

JASP1350

Japanese Language Tasting (淺嘗日語)

One-page Brief Summary on Course Features (IMPORTANT!)

1. This course is an online course. No classroom and fixed timetable schedule for lectures will be assigned.
2. Students majoring in Japanese Studies are NOT allowed to take this course (請注意：日本研究主修生不可修讀本科).
3. Students who have taken any Japanese language course offered by Department of Japanese Studies are NOT allowed to take this course.
4. All lecture materials (in the format of video clips and handouts) can be found in the cloud-based e-learning platform KEEP (Knowledge and Education Exchange Platform (知識與教育交流平台), Website: <https://course.keep.edu.hk/curated/cuhk>). Students should visit KEEP to access these materials.
5. All exercises, mock examination and final examination can be found in KEEP. Students should visit KEEP to access these materials.
6. There is only one online final examination (all questions are in Multiple Choice format). **Students will have 2 attempts to take the final examination.** The final examination is the sole assessment method in this course. Students will receive 'Distinction' or 'Pass' but no alphabet grade in this course. The grades will be shown on transcript as 'DI' (Distinction) or 'PA' (Pass). This course is a 1-unit course.
7. There is no live teaching (lecture) available in this course. Instead, students can view the course video clips as many times as you need. However, there will be non-compulsory live tutorial session(s) and non-compulsory live oral conversation session(s) for students to communicate and practice with the course teacher (in the format of Zoom meeting on a first-come-first-served basis with limited participant capacity). Department of Japanese Studies reserves the right to cancel or change the session number of live tutorial and live oral conversation without prior notice when deemed necessary.

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Course Description (English)

This course aims to provide a 'tasting' opportunity for students who have no history of Japanese language learning before to start their first Japanese language learning. The topics in this course will cover pronunciation of 'Kana', simple daily life communication topics to express their favorite food, interest/hobby, shopping, places they want to go/things they want to do in Japan, etc. In order to have a better understanding of Japanese society, relevant Japanese cultural topics will also be included in this course. After completing this course, students will have basic knowledge of Japanese 'Kana' and be able to communicate in simple Japanese language with Japanese people on topics introduced in this course. For students who opt for further study in Japanese language, this course will provide a good foundation for them to have a smooth transition to the upcoming elementary course. On the other hand, for students who do not opt for further study, this course will also provide simple basic language knowledge for daily conversation with Japanese people while visiting Japan in the future.

Course Description (Chinese)

本課程旨在為不諳日語的同學提供淺嘗日語的學習機會。課程內容包括日語假名的發音、表示喜愛的食物、興趣或嗜好、購物、在日本想去的地方或想做的事情等等簡單的日常生活對話。為了讓同學可以多點了解日本社會，課程內會加入相關的日本文化專題。當完成課程後，同學會懂得日語假名的基礎知識及能以簡單日語就課程內所介紹的專題與日本人作溝通。同學如欲繼續進修日語，本課程能提供良好基礎讓同學可以順利銜接到後續的初級課程；如不欲繼續進修日語，本課程亦能提供基本簡單的日語知識讓同學可以在將來訪日時與日本人溝通。

Learning Outcomes

1. Students can recognize the pronunciation of Japanese 'Kana'.
2. Students can understand some basic vocabularies and grammar patterns.
3. Students can communicate verbally in simple Japanese with basic vocabularies and grammar patterns in some common situations.

Course Syllabus

There are 7 modules (M1-M7) in this course.

- M1 (Lesson 1) Introduction of pronunciation of Japanese 'Kana' and greeting & Japanese culture topic 1
- M2 (Lesson 2) My self-introduction & Japanese culture topic 2
- M3 (Lesson 3) My favorite food & Japanese culture topic 3
- M4 (Lesson 4) My interest and hobby & Japanese culture topic 4
- M5 (Lesson 5) Shopping & Japanese culture topic 5
- M6 (Lesson 6) Tell someone what you want to do & Japanese culture topic 6
- M7 (Lesson 7) Tell someone where you want to go & Japanese culture topic 7

Structure and Content of Course Materials

There are lecture video clips (for Japanese language and Japanese culture) and handouts in this course.

★Japanese Language Video Clips★

For each module (lesson), there are video clips for different purposes. In general, these video clips cover 'New Vocabularies', 'Grammar Points', 'Sentence Pattern Practice', 'Conversation Practice' and 'Listening Practice'. Students can select the video clips they wish to view as many times as they want without following any order. However, in the first time of viewing a particular module, the course teacher recommends students to view the video clips according to the numbering order in the video clip title (e.g. L3-1 Video 1 ➡ L3-1 Video 2 ➡ ... ➡ L3-2 Video 1 ➡ ... ➡ L3-2 Video 3). For example, in Lesson 3 'My favorite food' there are 6 video clips in total.

