and asking appropriate follow-up questions
- Express, ask about, and react with some details to preferences, feelings, or opinions on familiar topics using simple sentences and asking appropriate follow-up questions
- Express preferences and reasons for such preferences on familiar and everyday topics using simple sentences
- Build upon knowledge of Kanji, vocabulary, and expressions

Course Prerequisites
Beginning Japanese course at the college level, or equivalent.

Methods of Instruction
This course will incorporate in-class lectures, activities, and assignments, and homework assignments.

N.B. Course schedule is subject to change due to study tours, excursions, or local holidays. Final schedules will be included in the final syllabus provided to students on site.

Assessment and Final Grade
1. Homework Assignments 20%
2. Quizzes 20%
3. Group Skit 20%
4. Final Exam 20%
5. Class Participation 20%
TOTAL 100%

Course Requirements
Homework Assignments
Students will be expected to complete homework assignments and tasks that will allow them to review and practice key concepts learned that day. Students’ understanding of the concepts will be quizzed the following day. Each submission is evaluated on a 5-point scale. All assignments are due at the beginning of class. Assignments submitted during or after class are considered late and will only receive half credit. Assignments that are one day late or later will not be accepted. Cheating, plagiarism, and other breaches of academic honesty will
Quizzes

Students will take quizzes that cover material learned from their previous homework assignments. Exact contents may vary depending on the lesson covered, but quizzes will typically have 2 to 3 fill-in-the-blank questions on grammar, kanji, reading, and/or listening, respectively. Quizzes will also test writing by prompting the students to write an answer to one question. The grammar and kanji used, and the length of the response in the writing may vary.

Group Skit

Students will give Group Skits in Japanese on a topic of their choice, subject to instructor approval, followed by a Q&A with the audience. Total time for skit and Q&A should not exceed 15 minutes. Students will be graded on how effectively they are able to use the language learned previously in the course. Individual students within the group will also be graded on their contribution to the skit. Students in the audience are expected to participate in the Q&A as part of their Class Participation for that day.

Final Exam

The Final Exam is a comprehensive test of language concepts covered during the course, with an emphasis on grammar, kanji, reading, writing, and listening. The exam will be divided into 5 sections. Section 1 will test students’ understanding of grammar through fill-in-the-blank questions. Section 2 will test students’ understanding of kanji through fill-in-the-blank questions. Section 3 will test students’ reading ability. Students will read two to three short passages and answer multiplechoice and/or fill in-the-blank questions based on the reading. Section 4 will test students’ writing ability. Students will write responses to prompts at the length designated by each question. Finally, Section 5 will test listening. Students will listen to short dialogues and news reports adapted to the course level. Students will be prompted to answer questions based on the listening activity.

Class Participation

You are expected to follow CIEE’s attendance and participation policies as outlined in the CIEE Academic Manual for students.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1

Class: 1.1 Course Introduction

Review Beginning level language

CHAPTER 13

Homework 1

Week 2

Class: 2.1

DUE: Homework 1

QUIZ on previous day’s contents

CHAPTER 13 (continued)

Homework 2

Class: 2.2

DUE: Homework 2

QUIZ on previous day’s contents

CHAPTER 13 (continued)

Homework 3
Class:  2.3  

**DUE**: Homework 3

**QUIZ** on previous day’s contents

**CHAPTER 14**

**Homework 4**

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**Week 3**

Class:  3.1  

**DUE**: Homework 4

**QUIZ** on previous day’s contents

**CHAPTER 14 (continued)**

**Homework 5**

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Class:  3.2  

**DUE**: Homework 5

**QUIZ** on previous day’s contents

**CHAPTER 14 (continued)**

**Homework 6**

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Class:  3.3  

**DUE**: Homework 6

**QUIZ** on previous day’s contents

**CHAPTER 15**

**Homework 7**

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**Week 4**

Class:  4.1  

**DUE**: Homework 7

**QUIZ** on previous day’s contents

**CHAPTER 15 (continued)**

**Homework 8**

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Class:  4.2  

**DUE**: Homework 8

**QUIZ** on previous day’s contents

**CHAPTER 15 (continued)**

**Homework (continued)**

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Class:  4.3  

**Fieldtrip**. Location TBD. (Example: Photography and exploration in a local neighborhood such as Yanesen.)
DUE: Homework 9
QUIZ on previous day’s contents

CHAPTER 16
Homework 10

Week 5
Class: 5.1

DUE: Homework 10
QUIZ on previous day’s contents

CHAPTER 16 (continued)
Group Skit preparation
Homework 11

Class: 5.2

DUE: Homework 11
QUIZ on previous day’s contents

CHAPTER 17
Group Skit preparation
Homework 12

Class: 5.3

Fieldtrip. Location TBD. (Example: Explore a Shotengai shopping area.)

Class: 5.4

DUE: Homework 12
QUIZ on previous day’s contents
DUE: Group Skits
Homework 13

Week 6
Class: 6.1

DUE: Homework 13
QUIZ on previous day’s contents

CHAPTER 17 (continued)
Homework 14

Class: 6.2

DUE: Homework 14
QUIZ on previous day’s contents
Review for final exam
Class: 6.3

(140 minutes including 15 min break)

Final exam

Course Materials

Readings
