

## Brief Course Outline

**Course Title:** Japanese I

**Course Number and Section:**

JAPANESE

1050 550

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### Course Description:

An introduction to spoken and written Japanese with emphasis on the development of communicative skills. Intended for students with little or no previous knowledge of Japanese. Prepares students for progression to Japanese 2250.

### Learning Outcomes:

- Acquire basic communicative skills (speech, listening, reading, and writing) of modern Japanese, with a particular emphasis on the spoken language.
- Acquire knowledge about Japanese culture through verbal communication and its mannerisms.
- Acquire and manipulate linguistic signs for communication.
- Prepare for lower-intermediate level Japanese (e.g. JPN2250).

### Textbooks and Course Materials:

Makino, S., Y. Hatasa and K. Hatasa. 2020 Nakama 1. Third Edition. Houghton Mifflin.

Purchase cost: \$161.15, or eBook 356 Day Rental Cost: \$80.00.

Students are welcome to purchase second-hand, but older editions will not be sufficient.

### Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Class Performance (participation, homework, small quizzes, compositions)	Ongoing	25%
Chapter Quizzes	Ongoing	25%
Oral Interviews	TBD	25%
Final Examination	TBD	25%

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