



JPNS 1001/1002 Course Syllabus

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Class times

	Location	M/F time	Tu/Th time	Final Exam
Fall '09	Joe Brown Hall, Room 242	11:15-12:05	11:00-12:15	12/10 (Thur), 12:00—3:00

(Spring 2010 Schedule is TBA)

Office hours

I do not have a fixed time for in-person office hours. If you need to meet with me, please feel free to contact me in class, by email, or by other electronic means to set up a meeting time.

Grade distribution*

Your final numeric grade will be determined according to the following distribution:

Item	% of grade
Homework	10
Assignments	10
Anki usage	10
"G-Time" project	20
Participation	5
Quizzes	15
Tests	15
Final exam	15

Grade determination

Your final letter grade will be determined according to the following distribution:

Numeric	Letter
93-100	A
90-92	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
60-69	D
0-59	F

*See the following page for descriptions of each item

Homework

Homework will be assigned most nights, and will usually require use of the Genki I Workbook. Unless instructed otherwise, homework is due at the **beginning** of the class after it was assigned. Homework turned in up to one class late will be graded for half credit. Homework turned in later than that will not be graded or given credit.

Assignments

The "Assignments" item in the grade distribution refers to various assignments given throughout the semester.

Anki usage

You are required to use a free software program called "Anki" as part of this course. Every Friday you are required to email Tony your working Anki deck. You will be assigned a grade for each report based on your usage consistency. Instructions on Anki usage will be given in a separate document.

"G-Time" project

Throughout the semester, you will be working on a major project that you will present to the class at the end of the semester. More details related to this project will be given in a separate document.

Participation

You are required to attend every class. Each absence will result in a 1 point deduction from your participation grade. On your 6th absence you will be removed from the course.

Quizzes

We will have frequent in-class quizzes over grammar, vocabulary, kanji, etc. Quizzes are generally given at the beginning of the class. You will not be given extra time to work on quizzes if you are late, so punctual attendance is important. There are no "make up" quizzes for any reason. Your three lowest quiz grades will be dropped before your final grade is calculated.

Tests

We will have Lesson tests approximately once every two weeks. There are no "make up" tests for any reason. Your lowest test grade will be dropped before your final grade is calculated.

Final exam

We will have a cumulative final exam at the end of the semester on the University-scheduled final exam date. The final exam is mandatory for all students.

Required texts

Participation in this course requires that you purchase the following texts. All texts are available at the UGA bookstore, or by Amazon.com:

[Genki 1: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese 1](#)

This is our main textbook. We will cover Lessons 1-6 in JPNS 1001 and Lessons 7-12 in JPNS 1002.

[Genki I: Workbook](#)

This workbook contains practice drills and exercises for the textbook. Most of our homework assignments will be from this book.

[Remembering the Kana](#) (JPNS 1001 only)

We will use this book during the first three weeks of JPNS 1001 to learn the hiragana and the katakana, the two Japanese syllabaries. This book is optional if you already know the hiragana and katakana.

Absence and tardiness policy

Coming to class is very important. It is very easy to fall behind in a foreign language course, and very difficult to catch up. Absences also directly affect your course grade, as each absence through the fifth results in a deduction of one point of your participation grade (which is 5% of your course grade). By departmental policy, upon your sixth absence you will automatically be removed from the course with a grade of WF. Exceptions to this rule due to **severe** illness or the death of immediate relatives need to be cleared with Dr. Benedek (Asian Languages Program Director), not me.

It is important to note that there are no makeup quizzes or tests. Any quiz or test that you miss due to absence or tardiness is given a grade of 0 and will (hopefully) be one of your drop grades.

Please do not ask me if you can habitually come to class late or leave early, due to other classes that are far away. The answer is "no"—you need to arrange your course schedule both temporally *and* geographically in such a manner that allows you to attend the entirety of all of your classes.

Important (nay, VITAL) resources

tonysensei.com

Once you are sure that you will be participating in this course, you are required to register on my web site at <http://tonysensei.com>. This site will be used for important class announcements, as a way to communicate with other course participants and the instructor, and for some course assignments. Important: *When you register on the site, be sure to join the "JPNS 1001@UGA" group!*

Online course schedule

A detailed schedule for this course is available online, and you should check it frequently for important dates, including homework assignments, test dates, etc. You can view the schedule on the web at <http://ical.me.com/tonygonz/JPNS@UGA>. If you use iCal, Google Calendar, Outlook, NetVibes, an iPhone, or any other electronic resource that allows you to subscribe to iCal format calendars, you should subscribe to the course calendar at <webcal://ical.me.com/tonygonz/JPNS@UGA.ics>

Lecture podcasts

I will not be lecturing in class about the grammar introduced in your textbook. You are responsible for listening to the lectures online or via podcast. The easiest way to view the podcasts is online at <http://tonysensei.com/groups/genkier-users/pages/listing-genkier-resources>. You can also subscribe via iTunes (<http://itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewPodcast?id=317158398>, or by searching for "Genkier" using the iTunes search feature).

JPNS 1001 Google group

This course has a Google group at <http://groups.google.com/group/jpns1001/>. You aren't required to join this group, but doing so is recommended. Many of my ex-students are on the mailing list, and they make a great resource to ask questions about studying Japanese. We often also post various interesting Japanese/Japan-related links that you might enjoy.

Academic Honesty

The UGA Student Honor Code states, "I will be academically honest in all of my academic work and will not tolerate academic dishonesty of others." *All academic work must meet the standards contained in A Culture of Honesty. Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work.*

Violations of UGA's academic honesty policy will result in, at a minimum, immediate withdrawal from the course with a grade of WF. Note that failure to report violations of the UGA Student Honor Code is itself a violation of the Code.

For further information, see: <http://www.uga.edu/honesty/>

Deviations may be necessary

The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

JPNS 1001 Course Questionnaire

(For enrolled students only)

Your name:

(First and last. Please use the name that you prefer to be called by)

Preferred email:

(Important! I have to give this to Dr. Mori!)

Your year:

(1st, 2nd, 3rd, lost count, etc.)

Your major:

Past experience with Japanese (high school, self study, none, etc.):

Why you want to learn Japanese, including any Japanese-related interests you have (career, manga, anime, games, J-pop, fashion, academic study, home stay, etc.):