

# Japanese for Pure Beginners

(January - March, 2014)

Japanese for pure beginners is a course that aims at helping students with no prior knowledge of Japanese to acquire some basic working skills of the language, so that they can greet, introduce themselves, do shopping at a store, place an order in a restaurant and talk about some of the things they daily do. To achieve this goal each student is required to spend some time to memorize vocabularies, dialogs and set expressions. Although the development of speaking and listening skills will be more emphasized in the class, reading and writing *hiragana* and some *katakana* will be introduced as well. In this respect this course is also for providing students with enough knowledge to pass a qualifying test for Elementary Japanese 1 and Basic Japanese 1. **Active participation in class work is mandatory.**

**[This course is mainly for those who missed the intensive Japanese program offered last summer. Therefore, those who have completed Basic/ Elementary Japanese 1 or a higher course are too overqualified to take this course.]**

♠ By the end of the course students will be able to:

- introduce themselves and ask about the listener's name, occupation, telephone number, etc.
- tell the time.
- do some shopping and order food at a restaurant.
- invite someone to do something with them, and also accept or decline such invitation.
- know how to write and recognize all the *hiragana* and a limited number of *katakana*.

Class hours:

**4: 20 pm - 5: 50 pm (Wednesday)**

Classroom:

**Room 101**

Credits:

**No credit**

Instructor:

	Office	Phone	e-mail	Office Hours
ふじむら	113	514	fujimura@	10:30 - 11:30 (W & Th)

Textbooks:

- (i) various handouts

Important Note 1:

Every student enrolling in a **non-credit** Japanese course offered by the JLP is subject to the following rule:

**If you miss more than a third of the total classes, you will be automatically given a grade of NP (Non Pass) in your transcript.**

★Additional Notes:

- a. **If you miss the first 30 minutes of the class hour, you are considered to be a late comer for the class.**

- b. **If you leave the classroom before spending 2/3 of the class hour**, you are regarded as an early leaver of the class.
- c. **Two acts of coming late or leaving early are considered equivalent to one absence** from a class.

Important Note 2:

Individual practice is a must, when you learn a language. Since a lot of Japanese language learning tools are available on the Internet, make use of it as much as possible. Some of the useful ones can be found in the following sites:

- i. <http://www.sabotenweb.com/bookmarks/language.html>
- ii. <http://www.polarcloud.com>
- iii. <http://www.saiga-jp.com/kanji-dictionary.html> [For kanji study]