L3-1 Video 1: 'New Vocabularies' (Level 1 & 2) and 'Grammar Points'

L3-1 Video 2: 'Sentence Pattern Practice'

L3-1 Video 3: 'Conversation Practice' and 'Listening Practice'

L3-2 Video 1: 'New Vocabularies' (Level 1 & 2) and 'Grammar Points'

L3-2 Video 2: 'Sentence Pattern Practice'

L3-2 Video 3: 'Conversation Practice' and 'Listening Practice'

★Japanese Language Handout★

For each module (lesson), there are corresponding handouts (lecture notes) for video clips.

★Japanese Culture Video Clips★

For each module, there is video clip for introduction of Japanese culture. These video clips show the basic knowledge of Japanese culture in daily life.

M1 (Lesson 1) Japanese culture topic 1: Greetings

M2 (Lesson 2) Japanese culture topic 2: Self-introduction

M3 (Lesson 3) Japanese culture topic 3: Dining at restaurant

M4 (Lesson 4) Japanese culture topic 4: Interest and hobby

M5 (Lesson 5) Japanese culture topic 5: Shopping

M6 (Lesson 6) Japanese culture topic 6: Hotspring in Japan

M7 (Lesson 7) Japanese culture topic 7: Ask about time and place

★Online Exercises★

There are online exercises for students to familiarize yourself with the course content. Please make good use of these learning resources before you take the final examination. All exercises are in the format of 'Multiple Choice'. The online exercise sets include the following items.

Exercise 1: Questions cover Lesson 1 to Lesson 4

Exercise 2: Questions cover Lesson 5 to Lesson 7

Mock Examination: Questions cover Lesson 1 to Lesson 7

(Important Note: The Final Examination adopts similar format as the Mock Examination)

Number of unit in this course

1 unit

Assessment

Online final examination: 100%

(All questions (from Lesson 1 to Lesson 7) in this online final examination are in the format of Multiple Choice. There will be 'Vocabulary', 'Grammar' and 'Listening' parts but no 'Oral' part. Students are strongly recommended to complete all online exercises and online mock examination provided before attending the 'real' online final examination. The final examination questions cover the content of 'Japanese Language Video Clips' and 'Japanese Language Handout', but NOT 'Japanese Culture Video Clips'.)

IMPORTANT information (PLEASE READ before taking the examination!)

- a. Make sure you have completed all the exercises and mock examination before you take the final examination.
- b. Students have TWO attempts for the final examination in this course.
- c. Time allowed for the final examination is 30 minutes in each attempt.
- d. After completing the final examination, please click the 'Submit' button to submit your answers, and the examination will finish. The final examination will finish automatically when the examination time is up. Your answers will be submitted automatically.
- e. In order to receive the 1-unit in this course, students must pass the final examination in any one attempt. The passing mark is 50% (out of the full mark which is 100%). The computer system will record the marks in the two attempts and the highest mark obtained will be used for assessment of the course result. In other words, if a student gets a pass in the first attempt (receive a mark of 50% or more), he/she may choose not to take the second attempt. If a student is unable to get a pass in the first attempt (receive a mark of less than 50%), he/she has to take the second attempt and this second attempt will be the LAST opportunity of taking the final examination.
- f. **If a student fails to get a pass in both two attempts, he/she is unable to complete this course. In any circumstances, NO further opportunity of taking the final examination will be provided. Students MUST prepare themselves well before taking the final examination.**

Grade Descriptor

Not Applicable since 'DI' (Distinction) and 'PA' (Pass) grading will be adopted.

Required Reading(s)

Online textbook (Download for free)

Japan Foundation (2020) "Irodori: Japanese for Life in Japan Starter (A1)"

(Website: <https://www.irodori.jpf.go.jp/starter/pdf.html>)

Feedback for Evaluation

CUHK Course and Teaching Evaluation

Enrollment Requirement(s)

Pre-requisite: Nil

Co-requisite: Nil

Exclusion:

Students who have taken any Japanese language course offered by Department of Japanese Studies are NOT allowed to take this course.

Other Requirement:

Students who have attended any one year exchange study programme in Japan and/or passed any level of Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) are NOT allowed to take this course.